



Garrison Henry Phillips Jr.

March 15, 1943 - January 23, 2026

Garrison Henry Phillips Jr. affectionately known as “Junie Bug”, “Junie”, “Jabo or Jab” of Worton Point, Maryland departed this life on January 23, 2026, at the age of 82 years old surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 15, 1943. He was the son of the late Garrison H. Phillips Sr. and Blanche A. Hynson Phillips. He was raised by his loving grandmother, Pansy V. (Henry) Phillips whom he fondly called Mama.

Garrison started his early childhood education at the one room schoolhouse in Worton Point Maryland now known as the “Historical “African American School House”. From there he attended Henry Highland Garnett High School. While there he was given the title as the fastest man in Kent County for his ability to set records in track and field some of which were never broken. He and his teammates participated in track competitions at several high schools, Morgan State University and the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Garrison’s greatest joy was the love he had for his family. On May 27, 1962, he married Catherine Marie Goldsboro, and the two remained husband and wife for 63 years. From their union, five children were born Carol, Antoinette, Bruce, Deneen, and Kim.

Garrison was known as a loving, friendly, and a kind man who always kept a smile on his face. Anyone who knew him knew that he was the most loving

husband and father a family could ask for. His greatest enjoyment was in spending time with his family and friends as well as attending church services, family cookouts, and holiday get-togethers. He loved home cooked meals prepared by his wife.

He was good at fixing things. Sort of a “Jack of all trades” and the master of many. From repairing things around the house to small car repairs to overhauling complete car engines using his God given abilities.

He also enjoyed sharing stories about his past. They usually were about a missed shot or the fish that got away or some mishap he had. The stories always including sound effects which always ended in laughter. He also was a great dresser and later in life loved driving Cadillacs.

He was an all-around outdoorsman. He loved hunting but loved boating and fishing the most – receiving an award for catching 3 large rock fish in 1978 and having his picture in the Kent News Paper. He taught those traits to his son and grandsons.

He also loved watching westerns, horseracing, track and field, Young and the Restless, CNN and discussing politics; and watching the Baltimore Ravens and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Garrison gave his life to Christ at an early age. He was a lifelong member of St. George’s United Methodist Church. He was baptized as an adult by the late Rev. Anthony Brown in a river baptismal ceremony at Cliffs City Landing on July 9, 2011. He served as a member on the Trustee Board, he sang on the Men’s Choir, provided lawncare services at the church and helped whenever he could until his health began to fail. He worked several jobs over the years including Bloomfield Farms, Chestertown Brick Company, ConAgra, later retiring from Johnson Controls with 20 years of service. That was the job

that he enjoyed working the most.

In addition to his parents and his grandparents, he was preceded in death by his older brother Arlington H. Phillips and a sister Alma L. Phillips Hutchins. Garrison's memory will be cherished by his devoted wife Catherine; children Carol (Melvin) Thomas; Antoinette (James) Barrett; Bruce Phillips, Deneen Phillips (Johnnie), and Kim Gray. Nine grandchildren, TyRay Valentine; Jamaal Thomas (Danielle); DeAndre Smith; Sherkita Hopkins; Miles Gray; Jamel Thomas; Iesha Warrick; Maiyanna Gray; Shanika Barrett and Tymere Valentine whom he raised. 19 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren. Brothers: James Phillips; Robert (Jean); Medford (Rev. Joyce); Dwight (Delores); Brian (Denise); sister Rev. Denise Phillips Jones. Aunts: Marietta Hynson, Mary Livina Hynson, and Mary (Snookie) Hynson. Sisters' in-law Edna Phillips; Lorraine Sampson; Shirley Lindsey, Gloria Johnson; Carolyn Goldsboro. Special cousins: Donald Phillips, Darlene Phillips Fisher, and Diane Phillips. Phillips Family patriarch Donald Comegys. Special nephews Reggie Johnson (Princess) and Anthony (Sam) Black (Catina). Lifelong friends Charles Worrell, Charles (Charlie Buck) Smith, Romie Comegys, and Clifford Wright and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Lovingly submitted by the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Georges Cemetery

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church
24840 Lambs Meadow Rd
Worton, MD 21678
(410) 778-3328

Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive AME
Worton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Garrison Henry Phillips Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 06 at 09:46 AM

GW

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Gwen Walker - February 16 at 06:55 PM

