

CELEBRATION
of
LIFE



Reginald

BERNARD SWANN

September 12, 1955 ~ July 5, 2023

Sunrise

Sunset

His Journey

Reginald (Reggie) Bernard Swann was born on September 12, 1955, in Washington, D.C., to the late Ernest and Mildred Swann.

Reggie graduated from H. D. Woodson Senior High School in 1975. He worked for the District of Columbia Recreation Department, Washington Railroad Terminal, served in the United States Army from 1988-1992, and retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2013.

Reggie loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed watching all types of sports and played a lot of basketball in his earlier years. He was on The Knights of Columbus (Club 55) bowling league in Marlow Heights, MD. He loved to go fishing with his friends; he and Joe dedicated every Wednesday or Thursday to fish when the weather permitted. Reggie was baptized at First Rock Baptist Church and was a member of the Tribe of Judah.

Reggie leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Joe, of 44 years; son, Reginald, II; daughter, Candace (Felicia); brother, Ernest (Shirley); sisters, Erma (Billy), Gloria, Tina, and preceded in death by his sister, Christy; grandchildren, Khali and Khalyra Geter, and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

This was one of my favorite bible verses that Reverend Joseph W. King made sure all who attended Sunday School or Adult Church knew this scripture by heart;
so never forget who loves you the most!

For God so loved the world, that he
gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
(John 3:16 KJV)

TO THE LOVE OF MY LIFE

To you my love I write these words so that you will know how much I love you. From the moment you whispered in my ear so softly, that you were going to make me fall in love with you—I laughed and thought to myself, who does he think he is? Only God knew the plans He had for the both of us. With the love God had for the both of us we did travel a few rough paths and God bought us through. God knew that I needed a strong husband, one that would challenge me far beyond what I thought I could stand. That's the beauty of God; He goes far beyond what we see with our natural eyes, and even further, with our limited ability to understand His ways. I could never have imagined my life without God's direction. He blessed us with two beautiful loving children; family that loves us, friends that care for us, and a love that will last forever. When I retired, I remembered saying to you, "I felt like I was living in a dream?" I was so grateful and overwhelmed, I just cried. God's word is truth and I believe and trust Him. I cannot deny Him. His word says that He will pour me out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it (Malachi 3:10), I'm there my love, and He made it true for the both of us. We both knew that our journey in life can only last forever when we transition from this mortal body and put on our spiritual body. Don't be afraid my love when God decides to call us home. We know that His arms are always around us, and whatever His will is for us, we trust Him.

I love you Reggie, and I could never have imagined my life without you in it. You are a blessing I didn't see coming. Rest in peace my love!

Love Always, Joe

ON HIS OWN TERMS

My father did things on his own terms, friends, family, and opponents alike knew this. In sports, at work, and in life, there was always a clear prerogative, a clear "Reggie" reaction to the world around him. It's clearest to those that interact with my sister and I, that one of those priorities was to raise children that value family and live as authentically as he did. All the way until his earthly end Reginald Bernard Swann did things on his own terms. Joining the army in his early 30s. Buying cars with no money down. Even wrestling his own rebelling and abstinent body into submission just to spend more time with the family he was so very proud of, in the home that he built through sacrifice with his wife. There are many lessons that I've learned from my father but it will be this one that helps me the most. I will also live on my own terms. Living life on my own terms will ensure I reach for the happiness my dad has pointed me towards. Living life on my own terms will ensure I live a life of intention and meaning. When all else fails if I live life on my own terms, I will know I did everything in my power to move through this world as authentically me as I can be. You have given us all the tools we need to be successful and happy, daddy. We love you.

