



Don R. Pope

December 30, 1949 - November 13, 2019

On November 13, 2019 devoted husband of Veronica "Ronnie" Pope. He is also survived by his daughter Laurean T. Pope , stepchildren Stephen, Shedrick (Jennifer) and JaVon Young; Brothers Wayne and Kevin (Lynette) Pope; Nine grandchildren , a host of other relatives and friends. The Family will receive on Monday November 25, 2019 at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Ch. 3000 Pennsylvania Avenue SE Washington DC 20020

Viewing 9 am

Service 11 am

Interment Ft. Lincoln

In Lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to Concerned Members of Oak Hill Baptist Church 4200 19th Street NE Washington , DC 20018

Tribute Wall



“ *Don R. Pope*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Don R. Pope*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Christ Loves Me
We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - November 24, 2019 at 05:43 AM

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“ To Veronica and Pope family: There are no words to describe how sorry Francesca and I are to hear about Donald passing. I wanted to attend his home going service but prior scheduled obligations won't permit it. There are so many things that I could say about Donald but I will only cite a few but there's one that's with me everyday. The first time I met Francesca outside of work was at a party Donald had at his DC residence in 1979 which led to us getting married. When Donald was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to SOD Emergency Response Branch , he was assigned to head one of the two specialized teams. This position required him to select new recruits enhance training requirements and help in the acquisition of new weapons, equipment and training sites. The Emergency Response Unit was a new concept to the Department which was implemented to handle possible terrorist attacks, hostage situations and unusual Incidents requiring special weaponry. When Donald was transferred to command the Helicopter Branch we used their hovering training to clear water of our softball infield and the procedure was used to rescued a hostage victim. A man was holding his girlfriend with a knife at her throat and refused to communicate with our hostage negotiators. So I had our large Juno copter hover right over apartment building and when the shutters started banging against the building and trees swaying back and forth the Response Team was able to enter apartment discreetly and rescue hostage and arrest predators without any injuries. I believe Donald Pope is the only person in the Department to Command almost every Branch in a Specialized Division at same rank. Donald is gone but never forgotten and as Frank Sinatra san, " He did it all his way".

Melvin & Francesca Clark - November 23, 2019 at 09:58 PM