



Mr. George Bethea III

January 25, 1953 - October 26, 2017

George (aka Bubba) Bethea, III was born on January 25th 1953 in Florence, South Carolina to the late George Bethea, Jr. and Alice Bethea. He departed this life on Thursday, October 26th, 2017 at 6:40 a.m. at Riverside Regional Medical Center.

George was educated in the Newport News School system and attended Huntington High School. He was very talented, and had many professions. These included being a licensed barber; hotel manager in Richmond, VA and Louisville, KY; counselor at a Rehab Center in Louisville, KY; receiver at the Richfood Grocery chain in Richmond, VA; and he loved to cook.

George believed in his faith and God. He was baptized at an early age at Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church in Newport News under the tenure of Reverend Isaac Jefferson. When George moved to Richmond, he regularly attended Trinity Baptist Church where Dr. A. Lincoln James is the Pastor. He continued his affiliation until his health would no longer allow him to attend. George, affectionately known as "Bubba" by all of his family and friends, was quite a character. He had many charming ways and was such a free spirit. George also enjoyed singing, and sung with the Radar Band in Richmond, VA. He was very much loved by his family and was our personal entertainer.

George leaves to cherish his sweet memories: his mother, Mrs. Alice Bethea of Newport News, VA; two daughters: Tere Richardson of Toano, VA, and Jori Bethea of Richmond, VA; two grandchildren; Salik Wynn and Ma'Kenzie Smith; two sisters: Serenca B. Highsmith of Hampton, VA, and Jesse Bethea-

Gilliam of Newport News, VA; one brother: Joseph Bethea of Hampton, VA; two uncles: Luscious Johnson of Brooklyn, NY and Tommie Lee Johnson of Florence, SC; two aunts: Elizabeth Bell of Detroit Michigan and Lela Vivian of Florence, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Hw ill also be missed by a host of friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Church of Newport News (Baptist)
2300 Wickham Avenue 2300 Wickham Avenue
Newport News, VA 23604

Tribute Wall



“ M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. George Bethea III



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - October 30, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I know he is going to be missed by many. I know you are surrounded by much love and family. I wish I could have made it with the rest of the family. I know that we are sharing in your sadness, as you remember Mr. George from down south. The family and I send prayers of healing, and comforting hugs. With deepest sympathy as you remember Mr. George Bethea (Bubba)

Love You All
Charles King
Florence SC

Charles King (Florence/SC) - October 31, 2017 at 11:29 PM



“ I remember George from our early days at Huntington. I lost track of him over the years. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Serena and family at the loss of George. May God comfort each of you and give you some peace of mind. Be blessed.

BEULAH DAVIS - October 31, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - October 30, 2017 at 01:44 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. George Bethea III.



October 28, 2017 at 03:06 PM



“ My sincere and heartfelt condolences are sent to Serena and family at the passing of George. He was a really nice guy back in the day. I had not seen him over the years and often wondered about him. May God be your strength, guiding light and help at this difficult time. Be encouraged.

BEULAH DAVIS - October 28, 2017 at 12:47 PM

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“ *My prayers are with The Bethea Family and my sister, Ms. Serena B. Highsmith, in the passing of her brother, Mr. George Bethea.*

He says to us, at birth to cry to the coming in, and at rest rejoice too the going out!

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Brenda Hatchett McClain

Brenda McClain - October 27, 2017 at 09:53 AM

MG

My condolences to Mrs. Alice, Serena, Joe, and Jessie. May Gods strength carry you through this time. My love to the family.

Marcy Grissam - October 30, 2017 at 01:20 PM

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“ *Brenda McClain sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. George Bethea III*



Brenda McClain - October 27, 2017 at 09:11 AM