

A TRIBUTE OF HONOR & LOVE



Phillip

CORNELIUS JEFFRIES

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 25, 1939 | SUNSET: DECEMBER 3, 2022

Order Of Service

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

Viewing: 10:00 AM | **Celebration of Life:** 11:00 AM

St. Mary of The Assumption Church
14908 Main Street | Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting		Fr. Thomas LaHood
Sprinkling of remains with Holy Water		
Hymn	"Precious Lord"	Mr. Marvin Proctor
Opening Prayer		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading	Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7	Ms. Carolyn Kelly
Responsorial Psalm 23:		Mr. Marvin Proctor
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10,	Mr. Andrew Russell
Gospel Acclamation		
Gospel	John 14: 1-6	
Homily		Monsignor Raymond East
General Intercessions		

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn	"How Great Thou Art"	Mr. Marvin Proctor
Procession with the gifts		Ms. Bernice Perkins Mr. Martin DeCambra Mr. John Marshall

Introductory dialogue
Preface
Eucharistic Prayer (*please kneel or sit*)
Great Amen
The Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace (*please exchange with your immediate neighbors in the pew*)
Lamb of God
(*please kneel or sit*)
Communion Hymn

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"	Mr. Marvin Proctor
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(We do not have open Communion; Catholics are invited to
come forward to receive Communion.)

Prayer After Communion		
Solo	"Ave Maria"	Mr. Marvin Proctor
Reflections		Ms. Antoinette Jeffries

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer		
Song of Farewell		Fr. LaHood
Prayer of Commendation		
Closing Hymn		
Procession to Cemetery	"Soon and Very Soon"	

THE LIFE & LEGACY

Remembering Phillip

Phillip Cornelius Jeffries, affectionately called Phil by his family and friends, peacefully passed away on December 3, 2022. Born on December 25, 1939, he was the fifth of eleven children born to the late Ms. Catherine G. Jeffries and Mr. Everett L. Jeffries in Washington, D.C.

Phillip was educated in the Washington, D.C. public school system and graduated from Spingarn High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and proudly served for six years. It

was during this time that he expressed an interest in dentistry and was able to serve as a dental assistant during his tour of duty. After receiving Good Conduct and Antarctic Medals, he was honorably discharged. He then served in the U.S. Airforce Reserves for three years. After his military service, he received an AA degree from Montgomery Community College. It was during this time that he met the love of his life. Twenty years later, they married and moved to Upper Marlboro, Md.

Phillip was an extremely generous man who demonstrated his caring and love for others by giving of himself with his time and talents. He always had a kind word and/or a helping hand. Even as a patient in several hospitals, he personally thanked the nurses and doctors as they provided care. His zest for life, resilience, positive outlook, and deep faith allowed him to face each health challenge with an "I-got-this" attitude. He often comforted his caregivers with "it's ok, I'll be alright" – always concerned about the feelings of others. He never wavered in his belief that he would conquer his ailments. His infectious personality, keen sense of humor, and bright smile endeared him to all who met him.

Phillip's work life spanned more than four decades. He was involved in industries such as paint, food, and the Swedish Embassy. In retirement, he became the owner of Personal Choice Vending. In his private life, he never met a home improvement project that he could not conquer. He challenged himself to learn new skills and was quite successful in mastering them. The results of that talent can be found all over D.C. and Maryland.

From childhood, Phillip loved watching and/or participating in many sports; such as, baseball, basketball, football, even horseshoes. He especially enjoyed bowling and traveling. When he wasn't working or participating in sports, he could be found in his kitchen baking his "world" famous pound cakes. To taste one was a treat to behold. He received many awards and trophies from several bowling leagues and tournaments for many years. He thoroughly enjoyed attending Wizards (formerly Bullets), Georgetown and Maryland basketball, and Commanders

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(formerly Redskins) games. He enjoyed 35+ years of being a Georgetown basketball season ticket holder.

In addition to reading, a little known pastime of his was his love of poetry and essays. Every year, until his handwriting became tiny and almost illegible, he composed a beautiful poem for his beloved wife for Valentine's Day and her birthday.


Phillip was an honorary Associate member of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. He spent many years volunteering to transport the Sisters from one convent to another. One fond memory that stood out above the rest was his trip to Rome to witness the canonization of St. Katherine Drexel who founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. He often recalled memories of his travels during his stints in the military and private life. He visited all of the 50 States, Canada, Caribbean, Europe, South America, and Asia.

Phillip leaves to cherish his memory, his true love, partner for life, and devoted wife of thirty eight years, Ms. Antoinette Jeffries; a daughter of his heart, Ms. Phindí Mngomezulu (Richie); grandchildren of his heart, Ini and Ima; siblings, Ms. Mary Blair (Robert), Ms. Carolyn Branch, Mr. Gordan Jeffries (Lori), Ms. Diane Smith (Peter), Ms. Bernice Perkins, and Mr. Paul Jeffries (Can-D); his in-laws, Ms. Helen Davis, Mr. Arthur Vann, Mr. Wesley Vann (Susan), Mr. Howard Vann (Danile), and Ms. Deloris Vann. He will also live on in the memories of many god-children, nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, and friends.

