



Mr. William Nelson, Jr.

December 31, 2021

Obituary

William Nelson, Jr. (lovingly called Billy by his family and friends) died on Friday, December 31, 2021. He was born on October 2, 1921, in Odessa, Mo. to Frances (Smith) and William Nelson, Sr. He was the oldest of three children.

After graduation from Odessa High School, William worked for 35 years as a machinist at Columbian Steel Tank Company in Kansas City, where he retired in 1978. He was an active member and supporter of Ebenezer AME church for 60 years, where he served as a Steward, Trustee, and a member of Usher Board #2 for many years. He loved to travel, and he loved his Solitaire. His other passion was listening to jazz and Royals baseball games—an avid fan of both. Billy was very independent, able to care for himself until he was 96, living life to the fullest until his ailment slowed him down.

William Nelson, Jr. was preceded in death by his parents and his two sisters, Vivian Nelson and Melvina (William) Love. He is survived by his cousins Willa Burch Jones and Brenda Burch Fonvile, and his step-son Walter Baker.

Billy was a good man with a strong will, and he had much to teach us. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and others.

Funeral Service will be held Friday, January 7, 2022, 10am at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Private Disposition. Visitation will be from 9:30am-10am at the chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Memorials may be made to Ebenezer AME Church, 3808 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64130.

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