



Mr. Carl Richard - William Garrett

November 15, 1946 - October 28, 2021

Carl Richard William Garrett passed away peacefully on October 28, 2021. Father of Michael, Serita, Blake Sr. and Tiffany Garrett. He is also survived by his grandchildren Chyna, Austin, Antonio, Special, Zonte, Blake Jr., and Savannah. He has one great-grand-daughter, Belliame Rose Garrett and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. He graduated from Cardozo High School in 1967. In 1968 Carl became an electrical apprentice with IBEW Local #26 and graduated from the electrical apprenticeship program in 1972. Carl quickly discovered that he loved to teach and became a trailblazer becoming the first African American Instructor at the IBEW. Services will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at East Washington Heights Baptist Church, located at 2220 Branch Ave, SE #3340, Washington, DC 20020. Visitation will take place at 10:00 am and Service will begin at 11:00 am.

Cemetery Details

Chesapeake Crematory

10771 Tucker St
Beltsville, MD 20705

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Homes - Forestville Chapel
5538 Marlboro Pike
Forestville, MD 20747

Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

NOV 13 (ET)

East Washington Heights Baptist Church
2220 Branch Avenue SE
Washington (District of Columbia county), MD 20020

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Carl Richard - William Garrett*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mr. Carl Richard - William Garrett*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM

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“ Carl Garrett... My memory of Brother Garrett. I was a Electrical Helper at the age of 19 or 20 in 1986 running around the job fast like a roadrunner. Carl Garrett pulled me to the side and said quote “Young man what’s your name”? I had no idea who this guy was asking me my name. I told him Ivory Cooper Jr. His response was quote “Are you in the Apprenticeship program” I responded no.. who are you? He introduced himself and said go sign up for the Apprenticeship program. My response was. I heard it’s hard getting in the apprenticeship program if you black and you have to know someone in there. His response “ I’m on the Interview Board don’t worry about that and go sign up.. I told him I will. Moving forward, the day came where I was sitting in front of the Interview Board being interviewed by 3 people. Two Caucasian brothers and Carl Garrett himself. During the interview, one of the brothers spoke up by saying quote “ I don’t think you can handle the apprenticeship program because your math background is shaky” the second brother responded by saying he agree. Carl Garrett spoke by saying quote “ Wait a minute, I seen this young man out on the job working and it’s no doubt in my mind on whether or not he can handle it because he can” after speaking more about me.. the other two brothers said if Mr Garrett said you can handle this we gonna go off his word that you can and let you in the program but we want you to take up some math classes during the summer. I responded by saying I sure will and thank you. I never took those math classes and I went through the 4 years of the apprenticeship program and graduated. Carl took me under his wings on one job I worked with him on. For the first time I was his apprentice. He use to call me his Cooperspaniel. Lol. My prayer to the family. I wouldn’t be where I am today if Carl had not encouraged and got me in the apprenticeship program. He was like a dad to me. Rest In Peace my brother. It’s been many many years.

Ivory Cooper Jr - July 09, 2022 at 01:21 PM

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“ Carl was on my review panel when I applied to Local 26's Apprenticeship. He advised me that there was a minority training group which would put me to work I saw him over the years, but last saw him following his stroke, now some time ago. May he rest in peace. To his large family know that he was good electrician with a good heart. Sincerely,
Susan Flashman, Retired member of LU 26, IBEW

Susan Flashman - November 09, 2021 at 02:22 PM

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“ My Masonic brother. We were raised in John F Cook Lodge, No.10, in 1978. I heard he had been sick, and some time before that, I had lost contact. I say now, to the family, may his path to that undiscovered country, be borne with the Light of our Father. God bless all of you!!!

Bob Credle - John F Cook No.10 - November 09, 2021 at 01:19 PM

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“ Carl loved baseball. When he was in high school he worked several jobs to purchase a professional baseball glove. During the riots in DC someone threw a motiv cocktail onto our apt building. We were walking up the block and saw the fire. Carl ran into the burning building and rescued only his baseball glove. Thanks to God no one was hurt. Rest in Peace my friend.

Jane Shelton - November 05, 2021 at 02:29 PM