

A CELEBRATION *of* LIFE

I'M FREE 

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.

If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

 TRIBUTE TO DAD

I am deeply moved by the passing of my Dad whom will forever be remembered as the greatest Dad on earth because he was with me all 67 years of his 87 years in this life. For that I am eternally grateful to Allah. He will and is loved for eternity by me. You're my heart. One Luv always Pop.

From your oldest son, "Danky"



PALLBEARERS

Family & Friends

FLORAL BEARERS

Family & Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our family would like to thank everyone for all acts of kindness and love shown during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep each of you in His loving care.



Ollie

BOWMAN, JR.

DECEMBER 2, 1937 | APRIL 22, 2025



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Thursday, May 1, 2025
Viewing: 10AM | Celebration of Life: 11AM

First Rock Baptist Church
4630 Alabama Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20019

Pastor Lance Aubert, Eulogist

REMEMBERING OLLIE

On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, Ollie Bowman, Jr. was summoned home by God. He was the oldest child born on December 2, 1937, to Sallie Bell Bowman and Ollie Bowman, Sr. He's preceded in death by his parents, Sallie and Ollie Sr., his sister, Loretta Keitt and his daughters Inez Bowman and Violetta McCombs.

Ollie, affectionately known to many as "Junior," was born and raised in SW, Washington, DC and was educated in the D.C. public school system. As a young boy, he began developing his strong work ethics when he raised homing pigeons on the rooftop of one of his father's properties. The Bowman's were respected by many, especially within his extended family. They were one of the few in the family that always had a television, a telephone and a car, which in the 60's was something to be admired. His work ethics were developed by watching his father and his many successful businesses. Ollie Sr. owned a truck that he used to sell watermelons, ice and coal. Junior worked for him in his many businesses, sharpening his business sense. His father was his role model.

In his teens, Junior lived with his maternal grandmother, Lillian, and his paternal grandmother Minnie, who lived next door to each other. Having the influence of his two grandmothers helped develop his qualities as being respectful, a provider and a protector, especially for his female family members. He was "Mom-Minnie's" favorite, dependable grandson.

