



Mr. William James Perry

July 8, 1958 - June 18, 2022

William James Perry, 63, of Washington, DC departed this life on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Washington Hospital Center.

William was born on July 8, 1958 at DC General Hospital in Washington, DC. He was lovingly called "Teddy" by his parents, Sterlene Haile Perry and James Lee Perry, the name stuck with him throughout his life. He was also known as "Perry" and "Will" among many of his friends, work buddies, and associates.

Teddy grew up and lived his life in Washington, DC. The early years were spent in NE and NW with his siblings: Bonnie, Valerie, Tyrone, Cathy, Kevin, two bonus sisters Inez Baxter Jones and Jeannette Edwards, many cousins, nieces, nephews, and other family members and loved ones. As a youngster, he enjoyed swimming, family outings, playing basketball, watching old tv shows (especially westerns), and comedically frightening his siblings and cousins. He was educated in DC Public Schools where he learned the basic educational foundations that he would use to build his knowledge on a variety of issues. He moved to SW DC as an adult where he enjoyed his work as a laborer and perfected his culinary skills earning the nickname, "Kitchen the Magician."

He embraced the ideology of the Muslim faith and followed its foundational

beliefs while maintaining his own spirituality and respect for other beliefs.

One of his greatest joys was fishing, and boy, did he love to fish. He shared his love of fishing with anyone willing to try it out and he always proudly shared his catch. One phone call from Teddy to say, "I got some fish, Playa!" and it was time to get the frying pan ready.

Known to have deep thoughts and not afraid to express his point of view, he could debate on almost any topic. His debate skills were top notch, so if you got into one with him, good luck. He was focused and would make you think about your own position. Yet, he was a quiet and private man, always observing those around him and interested in his family's triumphs and losses.

Teddy had all kinds of anecdotes for how to get something done from fixing a leaky pipe to making home fries, his knowledge was vast. He made those around him feel heard and cared for; so many friends and family members called him friend, my dude, my man. He was the family's go to guy, "call Teddy" his response, "Whassup Playa?" he was ours; funny, eccentric, and spirited.

Teddy leaves behind his siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, his former wife Annette and his step-grandson Elijah, whom he loved and cared for, as well as a host of many others with whom Teddy's life touched.

A hard working, giving, and decent black man gone too soon. We respect, honor, love, and will miss your physical presence; but we will cast a line in your memory.

Cemetery Details

WASHINGTON NATIONAL

4101 SUITLAND RD
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. William James Perry*



Pope Funeral Homes - July 07, 2022 at 10:56 AM

TY

“ *missing you, my brother....we both can swim, but I still wouldn't go fishing in that lil canoe on the Potomac(*

Tyrone - July 18, 2025 at 04:23 PM

SI

“ *miss you*

Sister - July 13, 2023 at 05:29 AM



“ *Mr. William James Perry*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mr. William James Perry*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM

WI

“ William Perry The old fisherman! Never thought i would be reflecting on the life of this guy.... Though he would outlive us all 😊
👊 Teddy was one of the strongest men I ever knew Could outwork 30 year olds at 60 !! He was a big brother and somewhat of a father figure to me He had a way always making me think about things from his interesting point of view .. from life to the streets to politics to relationships to the easiest way to knock down a brick wall He was a stand up righteous dude on all fronts and always looked out for me from givin me a key to his spot (door was always open for me) to assisting me with work (finding and doing) sliding me some fish (and bread too) if I needed ... real dude my guy 💙 will miss you my brother rest easy

William P Wallace IV - July 09, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ Love u Teddy Rest in Paradise 🤍

William Wallace - July 07, 2022 at 12:30 PM

ST

“ Sherelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Perry



Sherelle Taylor - July 07, 2022 at 10:39 AM

LA

“ *Teddy was always there for me. He would take time to talk or just listen. We could be on phone for hours, in his own special way, he made me feel better, inspire me, and then believed in me. His knowledge, experience and teachings played a huge part in the success of one of my dreams. His view of every topic was always seemingly at first, like what the heck is he talking about..., then at the end of that conversation you would be like OKAY, that was hilarious! His way of seeing things was just humbling. Teddy was a comedic genius on life!!! He just made me feel like don't take things so seriously, live life. "I mean" I am missing you uncle.*

Landa - June 26, 2022 at 11:46 AM

KS

*Rest in Power big brother.
I love you & will miss you but my memories will last forever. Until we meet again give our mom a hug for us all.*

KSP - July 03, 2022 at 11:57 AM

VI

Rest in peace teddy be bless family

Vi - July 08, 2022 at 08:15 AM

DH

“ *D'sere Haile lit a candle in memory of Mr.
William James Perry*



D'sere Haile - June 25, 2022 at 11:45 PM

AH

“ *Antoinette Haile lit a candle in memory of Mr. William James Perry*



Antoinette Haile - June 25, 2022 at 11:44 PM

SS

“ *I left you a text Saturday because you never called me back Friday because you know I was right, I wake up today and found out why didn't. I'm lost for words.
RIP my friend William J. Perry aka Teddy. Sincere condolences to your family and friends. S Shuler and family.*

Sharon Shuler - June 25, 2022 at 01:45 PM

MD

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the Perry family on the passing of your Brother and our Friend Teddy. Wishing you Peace and Comfort in this difficult time....*

Michael Dolby and Family.

michael dolby - June 24, 2022 at 12:05 PM

CP

“ *Teddy was a great big brother. Always here when I needed him and when I didn't, 😊. He was a great debater on almost any topic; the universe, cars, politics, etc. Our sometimes multiple hour phone calls about life. I will miss him deeply and his calls telling me “you home, I'm outside” knowing he was always welcome. I love you Brother, peace and rest well “Playa” 💜*

CP - June 23, 2022 at 08:01 PM