Besides his parents, Phillip was preceded in death by his siblings, Sr. Beatrice Jeffries (SBS), Ms. Dolores Buggs (Zonnie), Mr. Mack Jeffries, and Mr. Theodore Jeffries (Sylvia); his in-laws, Ms. Ruth DeCambra (Joseph), Mr. L. Eugene Vann (Shirley), Mr. Leslie Vann, and Mr. Howard Davis.

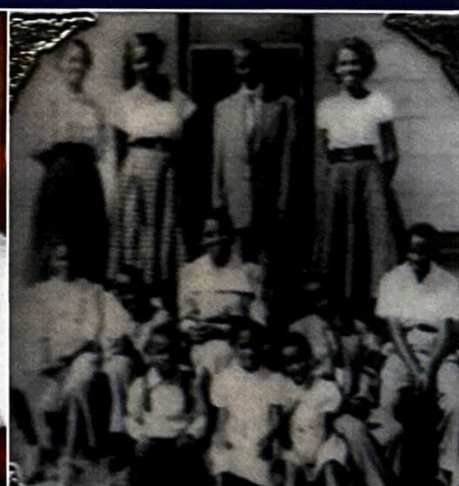


I am Mary Jo Jeffries Blair, Phillip's older Sister. #2 of 11. Phillip was not only my brother, but my best friend. We enjoyed talking about everything. I cherished his impromptu visits. Phillip's caring, kind, and generous spirit propelled him to go out of his way to meet the needs of his siblings, his family, his friends, his community and his beloved Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. I love you forever Phil.



I am the fourth of eleven, Carolyn J. Branch known by Phillip as Caroline. Phillip has always been a provider. He one gave us a six-passenger station wagon to get my sons to Catholic School. When I needed assistance, Phillip was there. Words cannot express the kindness and generosity to our family and others that he helped, without payment for his services. We were all blessed to have shared eighty-two years with him.
Rest in Peace.

Growing up together in a family of 11, Phillip and I were responsible for several chores that we did together, such as bringing in coal from the coal bin to feed the potbelly stove that warmed our house; raking leaves into giant piles so that our family and the neighbor kids could jump in them; and taking care of the family dog, Basil. Phillip had a way of making these chores a lot less hard work and more like fun. Rest in peace, brother. -Gordon #6



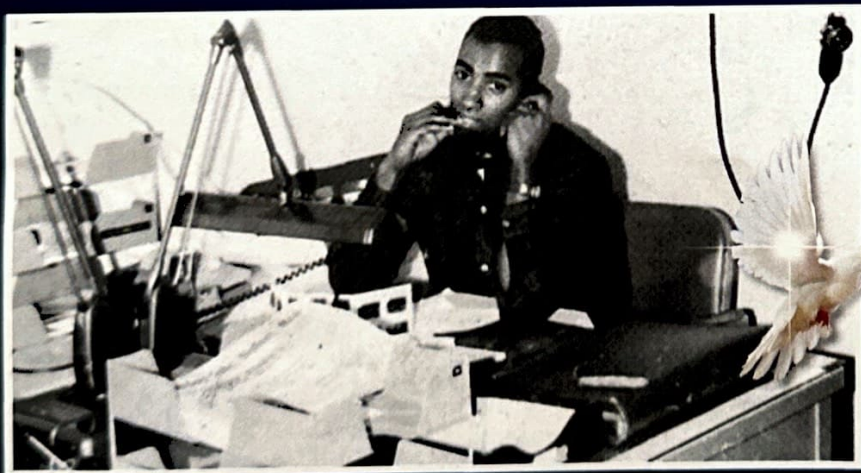
This is Phillip's sister Bernice Jeffries Perkins. (#9 of the 11) We were taught by our parents to love and reverence God; love and respect our parents; love and take care of each other, then do everything we count to help our neighbor. Six years his junior, I've watched Phillip live out these instructions all of his life. He loved the Lord (at one point he considered studying for the priesthood). His hand and heart were always open to help his siblings and neighbors in any capacity: painting, building, transportation to states hundreds of miles away. And in all of this you could count on lots of laughter, jokes and broad smiles. Born on Christmas Day, my twin and I used to call him "Black Jesus. Looking back over his life, the name seems somehow appropriate.



My dear brother, Phillip. I have always thought it so fitting that you were born on Christmas Day. Throughout your life, you have embodied the spirit of Christ; kind, compassionate, joyful and loving. Thank you for sharing that spirit with all of us. You will always be in my heart. -Loving, Diane Smith #8

Phillip Jeffries - Our lighthouse and protector. Let his light forever shine as a beacon of love. Phillip was known to give to others and during his career working at the Safeway grocery store, he would often purchase day old bread, pastries and other consumables along with clothing and go from one street corner to another giving to the homeless. That was the nature of Phillip.

Paul Jeffries #11



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Pallbearers

Mr. Rodney Banks
Mr. Eric Blair
Mr. Alan Branch
Mr. David Smith
Mr. Phillip Branch
Mr. Gabriel Williams



Acknowledgements

The family sends sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who performed any act of kindness to console our hearts. A heartfelt thank you is extended to the doctors and nurses at the Chesapeake Life Center. A special thanks goes to Ms. Marthy Sagno and Ms. Elizabeth Soumah for the love and personal care they gave to Phillip on a daily basis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary of The Assumption Church or St Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families.

Interment

Cheltenham Veterans' Cemetery
11301 Crain Highway
Cheltenham, Md. 20623

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St. Mary of the Assumption School
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