



## William "Cigar" Sadberry

July 5, 1920 - January 17, 2023

### William "Cigar" Sadberry His Story

William Sadberry was born in Arlington Georgia on Monday, July 5, 1920 to the late William Sadberry and Viola Robinson. On Tuesday, January 17, 2023, William was called home to glory at Tidal Health in Salisbury, Maryland.

A Snapshot of 102 Years. We can't tell it all!

After completing elementary school, William and his brother Willie worked on the farm and in the fields with their father. As a young adult he managed a crew transporting sugar cane to the Caribbean Islands. He later moved to different cities in Florida working in construction, and as a club bouncer and hotel bellhop.

In 1951, William met Allie J. Hammond at a hotel in Miami, Florida. Hammond offered him a job at a plant farm and nursery in Pittsville. While in a field, with a cigar in his mouth, the foreman calls him, "Hey you, Cigar." A new name and new beginning for a self-taught, hardworking man.

The move to Maryland led to Cigar meeting Mary L. Marshall Evans. They were married on February 1, 1958. This beautiful, kind and compassionate

woman of God was the backbone of his success. He attended Bishop United Methodist Church in Parsonsburg, MD where he served as a Trustee. He also attended Pullets United Methodist Church in Whaleyville, MD.

Cigar was a supervisor at the tomato canning factories in Pittsville/Snow Hill, MD and Greenbackville, VA. He met and became close friends with Vaughn Richardson. Cigar managed Richardson's Camp from 1960-1986. During this time, he established "Cigar's Place." He and Mary operated a store and provided housing and food for many families. Cigar's Place was also a favorite local Juke Joint and Pool Hall. It was called "The Back Room."

Cigar was a truck driver for Cropper Brother's Lumber Company. He and Mary drove bus 104 for 17 years for Wicomico County Public Schools. Cigar served 11 years as a Deputy for the Wicomico County Sheriff Department. He retired as head of Security for Cropper Brother's Lumber.

Cigar was well known and liked throughout the Pittsville/Willards communities and beyond. He was a significant member of the community for over 70 years. He is often referred to as a "Legend." Many conversations and friendships were established between the "Watermelon Man" and patrons. In his mind, Cig thought he was a master carpenter, electrician, mason, and chef. He enjoyed gardening, playing cards, the blues, baseball, camping and his Friday night trips to Wells Auction in Delmar, MD. Cigar looked forward to celebrating his birthday and family reunions. He truly enjoyed being around family and friends. His trademark: the bib overalls, tobacco, hats and cigars!!

Favorite Sayings:

I'm a Cool Dude, Dat's How Come

Eat whatcha want, drink watcha want, just don't die, you'll live

Cigar will be greatly missed by: his sons, Kenneth Evans, Marshall Evans

(Lorene), Reynolds Evans, William Sadberry, Jr. (Patricia) and Lester Sadberry; daughters, Sandra Norwood (Ernest), Terry Smith (Billy) and Joann Cannon; 25 grandchildren, 57 great grandchildren and 45 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives. He greatly appreciated the care and support extended to him by Anne Trotter, daughter-in-law, Patricia Sadberry and his grandson, Cordell Sadberry. He will be missed by many others who stopped to check on him, bring him meals and show that they cared.

William "Cigar" Sadberry was preceded in death by: his wife Mary; three siblings; sons, John Sadberry and Jackie Evans; grandsons, Anthony C. Waters, Rodney Hitchens Beckett, William H. Sadberry III and Billy O. Smith Jr.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Salisbury Baptist Temple  
Hobbs Road

## Visitation

JAN 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Salisbury Baptist Temple  
Hobbs Road

## Funeral Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Salisbury Baptist Temple  
Hobbs Road

## Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

JAN 28. 11:00 AM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

# Tribute Wall

YA

“ Mrs Terry just letting you know that I'm sorry for the loss of your father. May God bless you and your family. Yvonne Armwood



Yvonne M Armwood - February 28, 2023 at 11:49 AM

DC

“ R.I.P. CIG! You will always be the best senior statesman the Town of Pittsville ever had.

dee cee - January 31, 2023 at 12:19 PM

Jesse Braden

“ I'll never forget everyday after school he would get upset if I never came and seen him to get quarters to shoot pool in his old pool hall I pretty much lived in that pool hall I played spades with him many times also he was an amazing man that played an amazing role in my adolescent years but if I didn't come see him after school you better believe he was on my tail the next time I went over there lol



Jesse Braden - January 29, 2023 at 05:40 AM

JH

“ Justin Hudson lit a candle in memory of William "Cigar" Sadberry



Justin Hudson - January 28, 2023 at 03:16 AM

SK

“ *Starmaine Kearney lit a candle in memory of William "Cigar" Sadberry*



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**Starmaine Kearney** - January 27, 2023 at 06:16 PM

WN

“ *William Nock lit a candle in memory of William "Cigar" Sadberry*



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**William Nock** - January 26, 2023 at 05:58 PM

LF

“ *My Condolences and Prayers to the family sorry for your loss*

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**Lamont and Marie Fortune** - January 25, 2023 at 03:27 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



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**Thomas Widgeon** - January 25, 2023 at 06:10 AM

PB

“ My condolences to the Sadberry family due to loss of your love one, but my prayers are "God comfort, strengthen you during this crucial time." May God bless you all!

Perrie Brown - January 24, 2023 at 03:09 PM

DH

“ I remember "Cigar" . He was quite a unique man,Jack of all trades. He will be missed by his whole community and family. You all have my prayers.

DeShera Hitch - January 23, 2023 at 05:02 PM

PH

“ Phyllis Hardy lit a candle in memory of William "Cigar" Sadberry



Phyllis Hardy - January 23, 2023 at 06:35 AM

LE

“ LEE lit a candle in memory of William "Cigar" Sadberry



LEE - January 19, 2023 at 04:45 PM

LG

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY

LEE & JEANNETTE GARDNER - January 19, 2023 at 04:44 PM