



Harold Alton Ashley, Sr. "Smash"

December 18, 1939 - January 29, 2012

Departed this life on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Devoted husband of Rita L. Ashley; father of Harold, Jr., and Crystal (Toni) McKenney. He is also survived by sister, Elizabeth Ashley Kinsey; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Maryland Veterans Cemetery

RT 301
Cheltenham, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Allen Chapel AME Church
2498 Alabama Ave SE
Washington, DC

Service

FEB 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Alton Ashley, Sr. "Smash"*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *The search has finally ended! Unfortunately, I never got to talk or see my friend before he passed. Smash and I were best buddies in Viet Nam (1966-1967). After we left Viet Nam, we went separate ways and over the course of approximately 45 years I tried time and time again to locate Smash. Once again, I tried today and Smash showed up on Google search. His picture was both comforting but haunting. I was devastated and heart-sick at the same time. Anyway, Smash was a very good friend and we helped one another during a very turbulent time. Our friendship grew even to the point where Smash ended up as my daughter's Godfather. Oh, the times we had!!!*

My heart goes out to Smash's family and friends. I trust all is well now and that your hearts have healed. One never totally heals but time helps. My healing starts today for I am very, very sad that I have lost my buddy. Hopefully, a family member or friend may read this and contact me. I have pictures of Smash that were taken during Viet Nam and I will be happy to share them with you if desired. You may contact me at the below email address.

Sincerely,

*Tommy L. Sellers
tls47golf@gmail.com*

Tommy Sellers - March 05, 2014 at 12:56 PM

RA

“ Rita, Harold Jr., Toni, Aunt Liz and family,



Truly I share in the loss of Uncle Harold's passing, but I also rejoice at how he lived life so fully. He had a dynamic personality, a tremendous sense of humor and was always a joy to be around. Whatever the occasion, you could be certain that before all was said and done, he would have you laughing about something...and the more you laughed, the more he would add on to the story :-). Not only was he my uncle, but when he made his visits to New Jersey, he came to be known as "Uncle Harold" to everyone in the neighborhood.

Life brings trials to us all. Uncle Harold fought his fight. He finished his course and he will be missed by many. Truly, there was no one quite like him and the great memories are too numerous to even try to count. Sure, the music is different and the beat has changed, but I know he's standing in heaven, strong and tall between two turntables with a headphone between his shoulder and his ear getting the crowd amped. I count it a blessing to have had him in my life for as long as I can remember.

*Loving you always,
Rhonda Ashley
Hampton, GA*

Rhonda Ashley - February 15, 2012 at 11:51 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - February 11, 2012 at 09:23 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - February 08, 2012 at 12:50 PM