



Mr. William J. Battle II

November 5, 1937 - August 5, 2009

William James Battle, II was born November 5, 1937 in Birmingham, Alabama. He graduated high school from Holy Family Catholic School. Upon graduation from high school, he joined the US Navy where he served as a pipe fitter and was on the Naval boxing team. William graduated from California State in Los Angeles where he played football and baseball. Upon graduation, he signed with the San Francisco 49ers where he played one season. After his football career, he worked for Arco Oil and Ford Motor Company. William left Ford after receiving an opportunity to run an American Motor's Dealership in New York. He later moved to Georgia to be with his family where he owned a service station in Decatur and Atlanta which he sold after receiving an offer to acquire a Ford Dealership in Augusta, GA. Mr. Battle was the first African American to own a Ford Dealership in Augusta. In 1986, Mr. Battle returned to Decatur where he started Battle & Battle Distributors, which remains in existence since its inception. Mr. Battle has served on the Dekalb County Juvenile Panel, on the Board of the South Dekalb Credit Union, and is an active member of Greenforest Baptist Church where he is a member of the Brotherhood Choir and the Veteran ministry. Celebration of Life Services for Mr. William James Battle II of Stone Mountain, Ga. will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2009, 12:00 p.m. at Greenforest Community Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga. Pastor Dennis Mitchell officiating. Interment Resthaven Memory of Gardens. His remains will lie in state from 11:00 a.m. until the hour of service. Mr. Battle passed on August 5, 2009. He leaves to mourn his passing

his wife, Sylvia Battle; his children- Alicia Battle Oakland Cal; Belinda Harvey and Kimberlyn Battle Los Angeles, Cal; Dorothy Andrews of Birmingham, Ala; William Battle, III of Nashville, TN; stepdaughters Sara Woodruff of Athens, GA; Asha Woodruff of Brooklyn NY; Demetria Brown of Decatur; Robert Thomas of Decatur; sister Juatella Battle Majors of Birmingham, Ala; Six grandchildren; and a host on nieces and nephews and cousins who are asked to assemble at 4335 E. Durham Circle Stone Mountain, Ga., 11:00 a.m.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Sylvia & family, We were so sorry to hear about Bill. I served on the RAD board with him for a little while and he was such a pleasure to know. He would always throw up his hand and wave when he drove by in his mustang if we were in the yard. Our prayers will continue to be with you and yours. May God comfort each of you. Love Brenda & Bradley

Brenda Partin - August 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Extending my deepest condolences to the family of Bill Battle. Bill was a wonderful spirit who always wore a grand smile. An entrepreneur from the heart, he blazed many trails. I will miss his presence at Greenforest and in the Male Chorus. With sympathy, Betty Glover Palmer

Betty Glover Palmer - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ We brothere of the Brotherhood Choir and Veteran ministry have losed an irreplaceable brother but we rejoice in knowing He's in a better place/ God bless you. Charles Wright, your homey

Charles Wright - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Dear Battle Family, I am sorry to hear of the death Mr. William Battle. I wish to extend my condolences. As this is a difficult time, I would like to share something from the Bible that I hope you will find comforting. At John 5:28,29 it says Do not marvel at this for the time is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his (Jesus) voice and come out.. Yes, this is talking about a resurrection of those who have died. This resurrection hope is possible for Mr. Battle as well. Jehovah's word the Bible has many of such comforting promises that we can be sure will come true. Along with the Bible, may you have support and comfort from friends and family. Sincerely, Jameika

J Vinson - August 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM