



Van Michael Elliott

May 4, 1959 - April 5, 2023

A TIME TO REMEMBER

On May 4, 1959, Van was the third child born to the late Rev. Alfred and Virginia Elliott in Baltimore, Maryland. In accordance with the promise of God's Word, he transitioned from physical labor to spiritual rest on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. A TIME TO LIVE Van's parents transitioned when Van was young, and he was raised by his sister Charlene and her husband, A. Marquis Williams.

Van was educated in The Baltimore City School System and, in 1978, graduated from Northern High School, where he was a star football player. He attended Bowie State University to pursue a degree in Sociology.

He later married his high school sweetheart Yvonne Elliott on May 3, 1986, and together they raised four children as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and anyone else that needed love and attention. Van worked as a Correctional Officer at Montgomery County Detention Center.

He left the Montgomery County Detention Center, worked for UPS as a Package Handler, and later became a Local Delivery Driver.

Upon his retirement, he was a Feeder Driver, and part of the requirements for

being a Feeder Driver was to have outstanding Customer Service Skills and attention to detail. Van was a “people person,” and he was loved and respected by those on his route.

As a result, he received several letters and awards for his service to his customers; after 35 years of Outstanding Service, Van Retired. Van was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi and pledged at Bowie State University in 1981. He possessed all the qualities of an Omega Man. Van personified, “friendship is essential to the soul.”

As a friend, Van could be trusted with your innermost secrets. He was loyal, supportive, compassionate, kindhearted, and forgiving as a friend. In Van, you had a friend. He was a life member of Omega Psi Phi, and his last event was helping ensure that everything was going to be perfect for an HBCU Sneaker Ball for Omega Psi Phi on the weekend before he transitioned. Van never allowed his Fraternity Brothers to know how sick he was but continued to plan.

He lived his life on his terms. Now Van could put the P in a party and could dance the night away. He loved to entertain at his house and had the gift of Hospitality.

He and Yvonne would always have a spread that would mimic a buffet from one of the finer restaurants. And when their guests left, they left with a full stomach, lots of laughs, and a to-go plate. Van believed in always giving others his best.

A TIME TO SERVE,

Van had a strong faith. His Christian roots were planted very early, and he accepted Christ at Whitestone Baptist Church.

As an adult, he joined New Psalmist Baptist Church, served in many

ministries, and served with gladness!

He was past President of The Male Usher Board, a Discipleship Graduate, drove with The Transportation Ministry, and was a regular member of The Tuesday Night Bible Study and The Safety Response Team.

Van was committed to his service to God and the Body of Christ. If Van had a theme song, we believe that as he traveled through life, he would be singing "If I can help somebody, as I travel along If I can help somebody, with a word or song If I can help somebody, from doing wrong No, my living shall not be in vain." Van had the gift of helping others, the heart to listen to others, and the wisdom to pray for others.

His work ethic was impeccable, and he worked long and hard. Van loved landscaping, so he was the proud owner of Elliot's Landscaping and Snow Removal.

Neither rain, snow, sleet, nor hail kept him from serving his customers with a smile. Van loved people and loved them unconditionally, and there was not much that he would not do to make life better for others. He and Yvonne were also the owners of Ashburton Catering.

A TIME TO MOURN

Van was preceded in death by his siblings Alfred, Juanita, Roslyn, Melvin, Carolyn, Joyce Wright, Joyce Sharpe Jackson, Elaine Sharpe Williams, Charles Elliott, and Charlene Elliott. He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife, Yvonne Elliott, daughters Shantel Rose and Keisha Elliott, and sons Keshawn DeAndre Elliott and Khyle Davon Elliott. Granddaughters Kailyn Rose and River Elliott; grandson Jaylen Rose, a loving and devoted

mother-in-love Ruth Smith, sisters in laws Coria Elliott, Vendetta Pearson (James), Stella Knight, Tori Knight, Tavon Knight, Tianna Knight; his many godchildren whom he loved and favorite nieces Candis Hill and Venice Lewis.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD

Wake

APR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

New Psalmist Baptist Church
6020 Marian Dr.
Baltimore, MD

Omega Psi Phi Tribute

APR 29. 10:15 AM (ET)

New Psalmist Baptist Church
6020 Marian Dr.
Baltimore, MD

Service

APR 29. 11:30 AM (ET)

New Psalmist Baptist Church
6020 Marian Dr.
Baltimore, MD

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Yvonne and Family*

I was saddened to hear about Van's passing. I am happy to know that he has received his reward. Van was extremely kind, calm, cool and always expressed a warm greeting towards me.

