



Sunrise:

July 21, 1943

"Butch" September 12, 2019

Sunset:

Memorial Service

Friday, September 27, 2019 ~ 1:00 pm

Wally Choice Community Center

49 Maple Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey 07042

Life Reflections

Charles Auston Miller was born on July 21, 1943 in Montclair, New Jersey, son of the late Oreatha Miller Ward and John Bunyon. "Butch," as he was known to friends and family, attended the Montclair Public School system and graduated from Montclair High School, Class of 1963. He enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served his country during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1969.

After he left military service, Butch worked at various jobs but ultimately was employed by Newark Post Office and United Parcel Service until his retirement.

"Butch loved to travel and visited parts of Africa and Asia, Japan, Bermuda and Florida as well as many cities and states throughout the United States. Bermuda was his favorite of all the places he visited. He would often talk of the good times and the many friends that he kept in touch with from Bermuda.

He loved horseback riding and would take his horses to the road a lot. Butch also enjoyed riding on his motorcycle, and watching soccer games and tennis. Butch was a die-hard Washington Redskins fan whether they won or lost a game. He had to watch Jeopardy while eating a Reeses Peanut Butter cup. Butch loved to talk trash while playing cards and dominos with his "Do Drop In" buddies at the Wally Choice Community Center. He was a member of "Members Only," "Do Drop In," "Horsemen Association" and many more social clubs.

Anybody who knew Butch knew he loved to dance and Swing was his thing! You could catch him at the clubs many times - dancing the night away. His music was Jazz and he loved going to a club to listen to it. He was a people person and was always willing to help someone. He said, "He loved helping and hoped he had been able to do just that." To know him was to love him, he referred to himself as spiritual but not religious. Butch believed in the Supreme Being and knew there was somebody bigger than him and me. At times you would hear him recite "The Serenity Prayer."

On Thursday, September 12, 2019, "Butch" passed away at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey after a long illness.

He was predeceased by his two sisters: Mae Katherine Miller and Bettie Carter; and step parents: Edward and Ethel Woolridge whom he lovingly called Mom and Pop they referred to him as their chosen son.

His passing will be mourned by his very devoted special friend, Katherine "Pie" Nicholas whom he would fondly tell people "he waited over 50 years for her and now she is mine;" special nephew, Frankie Walls who always checked on his Uncle Butch; niece, Ruth Original Smith of Minnesota; cousins: Ernest Albertson of CA, Barbara Miller Pierce of Columbus, GA, and Kenny Knox and Eddie Knox both of East Orange, NJ; god sister, Bettie Lewis of VA whose friendship spanned over 50 years; friend, Hattie Taliaferro; beloved extended families: the Ware, Lee and Nicholas families; and a host of dear relatives and friends.

He wishes you all the best and wants you to know that he will be there at the next Family Reunion in Spirit.

Humbly submitted, The Family

Order Of Service

Reverend Shonda Nicholas, Officiating

Musical Prelude

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Serenity Prayer

GOD, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

Amen.

~ Author Unknown



The Family acknowledges with sincere appreciation for every expression of love and support received.

To Hattie Taliaferro, you and your family know what an influence you were on his life and he loved you all.

To his closest friends, you know who you are, remember the good times, he'll be dancing and toasting with Old Grandad 114.