

*Celebrating the
Life and Legacy of
Delson Barnett Anderson, Jr.*



Sunrise

Thursday, April 15, 1948

Sunset

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Eleven O'Clock A.M.

Westwood Baptist Church

915 Glenburnie Road/Richmond, Virginia 23226

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**Reverend Michael R. Lomax, Pastor
Officiant and Eulogist**

Dolson's Life Reflections

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 receiving numerous commendations and recognitions before retiring in 2009 with 41 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. He 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 (LMR).

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 (Jordan and Adonis) and they were the joys of his life.



For more than 30 years, Dolson was a dedicated and active disciple 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 Ministry 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.

Family of COVID-19 Patient Expresses Gratitude to Our Team at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center

When Dolson Anderson traveled with his wife from their home in Richmond, Virginia to Baltimore in late March, he and his family had no idea how much everything was about to change amidst the COVID-19 crisis.

Anderson was admitted to the emergency department at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center in March for what would be the beginning of a 25-day battle with the novel Coronavirus. Unresponsive to initial treatments, Anderson was intubated and transferred to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) under the care of Saiyad Sarkar, MD and third year resident Yumna Gulzar, MD.

“There were times on the ventilator I realized he may not come out of this,” daughter Jana Carter said. “The hospital staff seemed like they never gave up hope, which was comforting. They were fighting for him, and also answering all of our family’s questions. They were open with what they were doing for my dad and very receptive to our concerns and our requests.”



With newly created visitor restrictions in place, the only way Anderson was able to interact with his wife and three daughters was by phone and the use of



hospital department iPads. Carter credits the video technology available at MedStar Franklin Square with aiding her family, who is spread out over multiple states, during the pandemic. “It eased our minds about what was going on to see and communicate with him. The doctors and nurses tried to relieve some of that anxiety. Dr. Sarkar said that my dad tried to open his eyes again when he heard our voices.”

Carter shares that our ICU department at MedStar Franklin Square helped her family navigate the situation by taking their calls at all hours to provide the same experience you would receive in person. “My sister and I were up at 3 a.m. to call and check when it was quiet on the floor to talk to staff who were always receptive. I felt that they were very communicative in the midst of everything, they were sensitive to the fact that we could not come in and be with him.”

With the family supporting their father from afar, the medical associates at MedStar Franklin Square provided exemplary care throughout Anderson’s hospitalization. “Thank you for treating my dad like he was a member of your own family, especially Dr. Sarkar and Dr. Gulzar. Thank you for keeping up the fight for my dad as long as he was here,” said Carter. “Thank you for looking at my dad as a human and not an experiment since this was such a new virus.” While Anderson succumbed to the illness, Carter reflects on the fact that her family is proud that the medical staff did the best they could with the research they had at the time so that others may have learned from her father’s case to save Coronavirus patients in the future.

By Jana Anderson-Carter
Daughter









Interment

Friday, April 23, 2021

Military Honors Interment (Private/Family)
Maryland Veterans Cemetery
1122 Sunrise Beach Road
Crownsville, Maryland

Acknowledgment

It is with heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all of the acts of kindness shared over the past year. Dolson's transition was profound and so unexpected. It is only as a direct result of the love shown to us that we have been sustained. May God continue to bless each of you!