



The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning
God was going to call your name
In life we loved you dearly
In death we do the same
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.*

- Ron Tranmer



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*Celebrating
the Life of*



Mr. Albert Woodrow Crosby

December 9, 1943 ~ September 8, 2022

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

11:30 AM

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

3250 High Point Road

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Minister Sanchez Drake, Officiating

The Obituary

Albert Woodrow Crosby, better known as “Woody” to all his family and friends, was born December 9, 1943 in Spartanburg, SC to the late Elouise D. and Woodrow Crosby. He passed away on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at Trinity Glen in Winston-Salem, NC.

At a young age, “Woody” was an active participant at the YMCA when it was located on Patterson Avenue. There he, his longtime teenage friend, the late Bishop Joseph P. Lowery and many other childhood friends were mentored by the late “Mo” Lucas. He developed a love for sports that included basketball, playing pool and ping pong. He received his formal education locally and attended Atkins High School.

In later years, “Woody” moved to Dorchester, MA where he lived for approximately 10 years. He was then summoned to return to Winston-Salem to be caretaker to his older sibling Clyde, who had returned from the Korean War severely injured.

He was a very outgoing person who loved to watch sports and listen to music. He loved to cook, whether in the kitchen or when he entertained outside as he grilled. He was usually the life of the party, and most people also knew him to be a particularly sharp dresser. He was rarely seen without his creased jeans and leather jacket.

“Woody” was a crafted painter by trade and a dedicated and very hard worker. He was employed with Baptist Hospital for many years as a painter. When his vision became impaired, he worked for Industries for the Blind for many years until his health declined.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Clyde, Frankie and Roy.

He is survived by his children; Darryl Woodrow Powell of Boston, MA and Christina Tyler of Winston-Salem, NC; two step-children, Tonya Mitchell (Michael) Hyman and Kevin Mitchell both of Winston-Salem, NC; a sister, Barbara Jean Hill (Stanley) Drake; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. He was loved and cared for by his devoted caregivers, Mrs. Barbara and Mr. Solomon Green.

The Order of Service

The Gathering

Scripture Reading

Minister Sanchez Drake

Prayer

Minister Sanchez Drake

Words of Love

Family and Friends
(2-3 minutes)

Song

Stephanie Drake Carlisle

Committal

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.” — Plato