



Ernest Washington Jr.

May 3, 2023

Ernest “Nubby” Washington Jr.

On May 3, 2023, Ernest Washington Jr. departed this life after a lengthy illness at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans inpatient hospice facility, and is now resting in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

Ernest , who was affectionately known as “Nubby” to family and friends, was born January 31, 1935 in Memphis Tennessee to the late Ernest Washington Sr. and Irene Senter. Ernest accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. He was nourished by the word of God and knew most of the Bible by heart.

He served in the United States Army for two years during the Korean War. After his military service, he resided in Chicago, Illinois, where he met the love of his life Georgine “Jean”Ludd. They were married in 1957, and remained devoted to one another for 66 years until his death. They truly shared a lifetime of love. To their union two daughters were born. Yvette(Lloyd) Dickerson and Cheryl(Johnny) Williams.

In 1971 Ernest, Jean and the girls relocated to New Orleans, Louisiana. Then shortly there after moved to Lincolnshire Subdivision in Marrero, Louisiana where he resided until his death.

Ernest was a truck driver for 25 years at Southern Pacific Transportation Company, before retiring.

As a young boy growing up in Memphis, Ernest and his brothers were taught by their cousin “Doc” to barbecue using a “special secret ”family recipe. Doc

also taught Ernest how to cook homemade hot tamales. While his brothers considered themselves master grillers of the north, Ernest ruled the south. In addition to being a grill master, he perfected making hot tamales and became The Hot Tamale Man of Marrero.

Ernest's love for his community is just part of the legacy that he leaves behind. He believed in sharing and often gave unselfishly to anyone in need. If you were hungry, he fed you. If your feet were bare, he had a pair of shoes to spare. If you were lost and needed guidance, he offered words of wisdom to light your path.

He had numerous hobbies. Ernest loved to fish, garden, and read anything. He was a writer of poetry and wrote a novel about the difficulties of growing up during the Jim Crow era in the south. He loved music and listened to a vast genre of artists such as Nat King Cole, John Coltrane, Johnny Mathis, Perry Cuomo, Marvin Gaye, Charlie Pride, but gospel was his favorite.

Besides being a grill master and hot tamale legend, Ernest was a killer Spades, Bid Whist, and Dominos player. His competitive nature knew no bounds. It was either win or go home and he didn't plan on leaving the table. Next to God, Ernest's family was the most important part of his life. Cherished husband, daddy and paw-paw, he was a devoted patriarch, that led with strength, and love. His motto was "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Ernest could be counted on day or night, rain or sunshine. Now, he is their eternal guardian angel.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Robert Borum, and Dewitt Washington Sr., a sister Sadie B. Jones, and a son in law Lloyd Dickerson Jr.

In addition to his wife Jean, daughters Yvette, Cheryl, and son in law Johnny Williams, Ernest also leaves to cherish his memory, 3-granddaughters; Kristina Dickerson of Dallas, Texas, Torrie(Devin) Rogers, and Lauren(Paul) Carter. 7- great grand children Jeremy, Joshua, and Jadyn Holt, Devin II, and Torrin Rogers, Logan, and Clark Carter. Brothers, Dennis Washington of Chicago, Illinois, and Laverne(DeAnna) Washington of Brooklyn, New York, a

god son Tyrone Jefferson and a honorary goddaughter Lorrie Jones, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

A graveside memorial honoring his life and legacy will be held at West Lawn Cemetery, 1225 Whitney Ave. Terrytown, Louisiana 70056. on Thursday May 11th, 2023 at 11:00AM

His family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the entire staff at the Southwest Louisiana Veterans acute care and inpatient hospice facilities, for the exceptional care that they provided Ernest during his illness . In lieu of flowers the family is requesting that you please make donations in Ernest's honor to the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System -. Please make checks payable to the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health care system. in the memo indicate FCP 9047 Hospice-honoring Ernest Washington Checks can be mailed to SLVHCS attn: Voluntary Services, 2400 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70119.

Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guest book.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

1225 Whitney Ave.
Gretna, LA 70056

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *It's raining but the sun will shine after while. A man with an answered for everything and made the best hot tamales. Prayers for sis Cheryl mom Jean and family the Jones family Lorrie, Karen, Patricia, and Cynthia.*

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