

Journey of Life

Ivory Joe Hunter Davis, the fifth child of Myrtle and Ira Ben Davis, was born on May 3, 1951 in Warrenton, North Carolina. On February 21, 2021, with his loving family around him, he transitioned and received his wings.

Joe, as he was affectionately called, was baptized at the Cooks Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Warrenton at the age of 12. He attended Warrenton County public schools and graduated from John R. Hawkins High School. After graduation, Joe became active in the Civil Rights Movement, where he marched, protested and made steady and important gains for the citizens of Warrenton. Once Joe saw that the movement was making strides at home, he followed his older siblings to Baltimore, Maryland, where he continued protesting on behalf of the struggle.

Soon after he made Baltimore his home, he met Yvonne Denise Bessicks, whom he lovingly referred to as “Niece.” Joe would recount that it was love at first sight and would often sing his favorite song to her, “Have You Seen Her,” by The Chi-Lites. When Joe and Denise became a “couple for life,” he instantly became a father to Michael. In 1972, Ivy Nicole was born, and in 1982, Tayvon entered the family. Their tree was complete!

Once in Baltimore, Joe immediately went to work and had several jobs, many times working two or three jobs at one time. Initially he worked for Handline School Supplies as a receiving manager. Seeking a better opportunity, he became a skycap at BWI. Joe continued to grow and became a grocer at the Brown’s Supermarket. Lastly Joe landed his career and was employed by Giant Food as a produce manager. Joe loved his job at Giant, and he remained there until his retirement in 2011, after 33 years of service. However, after retiring from Giant, Joe refused to keep still. Because hard work was the core of his existence, in 2012, he went to work for The Chimes, Inc. After working for such a large part of his life, Joe decided to retire from the world of work in 2014.

As a child, people would refer to him as “Happy Joe.” At home, he walked around whistling and singing. It was a rare to see Joe without a smile. He was always the life of the party and was considered the “electric slide” king. He loved his entire family, and his brothers were his best friends. Joe’s one and only sister, Mollie, was his “keeper.” Joe’s cars were his most prized material possessions and he kept them sparkling clean. He did not want a speck of dust on them. Western movies and Sanford and Son were his favorite television shows. Joe was a true fan of the comedian, Redd Foxx. He thoroughly enjoyed the “Aunt Esther” jokes.

Unbeknownst to many, and along with his brothers, Joe was a student of karate and surpassed the brown belt level.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, mother and brothers, Montellous and Edward.

The loving memories of Ivory Joe will live through: his wife, Yvonne “Niecy” Davis; his children, Michael, Nicky and Tayvon; his grandchildren: Shaniqua, Paris (Lil), Michelle, Mykia, Niah, Lamar, Jada, Michael Jr., Destiny, Tavon and Ariyonna; eight great grandchildren; sister, Mollie Wilson; three brothers, Frank, Aronna (Audrey) and Jerome; brothers-in-law, Joshua, John and Eddie (Janet); sister-in-law, Paige; special nieces, Yvette and Monica; special nephews, Troy and Frank Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



To My Husband

*Mere words cannot begin to tell you how I feel
You’re the one thing in my life I can count on to be real
We’ve had our ups and downs but whenever we’re apart
I still get an empty feeling deep inside my heart
We’ve stood the test of time, we’ve walked the narrow road
And at the end of every day, it’s you I want to hold
I’m proud to be your wife, I’m proud to be your friend
And if given the choice, I’d do it all over again.
I Love You, Your Wife*

In Loving Memory of You, Dad

*You held my hand when I was small, you caught me when I fell
The hero of my childhood and of latter years as well
Every time I think of you my heart just fills with pride
And though I’ll always miss you Dad, I know you’re by my side
In laughter and in sorrow, in the sunshine and in the rain
I know you’re watching over me until we meet again.*

Grandpa’s Gone To Heaven

*One quiet day the angels came and took grandpa away
But in the stillness of the night, I could almost hear him say
“Dear grandchild, I will miss you, you mean so much to me
But Jesus called me to His side in Heaven I’ll be
A place of God’s great beauty, no tears or earthly cares
Only peace and joy forever and love beyond compare
So remember all the good times, don’t think about the sad
Treasure all the special moments
Through the years we’ve always had
And if you trust in Jesus, I can promise this and more
You will get a hug from grandpa
Someday on Heaven’s golden shore”*

Order of Service

Hymn

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgments

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Benediction

Wory Joe Hunter Davis



Happy Joe

My mind still wats to talk to you
my heart still looks for you
but my soul knows you're at peace.
Love, Niece

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now-He set me free!

Acknowledgments

We, the family of the late **Juory Joe Hunter Davis**, gratefully acknowledge
the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love
shown during our time of bereavement.

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Celebration of Life for



Wory Joe Hunter Davis

May 3, 1951 – February 21, 2021

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Wake: 1:30 p.m.

Funeral: 2:00 p.m.

Wylie Funeral Home Chapel

9200 Liberty Road
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