



Clarence Lonnie "Bebop" Hobbs

October 7, 1951 - March 22, 2019

Clarence Lonnie "Bebop" Hobbs (October 7, 1951 – March 22, 2019)

He was preceded in death by his father, James Luther Hobbs; his mother, Lena Delores Hobbs (Creech); his brother, Herbert Luther Hobbs (Sheila); and his brother, Kenneth Ray Hobbs. He is survived by his sister, Wanda Lee Bentley (Billy Ray); his brother, Gerald Wayne Hobbs (Diane); his brother, Rocky Burnett Hobbs (Nilda); and his youngest brother, James Clayton Hobbs, and many, many nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Wanda Kay Hobbs (Ledford); his daughter, Stephanie Lynn Hobbs and her husband, Corbin T. Jones and his granddaughter, Kira Ruby Jones. He is also survived by his brother-in-law and best friend, Tim D. Ledford, and his daughter, Donna Lee Frazier and her husband, Eldrich, and their children, Shannon, Christian, Alexander, and Cameron Frazier.

Clarence met Wanda while working with her brother at Bob's Frozen Custard in Congress Heights, DC. He immediately had a connection and wasn't aware that the strawberry sundaes he made extra special were for his future mother-in-law, Ruby Ledford. That won him favor when he asked Wanda on their first date. They hit it off immediately and have been together ever since.

After completing high school, they decided to get married before he enlisted in the Army during the Vietnam war. He left for Vietnam 3 days after their marriage and served in the Army for 3 years with an honorable discharge in August of 1973. He was a light and heavy truck driver infantryman delivering ammunition and supplies to the field while serving in Vietnam. He received title of Sharpshooter and received the National Defense Service Medal. Upon returning to States from Vietnam, he was assigned to Fort Lee, VA and became the exclusive chauffeur to General McLaughlin. He was so loved by the General, he wanted him to be his permanent driver and go to Germany with him. He decided he would rather leave the military and began his fulltime life with his wife.

He did odd jobs for awhile until he landed a career as a local Teamster driver for major trucking companies. The pay and benefits were excellent since he never wanted to be cooped up in an office desk job so that was ideal for him. He ended up being forced to retire after a serious on-the-job injury to his left leg. Once he became more mobile, he became the perfect househusband as his wife continued to work. She retired in 2011 and they began their retirement life together. We traveled a little, then he developed a heart condition and eventually COPD. He was being treated these last few years by multiple doctors but apparently his heart had already reached its limit.

He was known as a “talker” and loved to initiate conversations with anybody and everybody. That was one of his greatest qualities along with being a jokester. Most people loved that about him. My only hope is that he finds peace and happiness in his afterlife and can continue talking and making people laugh up there. His spirit will forever be in our hearts and we will miss him here tremendously. Keep those pictures close and reminisce often.

May we find comfort in the Lord as we mourn our loss of our beloved Clarence Lonnie Hobbs.

Visitation on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 from 5-8PM and where Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 12PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment to follow at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, Maryland 20623.

Memorial contributions in Clarence’s name are asked to the American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, American Heart Association Building, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060.

Cemetery

MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham, MD

11301 Crain Highway
Cheltenham, MD, 20623

Events

APR 3 Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave., La Plata, MD,
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APR 4 Service 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Dear Wanda, Stephanie, Corbin and Kira,

We are so very blessed to have had Clarence as our neighbor and friend. We have so many wonderful memories of Clarence that we will cherish forever.

Love,
John, Marti, Megan, Ryan and Madeline

Marti Forbes - April 03, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ My deepest Sympathy to the bereaved family for your loss... Words alone cannot even begin to express how deeply saddened it was to hear of his passing. First Impressions... for me, Mr. Hobbs was immediately welcomed in my heart--the first day I met your husband he talked and laughed with me like he knew me for years... May the wonderful, cherished memories of your husband/father continuously heal and comfort you for years to come.

Connie White

Connie - April 03, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence Lonnie "Bebop" Hobbs.



April 02, 2019 at 02:42 PM



“ Wanda & Stephanie,
Words alone cannot even begin to express how deeply saddened we are to hear your loss. May the wonderful memories of your husband/father help heal your broken hearts.

HUGS!
Helen and Bre

Helen - April 02, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ Wanda, You have our deepest sympathy, Clarence will truly be missed. He had a kind and gentle heart. He always told us that he waved to "Lucy" our puppy, when Mac and I drove by in the car. I will miss the fun and serious conversations we had. May God bless you and your family in this time of loss. Mac and Delores Jones



Mac and Delores Jones - April 01, 2019 at 10:57 PM



“ Thank you. He loved talking to both of you and, of course, Lucy stole his heart

Wanda Hobbs - April 02, 2019 at 04:35 AM



“ I will miss my Uncle Clarence so much. We shared so many laughs and memories and he always knew how to cheer you up. He was a dear sweet soul who did anything for anyone in need. RIP Uncle Clarence, Love Donna xoxo

Donna - March 31, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ He was full of “wanted” and “not so wanted” wisdom, he loved you Donna and always cared about your well-being. I missed out on a lot of your chats because they were sometimes never ending

Wanda Hobbs - April 02, 2019 at 04:39 AM



“ Wanda & Stephanie, So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.
Irene

Irene Langweil - April 03, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ Immediately following the burial at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, a reception will be held in his honor at the Brandywine Volunteer Fire Department, at 14201 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613

Family and friends are encouraged to join us as we reminisce about our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Forever in our hearts.

Mrs. Wanda K Hobbs

Wanda Hobbs - March 31, 2019 at 01:05 AM



“ Irene & Bill Minerick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Clarence Lonnie "Bebop" Hobbs.



Irene & Bill Minerick - March 30, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ Mr Clarence will remain FOREVER in our family heart. We Enjoyed many conversations and his company was always a joy. From the Jackson FAMILY



Darrell&Melissa Jackson - March 30, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarence Lonnie "Bebop" Hobbs.



March 30, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence Lonnie "Bebop" Hobbs.



March 29, 2019 at 06:42 PM