



Mr. Theodore Daniel

July 26, 1948 - April 29, 2019

Theodore Daniel was born July 26, 1948 in Nash-Edgecombe County to the late Melbert “Booger” and Susie Mae “Mutt” Daniels (Bryant). While battling a congestive heart failure caused by a heart disease called Amyloidosis, he departed his earthly life on April 29, 2019 7:41 am, at the Bridgepoint Hospital facility in South West, Washington, D.C.

While attending Zion Cross Baptist Church in Whitakers North Carolina, at an early age, Theodore accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior. He had a personality that made people of his community feel loved and welcomed. He encouraged others to be wise and to know that it was not his plan to skip a beat of their life, meaning he was very attentive to others. He lived by example and liked to get to the bottom-line quickly. When his children prepared to leave home, he graphed in their memories to not accept anything handed to them, to not accept “any wooden nickels” he would say. Another phrase he relished, the “bottom line” and “bingo”. Theodore loved the Lord and appreciated every breath of life.

Theodore attended Edgecombe County Public Schools on rainy days and worked on the family’s farm in North Carolina. Working at Merita bread, a local bakery, he expressed a love for cooking that he progressed to hours watching his mother prepare pleasant meals in the kitchen. Theodore hard work and passion later fueled his career and hobbies in public landscaping, gardening and

cooking for family

and friends. Theodore's love for nature and working with his hands continued to flourish.

In 1970,

Theodore moved to Washington D.C. and later began working (in landscape) at the Arlington National

Cemetery in Arlington V.A. In 1988, Theodore left Arlington Cemetery and began working with the

Department of Interior, National Park Service where he finished his career. Since early age, Theodore

had carried out God's first directives to Man, "Then the LORD God took the man and placed him in the

Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it". Genesis 2-15

In 1973, Theodore reconnected with a childhood friend from North Carolina, Vernesta Campbell and

after a few years of dating, married her on September 27, 1977. This union produced three beautiful

daughters; Shiela, Shileeta, and Dana. Other daughter, LaNilta (Danielle) and sons; Curtis Childs and

stepson Reginald Ransdell, fulfilling God's directive to be fruitful, multiply, and to replenish the earth

and subdue it. Genesis 1-28.

After retirement from the Park Services, Theodore continued to live his best life doing the things he

loved; spending time with his family, tending to his sanctuary e.g. his trees, garden and flower beds. He

enjoyed fishing and having family functions with friends and love ones – this is mainly where he got to

show off his amazing outdoor cooking talents.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife Vernesta and children; Curtis, Reginald, Shiela, (Brooks Son

in Law), Danielle, Shileeta and Dana. Twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Also, he is survived

by his brothers and sisters: Melbert Jr (Billy); Herbert (Beaver); Clarence (Rusty); Waverly; Patricia

(Tricia); Clinton (CD); Evelyn; Cathina, one deceased sibling, Melvine (Mickey), and a host of in-laws,

aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Comments



“ I remember visiting my uncle when he was at Washington Hospital Center. We must have talked and laughed for about two hours. Every nurse or doctor that came in the room, he would tell them that I was his niece visiting him. After our talk, he told me to head home because it was dark outside, and that he was okay. I'm sooo glad I got to spend that quality time with my uncle. Love you Uncle Theadore. Rest In Heaven.

Sharon Daniels - May 09, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ Daddy, my hero! Daddy, you've carried this family for 45 years. We are thankfully blessed you can finally Rest In Peace; no more pain and no more sorrow. I know it had not been easy, but the Lord told us that, and that he would always be with us, as we endured life's embraces. I admired your strength, work ethics, yard work and love for your family. Your wisdom shared, which we pondered, will never go forsaken. I've always been glad you were my father for you always could see right via people which, I haven't seen that gift elsewhere. Thanks for having my back! Our Bottom-Line originator!!! You could turn wisdom into knowledge such that others still ponder today!!! Bottom-Line, be your own man...Bingo!!! That's it! Your girl, Dana "Daniel"

Dana - May 04, 2019 at 11:44 PM



“ Cousin, the word states that memories will live on for a Lifetime. I can hear your voice saying (The Bottom Line is). RIP in Heaven until our Spirits meet again. I'm a true believer that you don't have to be Holier than Thu to go to Heaven after finishing your Task here on earth. You ran a good race here by taking care of the family until they were able to defend for themselves. You left enough for your wife and children's children. You build a Strong Black Family Foundation. We started out together 1970 on Rock Creek Church Road and there you blossom into a Rose that captured the eyes of Vernessa.

Blessings to the family
Memories Forever,
George Dickens



George Lee Dickens - May 03, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ Uncle Theado/BINGO! may your presence and light forever glow around your family and friends, who love you and adore you. You are missed. With Love Smurf



Rene Daniels Braswell - May 03, 2019 at 12:25 PM