

Rawls Funeral Home

Howard Allen, Jr.

(February 21, 1937 - February 09, 2014)

Mr. Howard Allen, Jr., 76, of Union City died Sunday, February 9, 2014, at his residence.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2014, at Greater Bethel Church of God In Christ with Elder Richard Johnson officiating. Interment will be in East View Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.



He was the son of the late Caleb and Frances Allen, was born on February 21, 1937, in Crewe, Virginia.

Allen, as those who loved and knew him affectionately called him, was a retired veteran of the United States Army where he served for twenty-one years. He fought in both Vietnam and Korea. After his retirement from the Army, Allen moved his family to Union City, Tennessee where he became a police officer and served for eighteen years.

Allen was a giving man who never hesitated to help someone in need. Allen was a jack-of-all-trades. Some of his favorite hobbies included hunting, fishing and boating. He took pride in processing his own kills. He loved the outdoors and spent much of his time there fixing up lawnmowers and cars. He even garnered the nickname “lawnmower man”. Out of all the things that he could do, Allen was probably best known for his impressive skills in the kitchen. He never wasted an opportunity to show off his skills he had learned as a cook in the military and even long after retirement, he still cooked as if he was feeding an army. He was a firm believer in hard work and 100% backed the notion that if a man didn’t work, he ought not eat.

Out of all that he accomplished, he took most pride in his family. Allen absolutely loved his family. He lit up every time he saw one of his girls, grandbabies or his wife. He also was a great friend and had regular visitors even until his last day.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and eight sisters.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Brennetta; twin sons, Ronald and Donald Allen of Missouri; four daughters, Donna (Keith) Banks of Evansville, Indiana and Cheryl (Kenneth) King, Nina Thompson and Stephanie Thompson, all of Union City, Tennessee; eight grandchildren, Myron (Genae) Banks, Kori Thompson, Peggy Banks, Jasmin Williams, Lyndsey (Savion) Hayslett, Jaquis Williams, Caleb Thompson and Evan McCloud; four sisters-in-law, Sistine (Narium) Landfair, Rella (Edward) May, Gwendolyn Wakefield and Evette Alexander; eight great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

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