NB

“ *Extending my Deepest Sympathy and Prayers to the Phillips Family on the loss of their loved one. Mrs. Pat, Carol, Antoinette, Bruce(my beloved classmate and friend), Deneen and Kim. Trust and know that God will see you through during this difficult time. With much Love, Nan Boyer and family.* 🙏❤️🕊️



Nanette Boyer - February 07 at 12:45 PM

LF

“ *Latoya Felton lit a candle in memory of Garrison Henry Phillips Jr.*



Latoya Felton - February 05 at 11:12 AM

MD

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Praying God's comfort.*



Monique Upshur Davis - February 04 at 06:16 AM

AH

“ *Alfreda Henry lit a candle in memory of Garrison Henry Phillips Jr.*



Alfreda Henry - February 03 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Garrison Henry Phillips Jr..*



February 03 at 07:10 PM

JS

“ *Condolences to the Phillips Family May Almighty Saviour keep you in his comfort during this difficult time.*



James Munson Sr. - February 02 at 07:09 PM

AS

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Phillips family. He was a good neighbor and friend. We will miss him. We pray for God's comfort and peace for his family.*
Alton & Angela Somerville 🙏



Alton & Angela Somerville - February 01 at 03:46 PM

LF

“ *My deepest condolences to those who loved him and knew him. This obituary tells a story of an extraordinary man who will be missed by family & friends. May he now rest easy in eternal peace* 🙏👍



Linda Fonda - January 30 at 04:40 PM

VW

“ *I will always remember you telling me, Don't call me Mr.Garrison call me Pops, will Pops im gonna miss you, my your body n mind rest..Love Vana' Wilmore* 💜



Vana Wilmore - January 29 at 07:57 PM

SC

“ Susan Caulk lit a candle in memory of Garrison Henry Phillips Jr.



susan Caulk - January 29 at 03:47 PM

SC

My heart goes out to the family . I trust that God will comfort you and give you all the peace needed to get through this time of sadness.

susan Caulk - January 29 at 03:50 PM

VP

“ Prays and Condolences to the Phillips Family, God bless you .



Voncille Phillips - January 29 at 09:50 AM

MP

“ MR.&MRS.TONY ALTON PERRY,SR sent a virtual gift in memory of Garrison Henry Phillips Jr.



MR.&MRS.TONY ALTON PERRY,SR - January 28 at 10:42 PM



“ *My phone is memories were the days that I spent with jabo at Johnson controls he gave me the nickname of trouble I was always cutting up and making the fellas laugh I will never forget his smile and how we would always meet and embrace each other like family does rest in peace my friend 🙏❤🙏*



Annette Beck Turner - January 28 at 04:45 PM

VD

“ *Vera "Tiny" Dozier lit a candle in memory of Garrison Henry Phillips Jr.*



Vera "Tiny" Dozier - January 28 at 02:38 PM

VE

“ *To the family and friends of Garrison Phillips: During this time of sorrow, may you feel surrounded by love, comforted by memories and supported by those who love and care about you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Lutricia Henry & Valerie Elliott*



Valerie Elliott - January 28 at 12:31 PM

RB

To My Phillips Family You all are in my Prayers and I'm sending My Deepest sympathy Condolences and Prayers to My Family Cousin Jabo was Always a Sweet kind Humber man to us and Always the same He will Truly Be Missed R.I.P Cousin Garrsion I will always Remember that Smile 🤝🙏

Regina Butler - January 28 at 04:40 PM

DH

“ Doreen Walker Harris lit a candle in memory of Garrison Henry Phillips Jr.



Doreen Walker Harris - January 28 at 11:22 AM

KS

“ Kimberly Smith lit a candle in memory of Garrison Henry Phillips Jr.



Kimberly Smith - January 27 at 08:45 PM

DP

“ May God bless the family Jabo was awesome guy to me he was just like a brother we were all raised up together. whenever I would come down I would make it my business to go n visit him n he would always have a smile I would say I love you n he would say I love you too n would hate to see him that way but I knew God had this RIP JABO.FAMILY KEEP ON PRAYING LOVE YOU ALL (DIANE)

Diane Phillips - January 27 at 07:29 PM

CG

“ *Cousin Little Gerald lit a candle in memory of Garrison Henry Phillips Jr.*



Cousin Little Gerald - January 27 at 06:27 PM

DW

“ *Cousin Pat & family, so sorry for your loss 💔. May God give you comfort, strength & peace in the days ahead 🙏🕊️🕋🙏. Love Dorvonda*



Dorvonda Warren - January 27 at 02:39 PM