



## Mr. Robert Stanley Lawson

December 15, 1930 - May 8, 2025

Our beloved Robert Stanley Lawson was born December 15, 1930 in Washington, DC to the late Robert Scott Lawson and Suzette R. Walker. Robert Lawson transitioned to his heavenly home peacefully, at his residence on Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Robert was a proud native Washingtonian. He attended the District's public schools and graduated from Dunbar High School. He accepted Christ at a very young age and attended Canaan Baptist Church.

Robert enlisted in the United States Army in 1953 and served his country during the Korean War. While stationed in Germany, he was selected to attend the Seventh Army NCO-Academy in Munich.

In 1960, Robert Lawson joined the District of Columbia Department of Corrections as an Officer and was the third African American hired at Lorton Reformatory. Throughout his career there, he moved up through the ranks and served as Sergeant, Lieutenant Captain and retired as Major. Some of his career highlights included, giving personal tours of the prison to both Mayor Walter E. Washington and Mayor Marion Barry.

Robert became a member of the Warren Lodge No. 8, Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall. He also formally served as President of the Rolling

Ridge Civic Association, and was once a member of the Ft. Washington Harley Davidson Club. He was a supporter of both St. Josephs Indian School and Boys Town Washington DC.

After retirement, Robert stayed busy driving his cab in DC, spending time with family and friends, riding his Harley Davidson, playing with dogs and keeping everyone laughing with jokes.

Robert was preceded in death by his only sibling, Jean Cropp. He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Jean Lawson, four children: Edward (Manette) Lawson, Tyrone (Andrea) Lawson, Colette Lawson, Beverly (Vernon) Lawson-Woods; Nine grandchildren, Dwayne Lawson, Eddie Lawson, Nicole Lawson, Chauna Lawson, Patrick Carter, Tatiana Lawson, Tyrell Lawson, Daniel Woods, Matthew Woods, five great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Friends and loved ones are invited to celebrate Robert's life. Visitation will be held at Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel at on May 30, 2025 at 10:00am, followed by a homegoing service at the same location at 11:00am.

Burial service will be held at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery located at 4001 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD immediately following the homegoing service.

The family extends their gratitude for the love and support shown during this difficult time. Robert will be dearly missed but his spirit will remain forever cherished in our hearts. May he rest in eternal peace knowing how deeply he was loved.

# Cemetery Details

## LINCOLN MEMORIAL CEMETERY

4001 SUITLAND RD  
SUITLAND, MD 20746

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Robert Stanley Lawson*



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**Pope Funeral Homes** - May 30, 2025 at 09:42 AM

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“ *Indeed Mr. Lawson will be Dearly Missed and his Spirit will for sure Remain forever Cherished in My Heart. COOCOO Thank You for Sharing your Dad with me, we had so many Good times and Laughter . My God, Mr. Lawson Thank You for Allowing Me to Adopt You as My Dad for all those Years..My Heart is Truly Full ....May God give us ALL the Strength to Handle Today's Challenges and Grace to Keep Achieving.  
Life is Great, because God is GREATER! I Love You All, May God Continually Bless us all Everyday... Peace Blessings and Love. B.J. DAD....YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART.*

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**Brenda Johnson -Green** - May 30, 2025 at 08:01 AM

PP

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to the family of Bob Lawson. He was a wonderful, kind man, full of humor and joy. Rest peacefully my friend*

*Sincerely,  
Peggy*

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**Peggy Parker** - May 29, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Robert Stanley Lawson.

May 25, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ Ting & Iktae planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert Stanley Lawson.

Ting & Iktae - May 24, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ Ting & Iktae purchased the Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) for the family of Mr. Robert Stanley Lawson.



Ting & Iktae - May 24, 2025 at 06:21 PM

KB

“ My beloved uncle, my heart aches when I think about you not being here. You’ve always been here with me and now you’re gone. The sadness that I feel is for me, because I will miss you so much. But in my heart I know that you are in a better place, you are no longer in pain and suffering and I know that you are reunited with your loved ones! Oh Happy Day!!

Thank you for all the precious memories, taking me hacking with you and on motorcycle rides as a child; all of the jokes and phone calls as an adult; and, most of all, for all the love that we shared for a lifetime. I rest assured knowing that I have gained another guardian Angel who will watch over me and my family!! I will never forget you!

Until we meet again,

~ Katurah ❤️🌹💔

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**Katurah Blackman-Harris** - May 22, 2025 at 02:06 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Lawson Family! May God Bless and Keep you in the coming days. Sincerely, Amy Reese Johnson (daughter of JW Reese, Bobby's cousin)

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**Amy** - May 22, 2025 at 11:52 AM

SV

“ I will miss your handsome face and that smile! I was always ready to hear one of your jokes. I’m glad I got the chance to get a smile out of you when I told you one not long ago. 😊 I always called myself your favorite niece. I know you love them all but I will be the favorite in my head forever. Greatly missed rest my dear uncle. With love Sabrina

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**Sabrina Vines** - May 21, 2025 at 07:20 PM

SS

“I’m so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family during this incredibly difficult time. I hope you can find some comfort in the love that surrounds you and the memories you shared. Please know that I’m holding you close in my thoughts and sending you all my love and strength. Cousin Bobby will be deeply missed and always remembered.”

*Sylvia Seward, Stovall NC*

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**Sylvia Seward** - May 21, 2025 at 04:52 PM