



William Otis Ragland

March 18, 1944 - December 3, 2020

William Ragland Obituary

William Otis Ragland, aka “Billy”, was born March 18, 1944 in Locust Grove, Georgia. He was the sixth child of nine born to Alton and Elner Ragland (both preceded him in death).

Billy’s education began in Locust Grove. The family relocated to Cleveland, Ohio in 1957 where he attended Thomas Edison High School. Billy left school to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces August 24, 1964 and was honorably discharged August 08, 1967.

On August 17, 1968 Billy was united in holy matrimony to Diana Teresa Vaughn aka ‘Dee Dee’ and to this union two boys Tierney “Terry” and Germaine were born. They were married for over 50 years until Diana was called home February 01, 2019.

Billy worked as a blanner operator for the Ford Motor Company retiring after 38 dedicated years.

Billy and Dee Dee loved to travel and one of their most favorite places was going to Las Vegas. They also often traveled to Niagara Falls, New York, Chicago, Illinois, Detroit, Michigan and Atlanta, Georgia. They were also well known for their backyard BBQ’s and elaborate Christmas gatherings given at

their beautifully decorated home.

Billy leaves to cherish his memories beloved sons Tierney “Terry” Ragland and Germaine Ragland; grandson Pierre Clotman; granddaughter Chelsea Ragland-Bradley (Donta); great-granddaughter Dylan Bradley; brothers Alton Ragland Jr. (Barbara), Melvin Ragland, Herman Ragland (Laura), Larry Ragland; Sister Lilla Christine Hunter (Odell - deceased); a devoted cousin Toni Ivey-Holley; brothers-in-law, Fred Vaughn (Sharon), Robert Vaughn, Bruce Vaughn (Stephanie); and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

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“ I will miss you so much. You were a great father, grandpa, and friend. I am sorry we didn't spend more time together. I love you so much! ”

Lilly Duncan - December 12, 2020 at 06:04 PM

AC

“ Rest well Cousin Billy. ”

Angela Cloud-Simmons - December 12, 2020 at 02:10 PM

SH

“ Rest peacefully Uncle Billy! Thoughts and prayers are with my family during this time. ”

Shawnya Hamilton - December 11, 2020 at 06:55 PM

LB

“ We had so many fun times over the years!! Will never forget your smile and what a beautiful soul you are. Rest In Peace, Will See You On The Other Side! Love Always, VERNE ”

La Verne Baker - December 11, 2020 at 05:52 PM

GE

“ Going to miss you Uncle Billy! ”

Geneva - December 09, 2020 at 08:16 PM