



## C.B. Singleton

December 7, 1921 - June 13, 2011

C.B. Singleton “Singleton” was born on December 7, 1921 to the late G.W. Singleton and Millie Jenkins Singleton in San Augustine, Texas. After the transitioning of his father at an early age, C.B. has to quit school to take care of his mother and siblings. His mother died during surgery due to negligence on behalf of doctors when Singleton was 13 years old. At the age of 16, he migrated to Beaumont, Texas where he met the late Viola Liggins, his wife of fifty years, where they united in Holy Wedlock on March 29, 1941. He then accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior under the leadership of Reverend Nathaniel Liggins, Sr. Later that year, seeking a better life, C.B. and Viola departed Texas in segregated seating in the rear of a Greyhound bus, later arriving in Oakland, California in permitted seating on the front of the bus.

Approximately two weeks after arrival to Oakland he acquired employment as a laborer at the Richmond Ship Yard, and bought their first home in West Oakland, California. In 1946 he was hired as a member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union as a Long Shoreman, retiring after 38 years of service. Born to this union was Doris Jean (Darlene) and the late Erlene Singleton Buchanan. The family later moved and bought a home in North Oakland, and a generation later born to this union was Carolyn and Wanda Mae.

In 1998 C.B. continued his Christian Fellowship as a faithful member of St.

Matthews Missionary Baptist Church in Oakland, California under the leadership of the late pastor Milton Wise, where he participated in Bible Study and Sunday School.

Singleton was a hard working man dedicated to his family and was passionate about family unity. He lived his life lecturing on the values of hard work, honesty, love, forgiveness, the power of prayer, and his love of God. He loved to have family gathering providing sustenance and wisdom, where he loved to dance and joke. His anthems were: "The last word in prayer is AMAN.", "A man that doesn't take care of his family should be treated like a horse, placed in a barn, and only taken out to work.", His last words to his family were, "I love all of yawl, and God loves you." He always had a kind word, a smile, and would lend a helping hand to anyone he could.

C.B. Singleton departed this life on June 13, 2011 at 12:15am under the attentive twenty-four hour care of hospice nursing at Rose Gate Assisted Living Facility, after battling cancer and dementia. He went in peace and without pain.

# Cemetery Details

## Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive  
Richmond, CA 94803

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (PT)

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