The Boy

ON A SWIVEL

Those that knew my dad couldn't help but to love him. His personality was infectious to all. You should all know that this wasn't an act, that was just him. As far back as I can remember I was always with my dad and always wanted to be with him. A true daddy's girl! He has always been my #1 fan/hype-man throughout basketball and track in high school, all the way through my golden years in college. Dad was my first call, when I almost died sliding off an icy mountain in West Virginia coming home from school to telling him I had proposed. Always accepting me for who I am and whatever I wanted to be or do in life. Never wavering on the love and care he knew I needed. So many moments in time throughout my short time on this earth that I wish I could have captured to replay over and over again. I have always known that tomorrow is not promised. I just wish I had more time with you to laugh, fish, watch action packed movies and just love on you. As I move through this life without you, I will do my very best to remember all of the many things you have instilled in me over the years and pass them on to Khali and Khalyra. I will do my best to keep my head on a swivel for the family like you always said until my time on this earth is done and God calls me home. I love you daddy.

The Girl

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank you for everything Grandpa Swann. Growing up, all the conversations about life, principles, and morals really stuck with me and are a big part of how I move today. Thank you for all the knowledge and wisdom. I wouldn't be where I am in life if not for it. You are one of the reasons I even joined the military, and it is one of my best decisions in life yet. Your spirit will live through us all! We love you, I love you very much!

Khali

While staring death in the face, having a pain that none of us can imagine, and going through the motions of knowing soon you will walk through those pearly white gates - the last words you said to me were "Congratulations on making the Dean's list." You've always rooted for me at every turn no matter the obstacles you faced. Thank you for all the wise talks. Thank you for the motivation, the protection, and always making sure I was the best version of myself. You never let me forget how special I was and because of that I will always remember. From the bottom of my heart Grandpa I am so sorry this happened to you. There won't be a day that goes by that I will not miss you. May you forever rest in peace. I love you eternally.

Khalyra

Saturday, July 22, 2023

VISITATION: 9:00 A.M. SERVICE: 11:00 A.M.

FIRST ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

4630 Alabama Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20019

MINISTER HARRY ADAMS, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Minister Harry Adams

Musical Selection

Fearless Praise

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 25:4-10

New Testament: Philippians 4:4-7

Shaune Powell

Kennice Gabourel

Prayer of Comfort

Minister Anthony Minter

Musical Selection

Fearless Praise

Acknowledgment of Condolences

Karen Morris

Obituary

Karen Morris

Comforting Expressions

Family and Friends

(Please Limit To Two Minutes)

Solo

Jose Simmons

Eulogy

Minister Harry Adams

Recessional

INTERMENT
MARYLAND VETERANS CEMETERY
CHELTENHAM

Interment will be held on July 31 at 1:45 p.m.
11301 Robert S. Crain Highway
Cheltenham, Maryland

PALLBEARERS

William Powell	Timothy Leathers
Malcolm James	Jose Simmons
Kevin White	Theodore Sherron

FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would like to thank everyone for coming out today to help celebrate the life of Reginald (Reggie) Swann. Thank you for all your prayers and expressions of kindness and comfort, we love you all.

May God's blessings be upon you, and the joy of Jesus be in you!

The Family

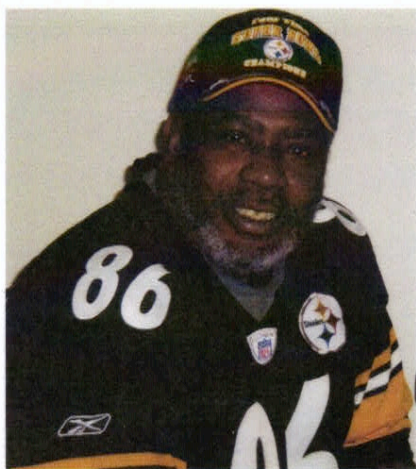
REPAST

Immediately following the service,
family and friends are
invited to fellowship in the
Joseph W. King Fellowship Hall

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:



301-632-6624



**In Loving Memory of
Reginald Bernard Swann**

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Sunset – July 5, 2023

Whisper in the Wind

I heard a whisper in the wind, calling
my name, come to me my son, your
work here is done!

I reminisced for a moment; about the
time I've shared with my family and
my friends, Oh how I'm going to miss
them in the whisper of the wind.

Remember me with love, and
laughter, as you listen to the wind,
and know that I am with you as you
hear the whisper of the wind.

So take time to listen at the whisper of
the wind, remembering how much I
loved you in the whisper of the wind!

For God so loved the world, that he
gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should
not perish, but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)