

Order of Service

The Processional	Ministers
Welcome & Prayer	Pastor Steve Robinson
Scripture Reading	Rev. Dwayne Mabry
Message & Reflection	Pastor Steve Robinson
Closing Prayer	Pastor Steve Robinson
Recessional	Cortege
Interment	Eastern Heights Cemetery Bristol, Tennessee



Acknowledgments

We are overwhelmed by the kindness of our friends and family. Your love, support and prayers have helped to sustain us during the loss of our beloved. We thank GOD for every act of kindness extended to us. May GOD bless you as he has blessed us through you.



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In Loving Memory



MR. GEORGE H. WASHINGTON JR.

May 26, 1949 - August 6, 2026

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

12:00 pm

Highlands Fellowship Church-Bristol

Pastor Steven Robinson , Officiating

Obituary

George Henry Washington Jr., age 77, of Bristol, Tennessee, peacefully transitioned from this life on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at Bristol Regional Medical Center. George was born on May 26, 1949, in Bristol, Tennessee, to the late George H. Washington Sr. and Odessa L. Houston Washington. Affectionately known by family and friends as “George Jr.,” “GW,” and the “Fun Uncle,” lived a life distinguished by faith, service, compassion, and a genuine love for people.

George was a devout Christian whose faith was central to his life. He had a deep love for the Word of God and found great joy in studying, discussing, and teaching the Bible. He was a member of Highland Fellowship Church in Bristol, Virginia, where he continued to nurture his relationship with God and share his love for scripture with others. His faith was not merely something he professed—it was reflected in the way he treated people. George had a remarkable ability to make others feel welcomed, respected, and valued.

George received his early education in the Bristol, Tennessee school system before later relocating to Washington, D.C. There, he continued his education and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1968. During his high school years, George distinguished himself as a talented athlete, excelling in both baseball and basketball. His love for sports remained with him throughout his life. After high school, George continued his education at Federal City College, where he studied criminology. The institution later became part of what is now known as the University of the District of Columbia.

His commitment to serving others led him into law enforcement, where he began his professional career with the local police department. His concern for the well-being of his community later inspired him to serve in local government as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, allowing him to further advocate for and serve the people within his community.

George was also an independent cab driver and became well known through his service as the primary driver for the American Enterprise Institute. During this chapter of his life, he had the distinct honor of driving the late Arthur F. Burns, former Chairman of the Federal Reserve, who served under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

After returning to Bristol, George continued his long tradition of service through his employment with the Bristol Tennessee Public Works Department, Food City, and, for approximately 20 years, the Bristol Virginia Public Schools. It was within the school system that George made one of his most enduring contributions. He was far more than an employee. He became a mentor, encourager, disciplinarian, supporter, and trusted presence in the lives of countless children and young people. As a Disciplinary Officer for Study Hall, George used his position not simply to correct behavior, but to teach young people about character, respect, responsibility, and making positive choices.

And while George spent countless hours teaching and guiding the students, they taught him a few things as well. It was the students in Study Hall who patiently helped George learn how to use his smartphone. It became one of the many special exchanges that reflected the genuine relationship he shared with the young people—

he was willing to teach them, laugh with them, listen to them, and even learn from them. He believed every child had value and potential.

George faithfully supported students beyond the classroom, attending football and basketball games and cheering for young people as though each one were his own. Children knew that he cared about them. He spoke words of encouragement, purpose, and possibility into their lives. Many will forever remember hearing his familiar and affectionate greeting: “Come here, youngin!” Those words were often followed by encouragement, wisdom, laughter, or a lesson a young person needed to hear, and it was through both his words and actions that he showed their lives mattered and their futures held promise.

George possessed a personality that could brighten any room he entered. His big smile and unmistakable laugh were among his trademarks. He loved to joke, laugh, and bring joy to those around him. He had the rare gift of making people feel comfortable and could strike up a conversation with almost anyone. Strangers did not remain strangers for very long around George. His humor brought laughter, his presence brought warmth, and his generous spirit brought encouragement.

George also had a special way of giving playful nicknames to family members, friends, coworkers, students, and others he encountered. Names such as “Hockey Head” and “Tattletale” became part of his unmistakable sense of humor. He affectionately called his nieces “Auntie” and also loved pretending that he was from a foreign country, playfully speaking in a language of his own creation called “Flockashink.” These lighthearted moments often brought laughter and became treasured memories for those who knew and loved him.

George also took great delight in his special place within the family as the baby, the only son, and the only uncle. He especially loved the attention and affection he received from his older sisters and thoroughly enjoyed being cherished by them. It was a role he embraced with joy, humor, and a little playful pride.

George was preceded in death by his beloved parents, George H. Washington Sr. and Odessa L. Washington, as well as his three sisters, Katherine Williams, Sue Nelton White, and Sandra Washington.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved children, Lauren, Hillary, and Sandra; his devoted sisters, Zelma Griffin (Ivor) and Martha King; his stepchildren; cherished grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family members, loved ones, former coworkers, students, and dear friends whose lives were enriched by his presence and touched by his kindness.

Among those who held an especially cherished place in George’s life was his dear friend, Glenda Payne, whose unwavering love, friendship, and devoted care remained steadfast throughout his illness. She stood faithfully by his side through the difficult seasons as well as the joyful ones, offering comfort, encouragement, and support through thick and thin. George also deeply valued the friendship and kindness of the Patel family, who held a special place in his heart and life.

George Henry Washington Jr. leaves behind far more than memories. He leaves a legacy of faith, public service, mentorship, laughter, compassion, and love for the next generation. The lessons he taught, the young lives he encouraged, the laughter he shared, the Scriptures he loved, and the countless people he made feel valued will continue to speak long after his earthly journey has ended. His presence will be deeply missed, but the impact of his life will not be forgotten.