Pall Bearers

Anthony Boutwell
Gary Boutwell
Ronnie Christian, Jr.
John Collier
Wayne Collier
Ronnie Hinton
Terrell Rankin
William Allen, Jr.

Acknowledgement

The family would like to thank everyone for their calls, texts, prayers, flowers and heartfelt support.

Arrangements Entrusted to

Davis Funeral Home
89 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury
654 Cummins Highway, Mattapan
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VFW Post 1018, 500 Morton Street (corner of American Legion Highway), Dorchester, MA.

A Celebration of the Life of

Archie E. Christian

June 23, 1944 — March 17, 2023



March 29, 2023

Viewing: 10:00-11:00
Funeral Service: 11:00-12:00

Davis Funeral Home
654 Cummins Highway
Mattapan, MA 02126
Officiating Minister: Mark A. Craigwell

Obituary

Archie E. Christian was born on June 23, 1944 to Estelle and Arthur Christian, Sr. in Twist, Arkansas. He attended school in the Crawfordsville and Earle Public School Systems. When he was a teenager, he worked several jobs to help take care of his siblings until he moved to Rochester, NY where he worked tirelessly on a farm. They call him their “hero” til this day!

In 1966 he had a son named Antonio Washington. In the end of that year he followed his sister Vivian to Boston, MA. His first job was in Framingham, MA. Then he got a job as a forklift operator with Rohtstein Corporation and worked there from 1973 until he retired in 2004. He met Annie Mae McCorvey in 1967 and their union took place on April 3, 1969. From that union they had Ronnie and Sharon. They grew to a family of 8 with their siblings Carol, Anthony, Gary and Tonya. He also had *special* nieces and nephews who spent quality time with them over the years: Pat, John, Marilyn, William (Red) and Terry, and a *bonus* daughter Melanie Shanks (Junior) and their kids.

In his leisure time, he liked fishing and music. His favorite artists were Marvin Gaye and the Isley Brothers. He also loved watching old westerns, the NFL, the NBA, college basketball and his favorite pastime was college football. He we especially be remembered by one of his famous slogans, “I’m not telling you what I heard, I’m telling you what I've seen.”

He is preceded in death by his parents Estelle and Arthur Christian, siblings Samuel “SA” Christian, Elnora Christian-Collier, Ronnie Jo Christian, Robert Earl Christian, Arthur Christian, Jr., David Christian and Reynolds Christian, brothers-in-law William Charles Allen, Sr. and Joseph Collier, Sr. and grandson Eugene Rankin, Jr. He is survived by wife Annie Mae Christian; siblings Elizabeth Christian of Hendersonville, TN, Vivian Allen, Barbara “Bobbie” Vaughn (Homer, Sr.), Debra Graham (Richard), Larry Christian (Lorraine), Fred Christian (Sarah), Renard Christian (Denise) all of Gallatin, TN; sister-in-law Jill Christian; children: Antonio, Tonya, Ronnie and Sharon; grandchildren: Shante Creech (James), Ronnie Christian, Jr., Rasheeta Araujo, Terrell Rankin, Rasheem Christian, Shanice McCorvey, Danielle Christian, Donald Christian, Devonte Christian, Isaiah Washington, Jade Christian, Charles George, Cheyenne Christian, Nijah Christian, Chance Christian and Christian Sena, 20 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren, family and friends.

A Little More Time

(By Shante Creech)

Not a minute of the hour,
Not a second of the day,
I know we all wished for,
More time for you to stay.

But time waits for nobody!

24 hours in a day,
Just a phone call away,
But only a selective few,
Can say they called everyday.

To touch, to feel, to even hear your voice,
Is a breath of air for those who suffocate, this one here...
White tear, no breath, no air,
I just needed a little more time.

I Love You Grandpa!

Scriptures

Processional [Psalm 121:1-8] - I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Old Testament [Ecclesiastes 3:1-8] - To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

New Testament [John 14:1-6] - Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Order Of Service

Processional (Psalm 121:1-8)

Congressional Song

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

* Old Testament (Ecclesiates 3:18-)
* New Testament (John 4:1-6)

Song

Poem Reading

Acknowledgements

Obituary Reading

Reflections (3 people)

Eulogy

Congressional Song

Closing Prayer

Recessional

Interment


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