



## Ray D. Staten

January 2, 1933 - May 6, 2011

Through the late evening of Friday, May 6, 2011, Ray D. Staten made his transition from family and friends to a place of everlasting peace. Ray was born January 2, 1933 to the late William Robert Staten and Emma Banks Staten. At an early age he joined St. James AME Zion Church, Rocky Run Community, where he sang in the junior and senior choirs for most of his early years.

He attended Rocky Run Elementary School and graduated from West Street High School in New Bern, NC. Ray also served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Later in life he moved to Washington, DC where he met and married Ethel Holloway of Virginia who preceded him in death. Ray worked, managed and retired from the Good Will Foundation in Washington, DC for 35 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory, three brothers, Carl(Marcel) of Chicago, IL, Robert and George(Sarah) of New Bern, NC, three sisters Ruby, Laura and Joyce(Kilmer) of New Bern, NC, one aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Foy, Sr. of New Bern, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, one godson, Mr. Charles Glover of Washington, DC and two special friends, Mr. Willie Pearson and Elaine Puryear of Washington, DC

# Cemetery Details

## Lincoln Memorial Cemetery

4101 Suitland Rd  
Suitland, MD 20746

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity AMEZ Zion Church  
3505 16th ST. NW  
Washington, DC

## Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray D. Staten*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *I know you don't know me, but I saw Mr. Staten's obituary; I wanted to send you my condolences.*

*As humans, we grieve over the death of a loved one; that's normal, because we know Jesus gave way to tears (John 11:35) after the death of his close friend Lazarus. He demonstrated what resurrection will mean for mankind; in John 11:11, 14-44, "Jesus said to his disciples, 'Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from sleep.' Luke 23:43 provides us the hope for paradise here on earth, because Jesus stated, "Truly I tell you today, YOU will be with me in Paradise." Jesus statement meant that "All the earth will be transformed back into a paradise under the rule of Christ as King!*

*1 Thessalonians 4:13 Paul instructs us to not be ignorant concerning those who are sleep (in death); This hope Paul mentions is the hope for the restored Paradise on Earth, as Jehovah God had originally created for all of mankind to enjoy.*

Taren Williams - May 19, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ *Please accept my sympathy for your loss. May family and friends find comfort at John 5:28,29: "Do not marvel at this but the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear my voice and come out.."*

A Robinson - May 14, 2011 at 06:33 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.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - May 10, 2011 at 02:39 PM