



Rubin Sylvester, Jr.

July 14, 1935 - March 22, 2019

Rubin was born on July 14, 1935 in Marianna, Florida to Rubin Sr. and Hattie. He attended school in both Marianna and Panama City Florida. He met his wife Ludelar and moved to Tampa Florida after they were united in holy matrimony. He worked various jobs ranging from a veterinary technician to a funeral home aid before he was drafted in the United States Army in 1957. He served 20 years including 2 tours in Vietnam as a mechanic.

He was a devoted family man, taking the family with him when his duty stations changed state side. He ensured that the family had family time. He would take the family on fishing trips and to drive-in movies, and though the kids slept in the car, he even took them hunting. Throughout his life, Rubin, along with his wife always managed to aid and encourage not only their family, but also others that were not family (but considered family) and as a result, their circle grew. When Rubin retired from the military, he worked for the City of Winter Park Florida in the City Garage where he eventually retired from the city and became a driver for the Center for Independent living. During this time, he joined Open Door Missionary Baptist Church where he accepted the Lord as his savior and was baptized. He was a devoted and active member of the church. He became an ordained Deacon and a member of the Adult Choir and Men's Chorus. He was also active in the churches outreach programs. He continued his love of fishing and would often go with his friends and fellow deacons.

Though Rubin's health started to fail, he remained active, working as a crossing guard in Eatonville until eventually he had to stop. He couldn't attend church, but he was always reading his bible. His faith was strong that he would again be able to fellowship. After several hospital stays and setbacks, he did regain strength and his desire to be back in the church was strong. He attended and was again baptized at Maitland Apostolic.

Though the spirit was strong, the body was weak and in the early hours of Friday, March 22, 2019, the Lord called Rubin home to be at rest.

Rubin was preceded in death by his father, Rubin Sylvester Sr., mother, Hattie Murkins Stepmother, Johniece Sylvester; stepfather, David Murkins and brother, Aubrey Hillman Sylvester.

He leaves to cherish precious memories: wife: Ludelar Sylvester of Eatonville, Florida; children: Larry D. Sylvester Janice of Orlando, Florida, David L. Sylvester Dahlia of Eatonville, Florida; Patricia A. Fontaine, Marvin of Buford, Georgia, Regina Clark (Anthony) of Orlando, Florida; siblings, Sonya Thornton (Lorenzo) of Lithonia, Georgia, Shelia Sylvester of Panama City, Florida, Artis Sylvester (Tabitha) of Panama City, Florida, Rodney Sylvester of Riverdale, Georgia, Tony Sylvester-Gainer (Kenny) of Panama City, Florida; sister-in-law, Christine Sylvester of Panama City, Florida; grandchildren, Geniece Robinson (Kierron) of Buford, Georgia, Monique Fuller of Altamonte Springs, Florida, Melanie Rimpson (Wesley) of Middletown, Connecticut, Sheree Brady (Tyrell) of Altamonte Springs, Florida, Marie Valentin (Angel); Altamonte Springs, Florida, Patrice Fontaine of Atlanta, Georgia, Brittany Moore of Orlando, Florida, great-grandchildren; five great grandsons and two great grand daughters; host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Open Door Missionary Baptist Church
130 North Calhoun Avenue
Eatonville, FL 32751

Service

MAR 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando
2210 South Rio Grande Avenue
Orlando, FL 32805

Interment

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall

RA

“Rubin was my platoon sergeant at Anderson Barracks in Dexheim, West Germany circa 1974. He treated me well, and I liked him a lot. A good man. Ralph Abos

Ralph Abos - April 29, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“Rubin Sylvester, Jr.

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM

IJ

“Isiah, Deborah and Isiah Forward Jr. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rubin Sylvester, Jr..



Isiah, Deborah and Isiah Forward Jr. - March 28, 2019 at 10:54 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rubin Sylvester, Jr..



March 28, 2019 at 08:38 PM

LJ

“ *Lesia and Page Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rubin Sylvester, Jr..*



Lesia and Page Johnson - March 28, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rubin Sylvester, Jr..*



March 28, 2019 at 01:47 PM

TT

“ *Talcott Resolution Audit Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rubin Sylvester, Jr..*



Talcott Resolution Audit Team - March 27, 2019 at 01:52 PM

RE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Larry and the entire family during this time of bereavement. May the memories of Mr. Sylvester and the love of family strengthen you. My Deepest Sympathy- Reba*

Reba - March 27, 2019 at 01:46 PM

RE

“ *Reba lit a candle in memory of Rubin Sylvester, Jr.*



Reba - March 27, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rubin Sylvester, Jr..*



March 27, 2019 at 04:11 AM