

Precious Memories



Acknowledgements

PERHAPS YOU SENT A LOVELY CARD OR SAT QUIETLY IN A CHAIR. PERHAPS YOU SENT A FLORAL PIECE, IF SO, WE SAW IT THERE. PERHAPS YOU SPOKE THE KINDEST WORDS AS ANY FRIENDS COULD SAY. PERHAPS YOU WERE NOT THERE AT ALL, JUST THOUGHT OF US ON THIS DAY. WHATEVER YOU DID TO CONSOLE OUR HEARTS, WE THANK YOU WHATEVER THE PART!

~THE FAMILY~



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF

CAPTAIN *James* ROBERT FRIDIE, SR.

SUNRISE
DECEMBER 10, 1923

SUNSET
NOVEMBER 13, 2021



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Obituary

CAPTAIN JAMES ROBERT FRIDIE, SR. WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 10, 1923 IN CHICAGO, IL TO THE LATE DR. WILLIS NATHANIEL FRIDIE AND THE LATE MRS. ELEASE BAXTER FRIDIE. ON NOVEMBER 13, 2021, CAPTAIN FRIDIE WAS CALLED FROM LABOR TO REWARD.

CAPTAIN FRIDIE ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY ON JUNE 14, 1943. WHILE SERVING OUR COUNTRY, HE ATTENDED CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY. THERE HE GRADUATED CUM LAUDE WITH A DEGREE IN SCIENCE ON MAY 31, 1950 AND MET HIS BELOVED WIFE JANIE STAGGERS FRIDIE. THEY WERE JOINED TOGETHER IN MATRIMONY ON DECEMBER 24, 1950. DOING HIS TIME IN THE ARMY HE ACHIEVED THE RANK OF CAPTAIN. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, SEVERAL COMMANDS FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS IN GERMANY, VIETNAM, KOREA, AND OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WERE PREPARED. HE ATTENDED AND COMPLETED ARMY GENERAL SCHOOL, ARMY OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL AND LEADERSHIP SCHOOL. ON AUGUST 31, 1953, CAPTAIN RETIRED FROM THE ARMY AND SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN OTHER CAPACITIES. CAPTAIN FRIDIE WENT ON TO WORK AS A BIOCHEMIST FOR MERCK, AS A SCIENCE TEACHER, AS A COMPUTER AND FINANCIAL CONSULTANT, AS ONE OF ONLY TWO BLACK PERSONS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ALL THE BANKS IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AND AS THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF MODEL CITIES IN INDIANAPOLIS. CAPTAIN FRIDIE SAYS ONE OF HIS BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENTS WAS WHEN ONE OF HIS STUDENTS RECEIVED A NATIONAL AWARD FOR HIS WORK IN THE SCIENCE FIELD. IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, THE GENTLEMAN IDENTIFIED CAPTAIN FRIDIE AS THE PERSON WHO INSPIRED HIM TO TAKE UP A CAREER IN SCIENCE.

CAPTAIN FRIDIE HAD MANY HOBBIES AND PASSIONS. HE ENJOYED GARDENING, TAKING CASUAL STROLLS, READING, UTILIZING COMPUTERS, STUDYING AND LEARNING NEW THINGS, TRAVELING, BOATING AND FISHING, WALKING AND PLAYING WITH THE DOGS, SPORTS, AND LISTENING TO MUSIC. SOME OF HIS FAVORITE MUSICAL ARTISTS INCLUDED RAY CHARLES, NAT KING COLE, AND ELLA FITZGERALD. AT AN EARLY AGE, HE JOINED

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TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH. ONCE HE RELOCATED TO WASHINGTON, DC, HE JOINED ST. PAUL AME CHURCH. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH AND A FAITHFUL MEMBER. AFTER RETIREMENT, HE AND MRS. FRIDIE ATTENDED MOUNT VERNON CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

CAPTAIN FRIDIE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS, DR. WILLIS AND MRS. ELEASE BAXTER FRIDIE AND HIS SON, VINCENT FRIDIE; AND SEVEN SIBLINGS, DAVID, JOHN, MARY, NAOMI, NATHANIEL, RUTH, AND SAMUEL.

CAPTAIN FRIDIE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORIES: HIS WIFE OF SEVENTY PLUS YEARS, JANIE STAGGERS FRIDIE; SEVEN CHILDREN, DIANE LOUISE (REV. CANON) CASSON OF DELAWARE, JANICE FRIDIE, ESQUIRE OF MARYLAND, JAMES FRIDIE II OF INDIANA, DONNA (MIDGETT) PARKER, MD OF MARYLAND, KEVIN (MARCELITA) FRIDIE, MD OF CALIFORNIA, LISA (DEAN) OKE OF SPAIN; NINE GRANDCHILDREN, PABLO, JOSHUA, STEPHANIE, ELISABETH, JAMES III, MADISON, DOMINIQUE, JORDAN, AND MICHE; EIGHT GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, EMMA, CADENCE, REMI, MAYA, KAI, EZRA, LAUREN, AND KENNEDY; THREE SIBLINGS, ALVIN, CAROL, AND ELEASE; AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

ALL THROUGHOUT CAPTAIN FRIDIE'S LIFE HE HAS GIVEN HIS ALL TO FAMILY, FRIENDS AND HIS CHURCH. IT IS TIME TO RESPECT A HERO FOR HIS SACRIFICES AND GIVE HIM THE HONORABLE FAREWELL HE DESERVES. WE WILL LIVE ON THROUGH ALL THE GREAT WORKS HE DID FOR OUR COUNTY.

IT WAS LOVE FOR OUR COUNTRY THAT INSPIRED HIM TO PUT ON THE UNIFORM AND SERVE HIS COUNTRY AS THE NATION WENT TO WAR KNOWING THAT HE COULD BE SENT INTO HARM'S WAY SERVING IN WORLD WAR II. HE LIVED THOSE SHINING VALUES: LOYALTY, DUTY AND HONOR THAT KEPT HIM STRONG. IT WAS LOVE FOR HIS COUNTRY THAT MADE HIM THE SOLDIER THAT HE WAS.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH PATRIOTS SUCH AS CAPTAIN JAMES ROBERT FRIDIE, SR. A TRUE OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN.