



Lonnie Armstrong

March 15, 1925 - November 24, 2015

Reflections

Lonnie Armstrong, one of eleven children, was born March 15, 1925, in Prentiss, MS to Oliver and

Rosie Armstrong. He is preceded in death by his parents; children: Irma Jean Herion and Lonnie

Armstrong, Jr.; brothers: Gerley, Forcie, Hubert and Howard Armstrong and sisters: Vestella Albert

Irene Johnson and twin sister, Lonie Griffith. He accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age.

Lonnie served his country in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946. After an honorable

discharge, he made his home in San Diego, CA. He later moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to

have better access to opportunities to support his family. He was a Cement Mason for more than sixty years. His profession allowed him to work on projects such as the 1967 construction of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Tube from the East Bay to San Francisco, the San Quentin Prison upgrade, the San Francisco Bay Bridge structure upgrades and Hyatt Regency Hotel Fisherman Wharf.

In 1970, Lonnie met the love of his life, Helen Samada. They were married June 18, 1971.

Lonnie loved to dress - he was in a suit from 5:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

everyday. In addition to family, his loves were the horses, enjoying fellowship at Golden Gate fields and the conversations with friends at Pic and Pac. He took comfort in being a husband, father, grandfather great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. His garden and grass, was a sight to see. Oh yes, the LA Dodgers was his favorite team. As a matter of fact, the initials LA stand for Lonnie Armstrong.

Lonnie was a kind and generous man to family and friends always willing to give a hand when needed. When his eldest brother, Forcie Armstrong, went home to be with the Lord, Lonnie supported and took care of Alice Armstrong (Forcie's widow and his sister-in-law), visiting her and taking care of all her needs until her death. In 2010, he joined Berkeley Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where he attended until his health began to fail.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
1331 San Pablo Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 525-1331
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomelegacycenter.com>

Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

Berkeley Mt. Zion Baptist Church
1400 8th St
Berkeley, CA 94710

Tribute Wall



“ *Harris Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lonnie Armstrong*



Harris Funeral Home - December 04, 2015 at 04:49 PM



Beautiful!!

Sue Dotson - December 04, 2015 at 05:14 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harris Funeral Home - December 04, 2015 at 04:30 PM

SJ

“ To Aunt Helen, Reene', and Grandchildren;

Be encouraged on this day, because "God" is real and he can do above all that you can imagine. He sure can turn your sorrow in Joy and your midnights into day. You have my heartfelt sympathy .

Shirley Johnson (Daughter of Irene and M.J. Johnson)

Shirley Johnson - December 04, 2015 at 11:36 AM

KH

“ *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. - Psalm 147:3*

To: Aunt Helen and the entire Armstrong family.

I pray that God gives you comfort as you navigate through this difficult time. I love you and will continue to pray with you.

*Cynthia J. Longino
Daughter of Irene and M.J. Johnson*

Kendra Hooker - December 04, 2015 at 11:13 AM



Cristin
Danae

*Just now reading these. Its still hard. But I cherish all the memories.
Thank you guys.*

Cristin Danae - January 09, 2017 at 01:51 AM

RO

“ May God bless you Aunt Helen and the Armstrong family on this day. UNCLE Lonnie was one of my favorite uncles. My memories of him will never fade away. God bless you.

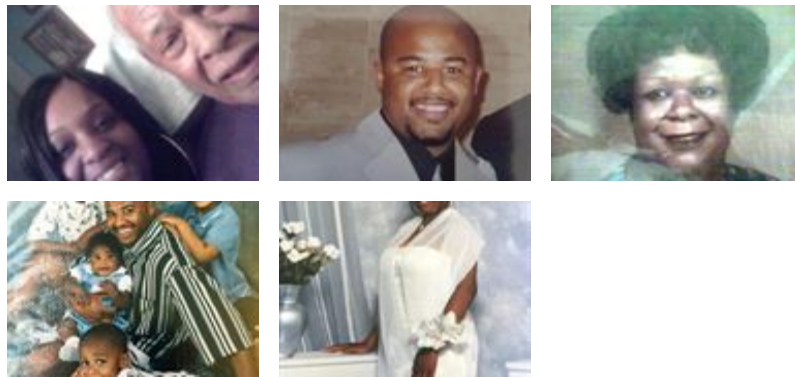
Rozalynn J.

(Granddaughter of Irene)

Rozalynn - December 04, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harris Funeral Home - December 03, 2015 at 07:19 PM

LH

“ To aunt Helen and Family,

Thinking of you during this time, may the peace of God be with you during this time of sorrow. His memories will turn into treasurers as time passes. "For God be the Glory".

Louise Johnson-Herron and Family

Louise Herron - December 03, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lonnie Armstrong.*



December 02, 2015 at 11:22 PM



“ *Aunt Helen and Family: Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning Psalm 30:5. Uncle Lonnie will forever be a part of many memories. He will be missed as he now rests. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God bless.*

Authrene Benson and Family

Authrene Benson - December 02, 2015 at 10:12 PM



“ *To: Helen and Family, These words of deepest sympathy are sent with the hope that as time goes by cherished memories will bring you inter peace, and make your love ones seem still very close to you. The Wilbert Smith Family*

Lee Etta Smith - December 02, 2015 at 04:44 PM

DJ

“ *A Tribute To My uncle Lonnie: It was always a Joy for uncle Lonnie to visit his home town of Prentiss, MS. when I was growing up, the Love that was shared between him and his siblings was so thick that you couldn't cut it with a Knife! Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God: and every one that loveth is born of God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. My uncle, mother, and their other siblings taught me how to love unconditional through actions. Uncle Lonnie was a giving person he was always willing to give and lend a helping hand to those in need. He often spoke of his childhood and how God blessed him and his family as they grew up without a mother and how the older siblings took care of the younger one. He leave a legacy for us his family to remember: To always love each other because at the end of the day, 1st their is God and then Family. "And the greatest of these is Love"!*

Aunt Helen, Renee', Brenda, and Grandchildren We are praying for you during this time of transition.

Dimple Johnson-Moreland

Dimple Johnson-Morelan - December 02, 2015 at 04:21 PM

RN

“ *To Aunt Helen and family, our sympathy to you and your family. May God bless and keep you in your time of loss. Rosie Newsome and family*

Rosie Newsome - December 02, 2015 at 03:05 PM

LB

“ Aunt Helen,

Our deepest sympathy are with you. We will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers.

Uncle Lonnie was always here for his twin sister (Lonie) and the family.

Love,

A.D., Lenora, Antoine, Alandria, and Adarius

Lenora G. Bourne - December 02, 2015 at 09:45 AM

HC

“ *HARRIS FUNERAL HOME LEGACY CENTER lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Armstrong*



HARRIS FUNERAL HOME LEGACY CENTER - December 01, 2015 at 08:37 PM

LC

“ *Dear Aunt Helen:*

You have our deepest sympathy. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Uncle Lonnie, we will miss you, we love you and cherish your memory!

Lin, William, Willard & Our Families (Vestella's Children)

Lin Caldwell - December 01, 2015 at 04:50 PM