



Deacon Joe W. Graves

September 10, 1941 - January 17, 2024

Joe W. Graves, son of the late Desmond Hairston Sr., Rev. Albert G. Graves and Carrie Belle (Wilkerson) Graves, was born Wednesday, September 10, 1941, in Danville, Virginia.

He retired from CSI with over forty-four years of service and was employed by Brookdale. He was united in Christian fellowship with McLamb Memorial Church of the Living God where he served with the Deacon Ministry. Among his pastimes were playing cards, fishing and singing. Deacon Graves especially enjoyed spending time with family, friends and spreading love to everyone.

While at his home in Harrisburg, PA, on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, Deacon Graves transitioned from this life into eternal life at eighty-two years of age.

Deacon Graves leaves many special memories and his love to his wife, Sandra Graves; his siblings, Joanne Fulp, Deborah Ballard, Samuel Hairston (Lelia), Clara Elliot, Eunice and Dansis; daughters, Monique Wilson, Lonnette McDonald (Rick), Jovetta "Big Baby" Graves and Zenaida Kirkland; son, Omari Wilson; his grandchildren, Rasheeta Wilson, Terrae "My Everything" Blount, Destiny "My Love Favorite" Graves, Brandon "Partner" Wilson, Yarnell "Hot Rod" Poteat and JoKeyce "JoJo" Graves; niece/daughter, Sarah Beady;

nephew/son, Bobby Beady; twenty-two grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren and five godchildren.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

FEB 2. 8:00 AM (ET)

McLamb Memorial.COLG
5 North 25th Street
Harrisburg, PA

Viewing

FEB 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McLamb Memorial.COLG
5 North 25th Street
Harrisburg, PA

Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ *To the Family!*

May God comfort you all in this time of bereavement for the passing of Joe. Willie. He will be truly missed but never forgotten!
Michelle (Mick) Dickey & Family



Michelle Dickey - February 02, 2024 at 09:41 AM

CB

“ *Rest In Heaven Deacon Joe! McLamb Memorial CLG will Miss You Dearly! Sister Carol Bair*



CAROL BAIR - January 31, 2024 at 09:07 PM

MD

“ *Martha D lit a candle in memory of Deacon Joe W. Graves*



Martha D - January 31, 2024 at 04:28 PM

SC

“ Sharon (Ballard) Cornish purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Deacon Joe W. Graves.



Sharon (Ballard) Cornish - January 31, 2024 at 11:13 AM

JG

“ Man I got a lot but one I will always remember is the love he showed and shared it was never doll moment with him. Love u Willie and continue to watch over us

Jovetta Graves - January 31, 2024 at 10:42 AM

RW

Sending my deepest condolences to Sandy and her family. Joe Willie was a great husband, father and friend. I will truly miss him. RIHP, my forever friend.

Renda Wright - January 31, 2024 at 02:29 PM

DE

“ Dorothy E lit a candle in memory of Deacon Joe W. Graves



Dorothy e - January 31, 2024 at 08:15 AM

DE

DOROTHY PRICE & FAMILY TO THE BEREAVE FAMILY OF JOE GRAVES WITH OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES CONDOLENCES/ Joe was my NEICE Destiny love grandpa whom she adored so much/ God did not always promise us blue skies but to be of strength in time of need to lift heavy burden and there are burden/ Joe was such a nice gentleman well done God said and took him home 🥹

Dorothy e - January 31, 2024 at 08:24 AM

DE

God will bare our burdens when we are burden.

Dorothy e - January 31, 2024 at 08:26 AM

AF

“ Uncle Joe was Loved by Many 💜 His soft spoken voice, big smile and caring Heart will definitely be Missed. Sleep in Peace Uncle Joe ❤️ Sugga



Alana Freeland - January 30, 2024 at 08:24 PM

YD

“ Yvonne Donald lit a candle in memory of Deacon Joe W. Graves



Yvonne Donald - January 30, 2024 at 05:38 PM