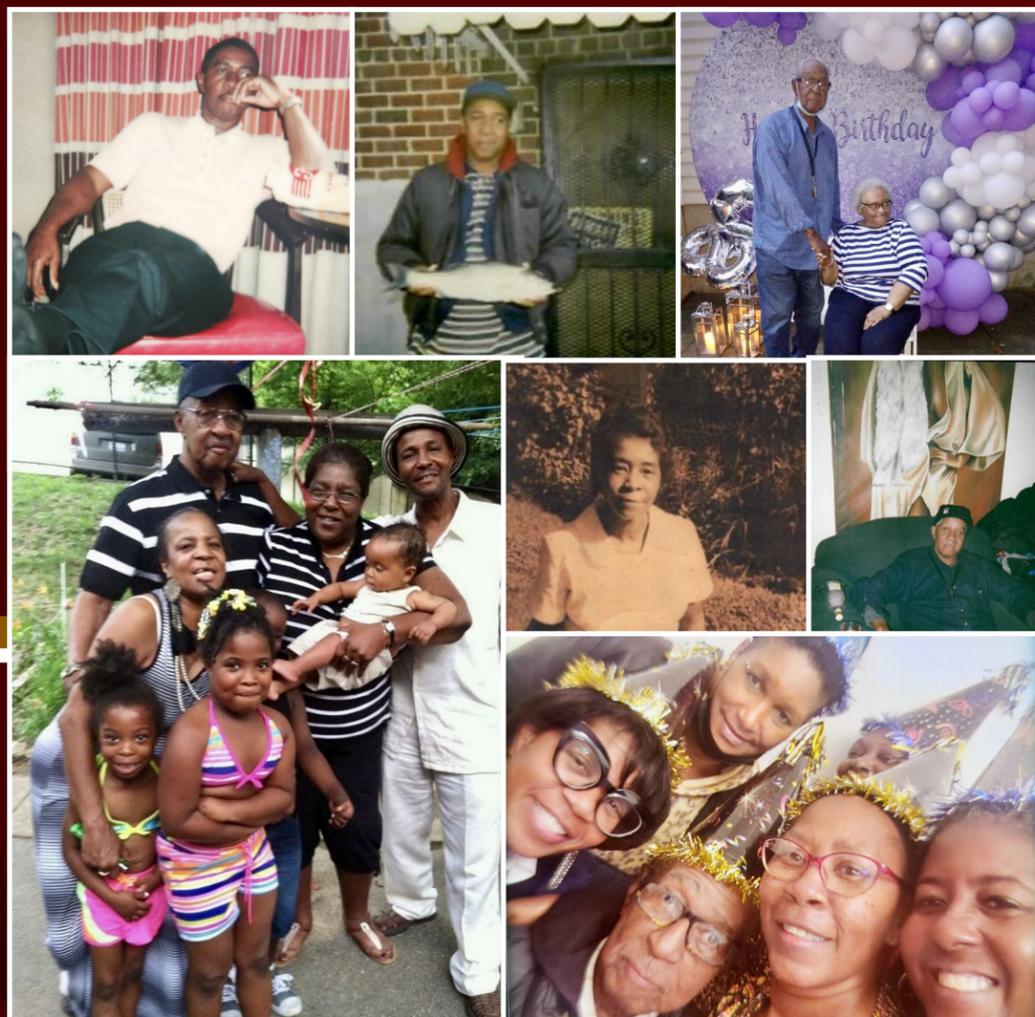
As he traveled his path to manhood, he grew up to be a proud black man. He was handsome, confident, rich – as considered when he was growing up. He was devoted, loving, and a gentleman. Junior was also very giving, known to do things like give 1st cousins Rosslyn & Myrna money to eat out at a restaurant for no special reason other than pure love. He was an avid traveler who loved music and loved to dance. He could also sing and was known to be very flirtatious. His family fondly remembers him as a special man with good values about life and living, a value he carried throughout his life.

His charismatic personality led him to Dorothy Robinson, whom he married in 1958. Of this union came two sons and two daughters: Randolph, Adolph, Violetta (deceased); and Inez (deceased). Knowing the harsh realities of what life could bring, he was a stern father, but ensured his loving qualities were instilled in his children. This resulted in a fierce loyalty to their father. Later in life, after the death of his beloved "Dot", he later married Delores Wright.

His excellent work ethics were proven as he worked to take care of his family. This includes working at the D.C. Department of Sanitation for 30 years until his retirement.

Family and friends were everything to Junior. He had two great friends in particular that were his "partners", Robert Candy of 6th Street whom they referred to as "Candy", and Quillin who lived next door to Junior and Dot by the old Friendship Baptist Church. Junior, Quillin and Candy were sharp dressers and very cool and loyal friends. In this life, Junior wore many hats: son, grandson, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, friend – each having our own personal relationship, making us all feel special, in his own way.

His memory will be forever cherished by his two sons, Randolph Bowman and Adolph (LaTonya) Bowman; Grandchildren, Randolph Jr., Shellia, Andrea, Angelica, Andrew, Andre, Chauncey, Quenton, Randrica, Sade, Shanice, Dommanita, Joshua and Delonte; Nieces, Darnelle "Pam" (Crawford) James, Melissa "Blondie" Graham, Lodessa "Pumpkin" Keitt; one Nephew, Ezra "Charles" (Detra) Keitt; 18 Great Grandchildren, and a host of "bonus" sons, daughters, and other relatives and dear friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation
Pastor Lance Aubert

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection
Psalmist Tami Hayes

Reading of the Obituary

Cards & Acknowledgements

Remarks & Reflections
Myrna Lee
Melissa Graham
Lionel Keitt

Musical Selection
Psalmist Tami Hayes

Eulogy
Pastor Lance Aubert

Benediction | Recessional

Repast Following Service At Ollie's Home
1634 U Street SE
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