



Willie H. Graves, Jr.

February 14, 1946 - November 7, 2022

Willie H. Graves passed away peacefully on November 8, 2022, at University of Maryland Regional Medical Center in Largo, Maryland. He was born on February 14, 1946, in Washington DC to Willie H. Graves and Agnes Gwynn Graves. He was their only son and the oldest of their three children.

Willie attended Washington D.C. public schools and graduated from Eastern High School in Washington, D.C. in 1964. He proudly served in the US Army, and he was honorably discharged in 1968. Following his military experience, Willie moved back to Washington, DC where he studied and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Benjamin Franklin University now part of George Washington University.

Willie had a long career in the federal government having served over 37 years before he retired. His early work experience included working in the Department of Energy, Cost of Living Council, Price Commission, and the Library of Congress. From these early positions he moved to the Internal Revenue Service where he spent most of his career. Prior to retiring, he held several positions while working in the Internal Revenue Service, including Chief, Systems and Report Management Branch, Chief, Systems Stabilization Section, Budget and Accounting Analyst and Chief, Accounting Unit in the Operations Branch.

Following his long government career, Willie devoted his time and talent volunteering in and giving back to the community. He volunteered to serve as Treasurer for the Washington Tennis Association (WTA), Mid-Eastern Tennis Association (META) and the Lake Arbor Civic Association (LACA). Willie also served on the Board of Directors for the Nation's Capital Area United States Bowling Congress Association (NCAUSBCA). He enjoyed spending free time bowling, playing tennis and card games, buying the latest gadgets, grilling on his deck and spending time with family and friends.

Willie is survived by his wife, Carol Tyrance Graves; his two sisters, Linda Graves Rivers (Harry) and Denise Darcel Graves; his nephew, Harry Rivers, Jr.; his niece, Cherise Graves; his two great nieces Tala Jordan and Ajya Jordan; his mother-in-law, Marian T. Tyrance; his two sisters-in-law, Dianne Tyrance-Neal (Eddie) and Linda Tyrance-Strickland (Timothy); his step-daughter, Erika Seabrooks, his nephew, James Neal and his niece, Tia Strickland. Many extended family members, dear friends, and former colleagues will truly miss him, his stewardship, and his availability to support others.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Willie's memory to either Saint Columba's Episcopal Church at 4201 Albemarle Street, Washington, DC 20016 or Lake Arbor Foundation, Inc. at 1399 Golf Course Drive, Mitchellville, MD 20721.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Columba's Episcopal Church
4201 Albemarle Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willie H. Graves, Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *To the Graves family I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Willie through my friendship with his sister Linda. May you have peace and some comfort in knowing that he had a full life, enjoyed life and would have wanted to stay around but God had other plans. God Bless You All, Rafaela*

Rafaela Richardson - December 09, 2022 at 02:04 AM

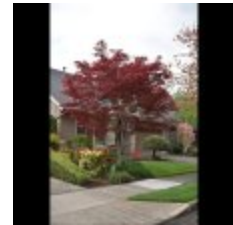


“ *With Deepest Sympathy. May God continue to keep you strong. My prayers are with you. Beatrice Kelly*

Beatrice Kelly - December 08, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Willie H. Graves, Jr..*



December 08, 2022 at 05:05 PM

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“ *Expressing deepest sympathy to Denise and the Graves family.*

*Mrs. Joyce Gray
W.B. Patterson Elementary*

Mrs. Joyce Gray - December 07, 2022 at 08:04 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Graves Family. Together, Willie and I attended River Terrace Elementary School through Eastern High School, Class of '64. Willie was always a sweet, kind person and I know he will be sorely missed. The River Terrace community has lost one of its own.*

Carolyn Grimstead - December 06, 2022 at 09:32 AM

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“ *To the Graves Family,*

I am so sorry to hear of Willie's passing. I will keep your family uplifted in prayer.

*Sandy (Mixon) Leary-Bruno
Eastern High School
Class of 1964*

Sandy Leary-Bruno - December 05, 2022 at 07:53 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 - November 21, 2022 at 10:07 AM