May you rely on what you need from God to see you through this time and in the moments ahead when you are thinking of a kind brother hi left an impactful mark within you as well as those of us who met him. God bless you, praying for you.

dee gardner - May 01, 2023 at 01:40 AM

RJ

“ *I was sadden to hear the passing of Van, who was such a great person. Yvonne and family, please know that my prayers are with you all and I am just a phone call away. Thank you all for sharing Van with us. He's not suffering anymore and he's resting in the arms of Jesus and he's done with the troubles of this world. God be with you all. Sleep on my brother, I will see you in the morning.*

Rotunda Jenkins - April 29, 2023 at 09:50 AM

JP

“ *Jacqueline Powell lit a candle in memory of Van Michael Elliott*



Jacqueline Powell - April 28, 2023 at 10:10 PM

VB

“ Our hearts are saddened to hear of such a loss. Strength and love to your family.

Vernon and Cheryl Brown.

Vernon&Cheryl Brown - April 28, 2023 at 01:12 PM

TW

“ Uncle Van, I am really going to miss you. Your passing saddened me so much, but I know now that you are in Heaven with the Lord. I will miss our conversations. Thank you for being my Uncle. Tell my Mom, Elaine who passed away this past February and Uncle Charles that I love and miss them. I love you as well. You can rest now... You can rest

Tracie Elliott Williams - April 28, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Van Michael Elliott.*



April 27, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Van Michael Elliott.*



April 26, 2023 at 09:23 PM

“ To My Cats Meow,

I just want to take this opportunity to tell you thank you. Although we didn't say, "I love you," every single day; our unspoken bond was undeniable! I think everyone can attest to the bond we had since the day we met. I am grateful for your unconditional love and support. As I grew into adulthood, there were times our family viewed my decisions as unwise or unconventional. However, you Uncle Van supported every decision I've made. You always encouraged me to pray first and follow my heart.

As I came into womanhood and began to date, you were the measure of a man for me. I always measured a man in your likeness. Is he first God-fearing, honest, good to his family, financially secure and able to carry his own weight. I always said, I want a man who is like my Uncle Van. I have been intentional in not settling for anything less. I watched you guide and lead your family and you always putting God first. I specifically loved to hear you pray those strong family prayers during the holidays.

I've been honored not only to be your niece, but to also serve as the Executive Assistant to Vans Lawn and Cleaning. My heart is full of so many amazing memories. Thank you for including me in every family vacation you and Aunt Wonnies took. I will always cherish those vacations and the preparation leading up to them. Aunt Wonnies would take us shopping for new outfits. You always made sure we had the best looking and most practical luggage. When Keasha and I were in Miami you called us every day. If we needed anything it was at the doorstep the next day.

The last vacation we took was to the Outer Banks. Unfortunately, Aunt Wonnies and Grandma were not able to attend. It was just you, PJ, myself and the kids. It was so refreshing to wake every day with no plans, no agenda, and "no noise," as Grandma Ruth would say! Each night we were able to get a full nights rest without the interruption of the "grizzly" aka Aunt Wonnies. We proclaimed, we

had to do it again.

I think I speak collectively, when your journey began...never in a million years did we think we would be here. I've never imagined going through any of life's milestones without you by my side. We had so much fun in the early days going to visit new and different vegetarian restaurants to eat after your treatments. I loved our Sundays on the couch relaxing and watching sports with Q.

I will never forget the day I got the call. I was driving on my way to work. Everyone was a wreck, including my mom who called to deliver the news. In my heart, I knew everything was going to be okay. I said to her, "we all are falling apart, but I know my Uncle is cool, calm and ever collected right now." I called you the next day, as I just needed to be comforted by your voice. That's my Cats Meow ever present and always cool. Since that day, we've had plenty of tough conversations, but again never did we think this day would come.

Uncle Van you are LOVED, CHERISHED, ADMIRER, BLESSED AND FAVORED. The impact and legacy you have left not only in this family, but the community is indelible. You always said, "what do I owe you Can Can." You owe me nothing! There is no compensation I receive that would come close to what you mean to me and have poured into my life. Thank You Uncle Van for being the best Uncle ever.

Love Candis a.k.a Felix

Candis - April 21, 2023 at 05:13 PM

PM

Candis, this is so beautiful!

P. Denise McCray - April 27, 2023 at 07:40 PM

TC

“ *My deepest condolences rip*



Tiffany Clay - April 13, 2023 at 11:48 AM

RE

“ *Richard Edwards lit a candle in memory of Van Michael Elliott*



Richard Edwards - April 13, 2023 at 08:29 AM

M(

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - April 11, 2023 at 10:21 AM

AW



Alma Ward - April 14, 2023 at 02:01 AM

TM

We Love and Miss You, Big Brother. You are at peace. We take comfort knowing that we will see you again. Until then... FIETTS - Bro. Troy & Soror Sabrina

Troy Manigault - April 19, 2023 at 11:01 PM

JM

*Van we will miss you dearly my friend. Rest well with God's angels.
Love, The Martin family*

Jacqueline Martin - April 28, 2023 at 12:00 PM

CB

*My Dean
Mean Dean of Pledges
He was a man's man who never stop helping people
Even till the end he was helping somebody
We need to go out and help somebody today in the name of Van.
Thank you big brother for being a model to imitate*

Craig Brown - April 29, 2023 at 01:11 PM