



Mr. Walter Armstead

January 3, 1930 - February 16, 2017

Walter Armstead was born in Newport News, Virginia on January 3, 1930; he passed into eternal rest on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Walter was the son of the late Leonard Armstead and Lillian Woolfolk.

He received Christ in 1947, at the age of 17. Walter later married the love of his life, Solona, on December 3, 1955. They were happily married for 61 years.

Walter faithfully served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force for 24 years, enlisting on July 23, 1947 during the Korean War. His career in the United States Air Force led him to be an Air Traffic Controller. During that time, he was among the very few Black Americans selected for those positions. His evaluations reflected: "His knowledge, professionalism, and dedication insure successful accomplishment of any task assigned to him". During his service, he was stationed in Korea, Yokosuka Japan, Florida, Missouri, Okinawa Japan, Oklahoma, and Virginia. He had temporary assignments in Morocco, Thailand, and numerous bases throughout the United States. When he retired as a Technical Sergeant in 1972, he and Solona decided to reside in Hampton, VA.

Walter then accepted employment with the Hampton Police Department. Throughout his second career, he received many awards and outstanding

achievements for his performance and work ethic. He served for fourteen years and earned a second retirement. After retiring from the Police Department, Walter and Solona made their home in Ponce De Leon, FL in 1986. Walter stayed active by volunteering throughout the local community.

Walter and Solona recently relocated to Lawrenceville, Georgia on December 18, 2016, to be closer to their family.

Walter was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and uncle. He was a marvelous entertainer and cook who paid great attention to every detail of the many dinners, family gatherings, and parties he hosted. He Loved to travel, to joke and have fun. Walter was a great provider for his family and was especially of the house he and Solona built in Florida. He genuinely loved welcoming people into their home.

Walter leaves to treasure his precious memories: a devoted and loving wife, Solona; his caring daughter, Sybil Sherman; his caring son-in-law, James Sherman; his loving granddaughter, Andrea Sherman; nephew, Willie Armstead (Sharon); brother-in-law, Norris Campbell (Mary); and a host of relatives and friends. Walter was preceded in death by his only brother, Mr. Edgar Armstead.

Mr. Walter Armstead (87) of Lawrenceville, GA passed on Thursday February 16, 2017. Funeral service for Mr. Walter Armstead will be held Saturday February 25, 2017 11:00 AM at Hopewell North East 2685 Camp Mitchell Road Loganville, GA 30052. Services by Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home - Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy. Lawrenceville, GA 30045 (770) 338-5558.

Previous Events

Church Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church North East
2685 Camp Mitchell Rd
Loganville, GA 30052
(770) 554-0007

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter Armstead.



February 21, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ Rest in peace Uncle Walter. Love you Anette Sharpe (Niece)

Anette Sharpe - February 20, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ The "God of all comfort" is aware of your sorrow and He promises a future when "Your dead will live....They will rise up." ~Isaiah 26:19. Jesus confirmed his role in that promise when he said..."I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." ~John 11:25. My condolences to you all...

B. Parks - February 19, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Mr. Armstead and may God be a refuge and strength in your time of sorrow. (Psalms 46:1)

P. Watts - February 17, 2017 at 12:06 PM