In Loving Memory of Albert Benjamin Warren

"Butch"

Sunrise March 15, 1947

Sunset
December 13, 2020



Friday, December 18, 2020 - 3:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church

575 E. 18th Street, Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. Odinga L. Maddox, Officiating Pastor
New AME Zion Church
Rev. Dr. Randall M. Lassiter, Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

<u>LIFE AND LEGACY</u> <u>OF</u> ALBERT BENJAMIN WARREN

Albert Benjamin Warren aka "Butch" as he was affectionately known by his family and friends was born in Paterson, NJ to the late David and Redell Warren. He attended School #12 and was a 1966 graduate of Passaic County Technical High School.

Albert served proudly for over 20 years in the United States Air Force retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant, including service in Vietnam at Phan Rang Air Base. Albert was also a Pharmacy Superintendent during his Air Force career. He received a U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service for Outstanding Professional Skill and Initiative as a Pharmacy Specialist, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device, a Good Conduct Medal with Four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Five Bronze Service Stars Oak Leaf Clusters. His service in Vietnam in the Air Force left him with a lifetime commitment to veterans' causes. He served as Sergeant at Arms at the Passaic County Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans Association.

Albert had a lifelong fascination with technology and computers. He was constantly improving his skills by continuing education courses, including courses at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Once he retired from the military, he was also employed by the Paterson Housing Authority as a computer analyst. He enjoyed investigating the latest technological advances in everything electronic and was the go to advisor for all of his friends who needed assistance in that field.

Albert was always active in the community. He was a faithful member of New A.M.E. Zion Church and was the Assistant Treasurer of the Seniors Group at New A.M.E. Zion Church. His faith was solidified by his interaction with the men's groups sponsored by New A.M.E. Zion Church.

Albert was a supportive and loving husband to his wife. He was there to cheer her on and support her throughout her career as the Paterson City Clerk. His encouragement was instrumental during her term as Mayor of the City of Paterson.

"Butch" was a loving father to his son Basille and devoted grandfather to his grandson Pharell who was a great source of joy for him. He loved holidays, especially Christmas, and looked forward to celebrations and dinners with family and friends on those occasions.

Albert was a man of many interests. He and his wife took joy in the companionship of their many rescued pets over the years. In his free moments, he could be found enjoying the "Judge" shows on TV, Steve Harvey, or listening to the music of James Brown. He was also an avid historian, passionate Dallas Cowboys Fan and wonderful raconteur.

He was predeceased by his parents, brother, Henry Nelson Warren, sister Mozzella Dowell, brother-in-law Michael Williams, and sister-in-law Daphne Mahan.

Albert Benjamin "Butch" Warren, age 73, was safely called home on Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Albert leaves behind to celebrate his life his beloved wife Jane E. Williams-Warren, son Basille (Melissa) Warren and grandson Pharell Warren. He is also survived by his brother, David Warren (Daisy), sister Evangeline Crawford, sister-in-law Damita Warren, brothers-in-law Keith Williams and Cecil Mahan and a host of nieces, nephews and countless good friends.

In celebration and in memory of Albert B. Warren, you may make a contribution to the Paterson Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, St. Joseph's Hospital, the Passaic County Chapter of Vietnam Veterans, or the Passaic County Chapter of Disabled American Veterans.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV, Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

MUSICAL SELECTION "Trust Me"	Brother William Moore
READING OF OLD TESTAMENT - Ecclesias	tes 3:1-8 Reverend Charles Wilson III Assistant Pastor New A.M.E. Zion Church
READING OF NEW TESTAMENT	John 14:1-6
PRAYER OF COMFORT	Reverend Dr. Randall M. Lassiter Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS.	Mrs. Frances Allen
REFLECTIONS	Family
READING OF OBITUARY	Silently Read
REMARKS MUSICAL SELECTION	Mr. Troy Oswald Former Paterson Police Chief Bagpipes
Harmonic Selection "I Won't Complain"	Brother William Moore
EULOGY Revero	end Dr. Odinga LawrenceMaddox, II, Pastor New A.M.E. Zion Church
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR COMMITTAL	
RECESSIONAL	

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery Wrightstown, New Jersey

Absent From The Body

You have served your time and lived out your days. You have now made the move from your house of clay. You went on ahead of us, as you answered the call. We, too, must take our leave, not just some of us, but all. We can no longer see you, but we can feel you near. You are hidden in our hearts. and we'll always hold you dear. We can no longer hear you, but we will keep you close. The memories of you are many, and the love will not grow old. We can no longer touch you, but thoughts of you remain. We remember your kindness and the love we exchanged. You are absent from the body; it has now returned to the dust. But your spirit lives on and will reunite with us.

Empty Chair

The chair where you sat lies vacant and still. The air so silent, through my body runs a chill, The sound of your laughter echoes in my ears. The teddy that you loved brings me close to tears. Photos of you smiling are scattered on the wall. The sense that you are here, as I walk through the hall. An empty bed remains made just as it was that night. Bedroom left alone, even though you're out of sight. Your DVDs and music left untouched upon the shelf, Some of which you didn't get to watch yourself. The cup from which you drank tea alone behind the door, Left abandoned like a friend not needed anymore. I looked into the night sky on that fateful night. I saw a star begin to flicker, like a fading light. They say a star fades when a life comes to an end, But for you God made an exception; that rule he did bend. He reignited the flickering star so we can look above, To see that star shining bright, showering us with love. Stars may fade, but the light lives on somewhere. Just because you can't see it, doesn't mean it isn't there.





I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Albert Benjamin Warren** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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