



## Edgar Shepard Freeman

April 23, 1950 - August 31, 2019

Formerly of La Plata, Maryland, Edgar S. Freeman passed away peacefully on the morning of Saturday, August 31, 2019. He was 69 years old and a retiree of New York City Transit. He served as a bus driver primarily out of Brooklyn at the Broadway Junction Bus Depot for over 30 years.

The son of the late Irene Marcus Freeman, he was the third born of her four children arriving in Greenpoint Hospital, Brooklyn, New York on Sunday, April 23, 1950. Edgar, nicknamed Eddie, grew up in Marcy Projects. As a child he had lots of friends from the neighborhood. Along with his brother, Pat, and close friends, David Murphy, Peter Boy, and brothers, Delmar and Larry Newby, Eddie would often play marbles and flag football with them. By the time Eddie had finished his elementary and middle school education at PS 168 and Junior High School 50 — John D. Wells, respectively, he was an avid basketball player and ran track.

With an easygoing yet competitive spirit, Eddie would go on to play basketball in local tournaments with the Jaguars that led to championship games in the Marcy Projects Police Athletics League (PAL) under Coach Gene Gregory and played JV basketball in high school. Remembered for not only being good at sports but games in general, Eddie enjoyed playing checkers, chess and pool. He was known for being dependable and hardworking but never ceased to enjoy a good time and to spar with friends. He enjoyed time with his siblings

and extended family and had many female admirers.

His close relationship with his mom and mentoring from his mother's brothers led him to take automotive shop classes at Grady Technical High School where he graduated. He would go on to earn his high school diploma with a vocation in auto mechanics. Like many parents of the 1950's, Irene gave all her children the same three options after graduating high school — leave home to get a job, join the military or go to college. Eddie chose to join the US Air Force (USAF) and served for several tours after which he joined the AF Reserves. In 1974, he would be blessed with the birth and love of his eldest daughter, Ebony from a long-time relationship with another Marcy Projects resident. To transition from the military and take care of his daughter, Eddie became an employee for NY City Transit and later the US Post Office. Known for taking extra shifts and filling in for other drivers, he worked hard and settled into fatherhood. He perfected his favorite meal of steak and French Fries and loved music and his electronic gadgets. He was like a father to his nieces and doted on his daughter.

In 1992, he met and married his life-long partner of 28 years, Tonie Freeman. His family grew greatly to four daughters and two sons. After many years of civil service work, he retired from Transit and relocated from upstate New York to Charles County, Maryland to take care of his health and to enjoy his family. To keep busy, he drove a school bus for the DC Public School System until his declining health no longer allowed.

He leaves behind a large extended family along with his wife, Tonie; his daughters, Ebony, Ashley, Kenyetta, and Diamond; his son, Jason; stepson, Eric and former stepson, Jamal and all their children; his brother, Patrick, Sr. and sister in law, Nora, and their children, Patrick, Jr and Linda and their children; his sisters' children, Crystal, Thurl and Quintel and their children.

He is predeceased by his sisters, Beatrice and Noreen Freeman and his very close cousin Tyrone Marcus.

Visitation on Friday, September 13, 2019 from 9:30AM until time of Funeral Service at 11AM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Service

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Freeman and I were stationed at Bitsburg AB, Germany. We played on the base basketball team. He was my friend during the time there. RIP my friend.

Willie Carmon - May 23, 2025 at 06:59 PM



“ Edgar Shepard Freeman

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Edgar Shepard Freeman

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ To my dearest uncle,  
You will be missed but never forgotten. I remember the times when we ate our French fries and steak dinners. I will remember your smile when you came home to grandma's house n say hey neicy mo. Good ole time in the Marcy Projects. I love uncle Eddie ❤️

crystal bates - September 11, 2019 at 08:10 PM

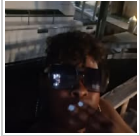
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“ RIP Uncle Eddie 💜

*Countless memories with my cousins at your house in Amityville on weekends! Or when you drop us in Brooklyn with Ebony. He was the first to show me sausage egg and cheese ! And I remember I was with you guys the first time I got my eye brows waxed lol such a kind and patient spirit dealing with his 2 daughter and their 3-5 girl cousins all at once in a small apartment Loll , May you Rest In Peace 💜💜*

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**April** - September 11, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ *I remember daddy taking me and my sister Kenyetta with him to work while he was working for N.Y.C transit. He would always stop and get us a sausage, egg, and cheese sandwich from the deli, they were the best!!! I will always remember the times we had with him on the bus whether it was running up and down the isles or switching buses, to watching him play pool after work with his buddies/coworkers. Those times with him are priceless and will never be forgotten!!! I love you daddy and you will never be forgotten!!! Save a place up there in heaven for me and say hey to granddaddy for me.*

*Your madhatter,  
Ashley*

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**Ever Blessed** - September 11, 2019 at 09:51 AM

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“ My condolences to the Freeman Family. I know the family for years, Tonie, Kenyetta, Ashley, Diamond for years, since they were little girls. They were daddy's girls. My sincere condolences go out too his wife Tonie, & the whole family. God bless & cover the whole family through the loss of Eddie. May he rest in Heaven, beside Father God. Amen 🙏🙏🙏  
From Mr & Mrs Allen Carroll Sr.



Sylvia Carroll - September 10, 2019 at 01:46 AM

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“ No matter where dad went he always lightened up any room he stepped into and could cheer anybody up with his big belly laughter or a slick joke. Love and miss you dad. See you later!

kenyetta - September 09, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Q - September 09, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ Uncle Eddie always made steak and French fries when grandma didn't cook. I loved that time with him. He would talk to his neicy-moes. Love you Unc and miss you greatly. Poochie!



Q - September 09, 2019 at 11:37 AM