



## MR MELVIN RUSH, JR

October 14, 1950 - February 16, 2023

Melvin Rush, Jr., affectionately known as "Buggie," peacefully departed this life on February 16, 2023, at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. A native Washingtonian, Melvin was born on October 14, 1950, to the late Frances and Melvin Rush, Sr. He attended John H. Woodson Junior High School and graduated from Joel Elias Spingarn High School. At the age of 19, Melvin proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served his country in the Vietnam War until 1971. Returning home, Melvin worked at the U.S. Government Publishing Office in Washington, DC; he later ventured to Atlanta, Georgia, where he worked at the Georgia Transportation Department. Finally, he returned home to the Washington Area, where he worked and supported his loved ones and friends, completing numerous home improvement projects.

On December 4, 2009, Melvin married Valerie Norris. They loved their time together, spending countless hours laughing, enjoying their favorite cocktail, and reminiscing. During the pandemic, they played board games and would hand-dance and "Bop" to the "oldies" all night. Melvin would often express his love through cards of love and affection that Valerie cherishes. With his unique voice and zest for life, Melvin enjoyed life on his own terms. He had many hobbies and interests, including watching football, listening to his "oldies but goodies," and talking trash while playing cards and chess.

Melvin adored his family! He loved family gatherings and eating home-cooked

meals, including rabbit, smothered pork chops, Cheryl's fried chicken, and Jamaican food.

Loving, funny, and a provider, Melvin will truly be missed.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife,

Valerie Norris Rush; siblings, Donald Rush (Gail),

Jeffrey Rush (Cheryl), Shelby Harris (Myron), Margaret Rush; his stepson,

Damion Norris; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that he

loved dearly. His son, Ivan Rush and two sisters, Donna and Frances Rush, preceded him in death.

# Cemetery Details

## MARYLAND VETERANS CHELTENHAM

11301 CRAIN HIGHWAY  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

## Funeral Service

MAR **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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