

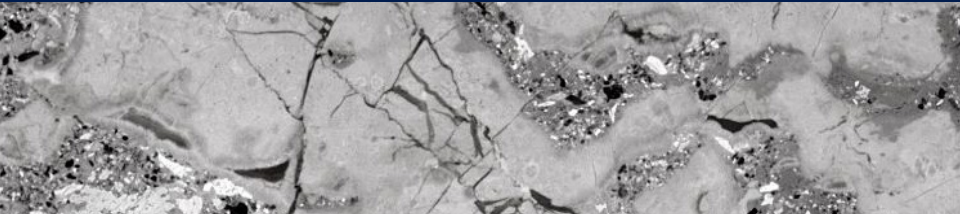
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Sunrise June 14, 1940

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Saturday, May 9, 2020
Viewing Only: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

J B Jenkins Funeral Home
7474 Landover Rd., Landover, MD 20785

GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED

God saw you getting tired
When a cure was not to be
So, he wrapped His arms around you,
And whispered, "Come unto me".
You didn't deserve what you went through.
And so, He gave you rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.
So, when I saw you sleeping,
So peaceful and free from pain.
I could not wish you to come back,
to suffer that all again.

-Author Unknown



Reflections of Life

Elvin Huggins, Sr., affectionally called “Poppa” was born June 14, 1940 in Bishopville, South Carolina to the late Bertly Huggins, Sr. and Mary Lois Huggins who preceded him in death. God in his infinite wisdom on April 20, 2020, at his home gently in the presence of his family, called him from labor to reward. How Sovereign is our God, to claim such a quiet gentle soul in such a quiet gentle manner. As we celebrate the life of “Poppa”, we do so with many fond memories of both a husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother-in-law and friend to everyone he met. The value of life cannot be measured by longevity, but by the legacy and the impact one imparts into the lives of others.

Elvin, “Poppa” or “Bruce” as he was called by his family met the love of his life, Martha Mae (Gregg), and for 59 years they have spent defining for others the work and unconditional love needed to make a marriage last. To this union were born six children two of whom (twins) died in childbirth. The epitome of true Fatherhood, he worked hard to provide for his family often reminding them of the racism and limited opportunities he endured, but always demonstrating the ethic of hard work, treating all people with respect, and never putting anything other than God above one’s family.

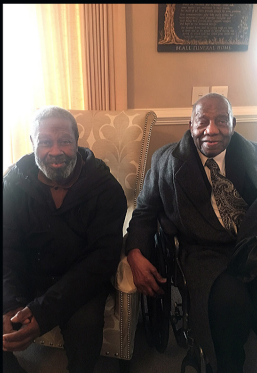
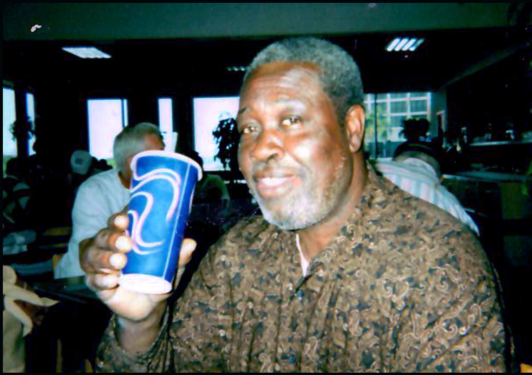
Elvin spent the early years of his life as a Sharecropper. With a limited education he later went to work for Price Septic Tank service (Columbia, SC). Upon moving his family to Alexandria, Virginia in the early sixties he soon found employment with the City of Alexandria as a Heavy Equipment Operator until his retirement in January 2002. While working for the City of Alexandria he worked several part-time jobs to include Special Police Officer, Dash Bus technician, and he taught his children the value of hard work as an early morning newspaper delivery dispatcher.

Perhaps, the highlight of his work history was his being sole proprietor and owner of Huggins Hauling Services.

Elvin was kind and compassionate-he would do anything for you and anything you asked of him (when he got ready). “You know what I mean”. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, eating Martha Mae’s cooking, watching sports, fishing, listening to B.B. King and The Canton Spirituals. Poppa enjoyed spending one on one time with his grandchildren and special guys like Rev. Patrick Barrett, Rev. Delmar Lytle whom he called “Delmo”, Rev. Jibri Mayo who he called “Dupee”, Jonathon Upshur, Mike and Sticks. Even in the face of Alzheimer’s he knew all of these men who made him feel special.

As great as his love for people, was Elvin’s love for God as shown in his dedication to the church. He was an active part of the men’s ministry and enjoyed singing in church choirs. Elvin was previously a member of Alleyne A.M.E. Zion Church (Alexandria, VA), Beth-El A.M.E. Zion Church (Alexandria, VA), North Brentwood A.M.E. Zion Church (North Brentwood, MD) and Varick Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church (Washington, DC). Until his health made it impossible, Elvin was an active and dedicated member of New Life A.M.E. Zion Church (Oxon Hill, MD).

“Poppa” leaves to celebrate a life well lived his wife Martha Mae Huggins; their four children, Calvin Huggins (Recha); only daughter Dr. Evalina Huggins; Elvin Huggins, Jr.; and Robert A. Huggins (Sharonda). He is also survived by 5 brothers; James R., James, E. (Pearl) Gene (Loretta), Bobby (Cassandra), Willie; Mary “Minnie” Huggins. Fifteen Grandchildren; Twenty great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends he loved dearly.







Honorary Pallbearers

Cleveland Gregg, Jr.
Patrick Cooper
Jonathon Upshur
Johnnie Huggins
Mr. Albert Burnett

Mr. Ken Cunningham
Mr. Lewis Johnson
Mr. Rodney Bolden
Malik Sanders
Isaiah Carter

The Huggins family would like to thank everyone for their heartfelt condolences and support during this time. Special thanks to Capital Caring Hospice and the Baltimore District. While we have suffered a great loss, we have memories that cannot be erased and will last a lifetime. We know that he was loved and God surrounded him with beautiful people. Lastly, just remember tomorrow is not promised to any of us, so enjoy the life you have, love hard, laugh and most of all tell those that are dear to you that you love them and care.

- The Family