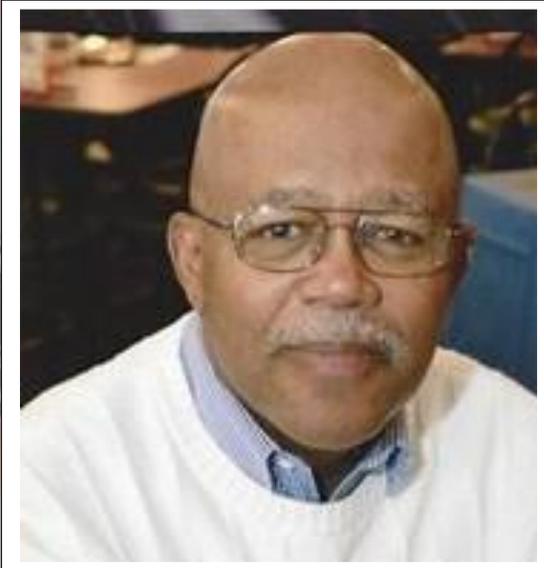


A  
Celebration  
of Life



*Dolson Barnett Anderson, Jr.*

April 15, 1948 ~ April 22, 2020

Dolson Barnett Anderson, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia, departed this life on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, one week after his 72nd birthday, at Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Affectionately known to his family as “Butchie” Dolson was born April 15, 1948 in Christiana, Delaware to Bernice Jackson Anderson Hilton and Dolson Barnett Anderson, Sr. Dolson’s elementary education began in Delaware and he graduated in 1966 from Henry Highland Garnet High School, in Maryland. While in high school Dolson was the drum major in the marching band and played the trombone. He was also instrumental in forming a band with his fellow classmates called the “Esquires.” He taught himself to play the bass guitar. After graduation, Dolson attended Morgan State College (now Morgan State University) before enlisting in the Navy.

Dolson served his tour as a Fire Control Technician on a destroyer in the United States Navy. His tours of duty took him to various places around the world which included Korea, Vietnam, California, Norfolk, Virginia and areas in the South Pacific. Upon completion of his naval career, Dolson, moved to Richmond, Virginia and secured employment with the United States Postal Service and became a career postal employee where he served in several positions before retiring after more than 30 years of service.

Dolson was a considerate, thoughtful, kind, humble, caring, generous and thought-provoking man who loved to debate politics. He wasn’t hesitant to share his opinion or make a suggestion. Spending time with Dolson sometimes required a level of patience and understanding, but he was worth the effort. He was also a community activist and advocate for social, racial and economic justice.

Dolson was a founding member of the Jahnke Road Community Development Organization and served in many capacities within that organization. Dolson was also an active member of the Astoria Beneficial Club, Westlake Hills Civic Association (past president), the Richmond Postal Union and a 2006 graduate of Leadership Metro Richmond.

In 1990, Dolson married the love of his life Lynda Sharp. Oftentimes you would not see one without the other. Together they worked tirelessly on many community efforts. They also enjoyed traveling and spending time with family. He was very proud and supportive of his grandchildren (Jiordan and Adonis) and they were the joys of his life.

For more than 30 years, Dolson was a dedicated and active member of the Westwood Baptist Church. He served faithfully in many official and unofficial capacities to improve church operations and ensure the safety and well-being of Westwood disciples and the church campus. Oftentimes Dolson could be seen changing a light bulb, mopping the floors or doing whatever was needed to be done. He was always willing to assist and was often the last person to leave the building. In 2013, Dolson was ordained a Deacon in the Deaconate of Westwood Baptist Church serving the Delta Family with distinction. He was often willing to offer constructive advice if he thought he could make a difference. However, Dolson’s steadfast devotion was the work he was committed to with the Audio/Visual Media Ministry. He provided outstanding leadership to many seeking to find their path in this ministry. Anytime there was a need for audio/visual support, (with or without advance notice), he willingly made every effort to provide what was ask or needed.

Dolson is survived by his beloved wife of 29 and ½ years, Lynda Sharp Anderson; three daughters, Jana Carter of Kennedyville, MD; Dawn Anderson (Craig) of Richmond, VA; Isis Anderson of Atlanta, GA; brothers, Reginald Hilton of Pennsauken, NJ and David Hilton of Wilmington, DE; granddaughter, Jiordan Carter of Kennedyville, MD; grandson, Adonis Griffin of Atlanta, GA; four stepsisters; Helen Butler, Pennsauken, NJ, Dorothy Hill of Hi-Nilla, NJ, Alyce Haskins of Raleigh, NC, Janice Hilton of Philadelphia, PA; one brother-in-law, Harry Sanders (Linda); four sisters-in-law, Sharon (James) Hopkins, Angela (Wesley) Hordge, Karen Stewart, and Joanne (Michael) Wilson all of Baltimore, MD, one aunt, Doris Redo (Ron) of Rockford, IL; a devoted friend since the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, William Pickrum and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Dolson was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Reverend Paul R. Hilton, Sr.; son, Jay Christopher Anderson; and sister, Vivian S. Mackrel.

At a future date, Dolson’s many contributions will be highlighted during a “Celebration of Life” memorial service in Richmond, Virginia. Interment for his remains will take place at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville, MD. at some date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made in honor of Dolson’s memory to the Westwood Baptist Church’s Media Ministry, 915 Glenburnie Road, Richmond, Virginia 23226, (804)288-3224, [www.westwoodbaptist-va.org](http://www.westwoodbaptist-va.org).

*Rest from your labors, Dolson. You will be always loved and missed.*



*The light of the Jackson Family is greatly diminished by the passing of our Butchie, one of the brightest and steadiest lamps among us....But let us all continue to let our lamps shine brightly to light the way for those still on the pathway.*  
Aunt Doris (Uncle Ron)



*Time is filled with swift transition. Pictured with my wife is Deacon Dolson Anderson. Doing what he always did support and show love. This picture was taken during Dr. Lomax’s book launch and he is holding the 5 copies he purchased to show support. He transitioned to be with the Lord today. Covid-19 related. Sigh...so much to say about this one. He was one heck of a man and an incredible Deacon. Every Sunday...“do you need anything Pastor?”; in meetings “you know as Deacons we are here to support our Pastor” he was on our video and audio team, he taught my sons how to run the audio equipment even though they never took to it (they both cried today) he was trustworthy, always there, he was a devoted husband, proud father, my friend and an even better brother. Heaven got a good one today. Say a prayer for his wife Lynda, his daughters and for all of Westwood as we sit with this moment and hold to God’s unchanging hand.*  
Reverend Michael R. Lomax, Pastor  
Westwood Baptist Church



*My best friend has transitioned. Heaven is a better place. All his pain and sorrow are gone. Praise the Lord!*  
William Pickrum  
Best friend since 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



*Like Frazier, the crushing weight of this news took my breath away this morning. I am convinced that God put wall-to-wall meetings in front of me today to keep from coming undone. Dolson and I often referred to each other as brothers-from-another-mother, and our talks, debates, and mutual encouragement through the years always left me better. We all deal with death, and I usually find quick solace in a friend’s passing, particularly if I know their faith has secured them a great eternity. But losing Dolson has hit me harder than most. I’m so going to miss him. Like Matthew said, Dolson is one whom I often track back to when I want to become a better person. He was a humble and peaceful mountain of a man. We should all feel blessed to have known him. I want to share with you a picture that I have been looking at often today. It is pure Dolson. I hope it makes you smile, if even only through the tears. Bless you my Jambalaya brother! I love you! Enjoy your reward! Say hello to Barbara for us!*  
Dave Anderson  
2006 LMR Classmate