



Ronald Bennett

January 1, 1753

Ronald Bennett Obituary

Ronald Bennett was born February 23, 1936 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late James C. Bennett, Sr. and Maria L. Ballard. He was one of eleven children. Five of his sisters, June M. Tyus, Cornelia N. Bennett, Diana A. Benton, Sandra G. Parks, Ruth R. Zellner and two of his brothers, James M. Bennett, and Donald C. Bennett preceded him in death.

LIFE

From a previous marriage Ronald raised three daughters. Ronald also raised two son's, one son Victor Duncan preceded him in death.

Ronald attended St Timothy Catholic School and graduated from John Adams High School. He then joined the U. S. Airforce where he served in the Korean War with is brother Donald Bennett. He was Honorably discharged in 1959, where he returned home and began working for Ford Motor Company. Ronald also studied nursing and worked for various nursing agencies. He later obtained his Barber license and in his later years cut hair in the nursing homes for Senior citizens, prior to retiring where he only cut hair in his home.

In 1995 Ronald met the late Nina Bennett in a by chance crossing of paths, she ran into her old friend who had been a part of her childhood. Ronald had

shared with her that he had noticed how pretty she was years ago but was forbidden to even speak to her by her Uncle Paul. They realized that throughout the years they were never far from each other and this time were working for the same nursing agency. They married October 15, 1996. Nina and Ronald made a happy home as they raised his son Ronald Jr. They were so perfectly matched living many happy years and making sweet memories as they lead their blended family. Ronald enjoyed attending church on Sunday even though they took up about four pews and he enjoyed Sunday family dinners. He never missed a graduation, recital, or anything regarding the grandchildren. Ronald remained the love of her life and tenderly cared for her until she passed away on February 26, 2021. Poppie as we lovingly called him never missed an opportunity to see a good play, or attend jazz concerts at Playhouse Square, or a Sunday afternoon on the lawn at Debonne Vineyards. Poppie enjoyed attending my sorority functions especially the Winter Rose Ball and our Jazz Brunch where of course he was able to get dressed up as he always did when he stepped out for the evening. He always said, "Oh my I've never seen so many educated black folks in one place". The highlight for him was being able to meet and take pictures with Ted Ginn, Sr. & Rev. Dr. E. Theophilus Caviness of Greater Abyssinia Baptist Church. What an honor. When we would do crafting for events at my house Poppie would go to sleep and he would wake up and we would still be there working. And he'd say y'all still here, do they pay y'all for this? We would call Poppie our sorority honorary "Honey Do", which is the name given to the husbands of my sorority sisters. Our Poppie was just a man who enjoyed life and never missed an opportunity to share how to enjoy life. He will be greatly missed.

LEAVES TO MOURN

Sisters: Joan C. Burgess & Patricia Bonner; Brother: Robert Bennett.
Children: Pamela M. Evans (Rosevelt), Rhonda L. Bonner (Larry), Angela M. Bennett (Robert) & Ronald Bennett, Jr. Step-children: Camille Combs

(Eugene), Dr. Jo-Dell Wade, Dr. Terri A. Wade-Lyles, Christopher M. Gaitor (Sonja). Grandchildren: Robin L. Dillard and Rosevelt Evans, Jr. and Sage Bennett. Step-grandchildren: Erron L. Combs (Sierra), Chloe M. Combs, Gabrielle T. Lyles, Christopher L. Combs, Jillian M. Lyles, Tyler M. Wade, Eryck V. Pugh, Remy M. Pugh, Ethan T. Lyles, Ellis D. Lyles, Deven F. Jones and D'Von J. Pugh. Great grandchildren: Brooklyn, Braxton & Serenity. Step great grandchildren: Mielle J. Lyles, Orion K. Masters & Kaiya L. Masters and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear close friends.

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MC

“ *Mr. Bennett was like a father figure. He was a very patient man,
always willing to listen and share his wisdom. He knew how to
command a room, that smile, his sway, he walked with such
confidence. Talking about swag he invented it...Rest On Mr. Ronald
"Ron" Bennett he will be missed but not forgotten.*

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“ *Hoping your memories of Ronald bring you comfort and peace in
your time of loss, and that it lifts your heart to know others share
your sadness.*

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