



James E Goolsby

January 21, 1929 - May 21, 2012

JAMES (WILLARD) EARLY GOOLSBY

James Willard Early Goolsby, departed this life Monday, 21 May, 2012 at the Veterans Hospital in Washington D.C. He was born in Williamsburg, West Virginia Jan 21, 1930 to Clyde and Ruth Goolsby. At an early age, his family migrated to Pine Hall, North Carolina where Willard later graduated from the Charles Drew High School in Madison N.C on May 29, 1954. He was an Army Veteran of the Korean conflict and earned an honorable discharge at the rank of Corporal in May, 1953. He later moved to Washington D.C where he met and married his devoted wife of 44 years, Dorothy Gill who predeceased him on June 16, 2011. Willard was also predeceased by two siblings, Gloria Swanson Bailey of Ardmore, PA and John Vernon Goolsby of Walnut Cove, N.C.

He is survived by two sisters, Ms Mary Goolsby of Los Angeles, Ca and Ms Ruth Dalton of Mattapan, Ma, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He also had a very special friend and neighbor, Mr Francis Darko, and numerous other close friends within the Washington D.C. area.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James E Goolsby*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

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“ Regina ReNee Goolsby & Norma Jean Goolsby-Thomas; daughter's of the late Rev. & Mrs. Norman Goolsby, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Willard's sister's Mary and Baby Ruth, nephews, neices, in-laws, and other close family members and friends knowing that we all will be comforted during this time and always by God. We miss him dearly!



We so looked forward with excitement and anticipation each weekend, hoping for that surprise visit from Dot and You during the summer to share food, fun and family with us! We already miss the close connection we felt to the Goolsby family thru You. Since, we lived about an hour away from each other, and the way you always kept in touch and supported us in anyway you could.

We loved his humour, the old family stories he would tell us, rides on his motorcycle, day field trips with You and Dot, and your laugh which brought us so much joy during our childhood. Cuz rest in peace knowing all that you gave us and so many others by just being YOU!

We Love You and will keep your memory close in our hearts forever, and I (Norma Jean) on a personal note will really miss hearing your voice on the phone, and learning about our family history during our long conversations most of all!

*Love,
Your Cousins,
Regina, Norma Jean & Dwain*

Norma Goolsby-Thomas - May 31, 2012 at 08:10 AM



“ *To the family of Willard: "May your treasured thoughts and memories help to comfort you now.*

Love,

Your cousin, Shirley Dalton Duckins and Families.



Shirley Dalton Duckins - May 29, 2012 at 05:55 PM



“ *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 - May 29, 2012 at 09:38 AM