



Marlin G. Branch Sr.

June 11, 1933 - January 13, 2022

Marlin G. Branch Sr., son of the late Judson Branch and the late Pauline Branch, was born Sunday, June 11, 1933, in Steelton, PA.

He received his formal education at Swatara High School where he excelled in football at Swatara Township and softball for the Steelton “Brown Bombers.”

Marlin joined the United States Marine Corps and was active during the Korean Conflict. He was employed at the Harrisburg Hospital for several years. Most of his career was spent at Bethlehem Steel Corporation where he was the first Black foreman (manager) for the Bar Mill which was the largest Steel Bar Mill in the United States at one time. After retirement from Bethlehem Steel, Marlin served for the Perry County Department of Corrections and later became employed at the Federal Government as a Supervisor Security Officer.

He was a former member of Paxton Lodge #16, Steelton, PA; past member of Nimrod Consistory #9, Steelton; former member of Himyar Temple #17; and former member of Cyrene Lodge #169, I.B.P.O.E., Steelton.

Marlin was an avid fisherman and hunter. He enjoyed gospel and jazz music and watching football on television, especially the Penn State Lions and the Philadelphia Eagles. He was united in Christian fellowship with Monumental

AME Church, Steelton. Marlin truly served the Lord. You could always find him doing charitable activities, building or fixing things at his church and supporting his church members.

Most importantly, Marlin loved his children dearly and always had a word of wisdom for them. He loved to make them laugh and smile, and he had a wonderful sense of humor.

At eighty-eight years of age, Marlin transitioned peacefully into eternal life on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at the Harrisburg Hospital, Harrisburg, PA. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Heather Branch; five sisters, Materice Crummel, Charles Mae Ingram, Anna Pauline Branch, Shirley Lomax and Patricia Branch; five brothers, Judson Branch, Albert Branch, Raymond Branch, Delbert Branch and Bill Branch; and his former wife and dear friend, Jessie Martin Branch.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Judith Branch; sisters, Marzetta Roberts and Jeanette Perry; three sons, Marlin Gray Branch Jr., Marlin G. Branch and Judson Branch; three daughters, Reverend Doctor Michele Branch, Lucretia Branch Young and Jennifer Branch; fourteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson; and a host of other family members and friends.

PRIVATE FAMILY SERVICE; PUBLIC VIEWING

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Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

JAN 24. 8:30 AM (ET)

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106 Agnes St
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Viewing

JAN 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *To Ms. Marzetta and family,*

My sincere condolences and prayers!

Sandra Bowers

Sandra Bowers - January 24, 2022 at 09:06 PM

MH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



michelle Hall - January 24, 2022 at 12:08 PM

MH

I Love You Uncle Marlin!!! I will miss seeing your face and hearing your many jokes during my trips home to Harrisburg. This may be our last photo together but the memories we share I will always cherish. Shirley's Michelle - cuz you would always ask which Michelle is this when I called lol

michelle Hall - January 24, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marlin G. Branch Sr..*



January 22, 2022 at 08:48 AM

CN

“ *My sincere condolences to Shelly, Marlin and your entire family. May he rest in God's peace. Crystal Newkirk*



Crystal Newkirk - January 22, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marlin G. Branch Sr..*



January 21, 2022 at 02:41 PM

VD

“ *Vikki and Reggie Brown, Felton, Delaware purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marlin G. Branch Sr..*



Vikki and Reggie Brown, Felton, Delaware - January 21, 2022 at 01:11 PM

DJ

“ *My Deepest Sincere Condolences to his Children and Family. No one who has ever touched a heart can really passaway, because memories remain and love lives on. GOD BLESS*



Debbie James - January 21, 2022 at 08:57 AM

JF

“ *BRANCH Family:*

Prayers of Comfort and Condolences are with you as you CELEBRATE the HOME GOING of your LOVED ONE.



Jerry Dudley & family - January 20, 2022 at 04:29 PM

KM

“ *Kevin L. Myers lit a candle in memory of Marlin G. Branch Sr.*



Kevin L. Myers - January 20, 2022 at 10:55 AM

CM

“ *The Branch Family,*

May Jesus Christ Comfort You During These Difficult Times!



CASSANDRA MARTIN - January 20, 2022 at 09:04 AM

CM

“ To The Branch Family,

I want to give my Deepest Condolences to you on the passing of Uncle Marlin Sr.

Who I Grow-Up Knowing as a Child When Living In Harrisburg, PA. Always was a joyful and funny man he can make you laugh until you had tears in your eyes. My Prayers And Thoughts are with his Loving, Wonderful Wife Judy Branch and Family. My Cousins, From His First Wife, The Late Jessie Branch. Marlin Branch Jr. Michelle Branch And LuCretia Young. We Thank You Marlin Sr. For Your Service In The Military ❤️🇺🇸🇺🇸 May Uncle Marlin Rest In Heavenly Peace 🙏

CASSANDRA MARTIN - January 20, 2022 at 09:00 AM

CM

“ Sending my condolences to the family of Mr Branch. I remember him from Monumental AME Church in Steelton and am so sorry to hear about his passing. Mr. Branch will be remembered for his smile and good sense of humor, always making a joke. God bless you all.
Cynthia A McCarthur



Cynthia A McCarthur - January 20, 2022 at 08:26 AM

RC

“ Robert Collier lit a candle in memory of Marlin G. Branch Sr.



Robert Collier - January 20, 2022 at 06:08 AM

J"

“ Rest in peace my life time friend. My deepest sympathy to Judy and your family. Will love you all forever. Prayerfully,
SLOKE ROBERTS

James "Sloke"Roberts - January 19, 2022 at 05:55 PM

J"

Friend for over 80 yrs

James "Sloke"Roberts - January 19, 2022 at 06:10 PM

TH

To the Branch Family
Please accept our deepest sympathy. we are praying for you and we are here if you need anything .

Love your family the Hutson family.

Todd A Hutson - January 20, 2022 at 10:32 AM



Our condolences to all the family and friends in the loss of Marlin. He was a wonderful person and will be missed. Gus, Teri, Angie, and Levi Gustafson

Theresa Gustafson - January 20, 2022 at 10:36 AM