

Celebration of Life



Joseph W. Minor, Sr.

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HOMEGOING SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017

VIEWING 8AM TO 10AM

SERVICE 10AM

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DELIVERANCE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

2001 W. LEHIGH AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19132

REV. GLEN SPAULDING, SENIOR PASTOR

THE LIFE STORY OF

Joseph W. Minor, Sr.

Joseph Willis Minor Sr., beloved husband of the late Blanche Minor and beloved father of Carolyn Jo Minor, also known as Uncle Joe to his many nieces and nephews and Joe to his friends and acquaintances, was born in North Hills, PA on April 22, 1928 to the late Samuel and Margaret Willis Minor. He was the youngest of 12 children. His father went home to be with Lord when Joe was 6 years old. Educated in the Abington School District, Joe had to leave school after finishing the eighth grade in order to help provide support for the family. Among his various jobs, he worked as a delivery boy at a pharmacy, collected and sold iron and copper scrap metals and caddied at the Lulu Temple Country Club; where he developed his passion for the game of golf.

Joe accepted the Lord at the age of 15 and later reaffirmed his faith, when he joined Deliverance Evangelistic Church on July 10, 1983. Joe entered the US Army on May 28, 1946. He was stationed in the Philippines and in Okinawa; where on Sunday January 25, 1948, he was baptized in the East China Sea. While on leave, he met Blanche Cottman at Willow Grove Park and after his honorable discharge from the Army on March 22, 1948, they were united in marriage in North Hills on July 10, 1948.

Joe & Blanche lived on a farm in Huntington Valley with Blanche's father Joseph Cottman and after a few years, they moved to a home in Sharon Hill in May 1951. In June 1959, they welcomed an addition to the close knit family, a daughter named Carolyn Jo. After 25 years of marriage, Blanche Minor went home to be with Lord on November 29, 1973 after a brief but severe illness.

Under the GI bill, Joe went to trade school, where he learned to read blueprints. This proved to be an invaluable skill during his twelve years of employment at the Acme Coppersmith and Machine Company and 24 years at Lansdowne Steel and Iron Company, where he worked as a machinist and Program Proveout operator. After the company closed in 1987, Joe went to a local company in Darby, working as a machinist. In his companies' letters of recommendation, his employers stated that he was an honest, diligent worker and brought a sincere effort and appreciation to his work. In addition, he was retained until Lansdowne Steel permanently closed its doors in 1987 because of his seniority status and the ability to perform the work available.



As a member of Deliverance Evangelistic Church, he was actively involved in the prison, and hospital and nursing home ministries. He also worked as a security guard at the church until his retirement near the age of 70. The Lord led him to attend Impacting Your World Christian Center, where he continued to fellowship until he entered into the VA hospital on October 20, 2016 due to health issues.

During a period of convalescence at Cliveden Rehab and Nursing Home, just as before time, he continued to be light to all those that came in contact with him. While in the process of being prepared to participate in rehabilitation program during the recovery process, the Lord saw fit to have Joe make the peaceful transition from this world to everlasting eternal life during the early morning hours of January 19, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his wife Blanche, his brothers: Charles, David, William, Daniel, James, Samuel, and Walter Minor; his sister Julia (Sis) Minor Phillips and sister in laws: Eleanor Minor, Bertha Minor Grimes, and Catherine Blunt.

Joe leaves behind a daughter Carolyn, his good and dear friend Ida Dowell and family; James & wife Linda Blunt and family, Neil Blunt and his family, Thomas & wife Sarah Blunt and family, Hakim Aleem and family and Charles Orvin Minor, Sharon Minor, Dorothy (Potty) Minor and family, Catherine Denise Minor and family; along with the Washington, Phillips and Johnson families and a host of many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Joe wanted to be remembered as a good & loving husband to Blanche, a good & loving father to Carolyn and a good provider. He liked to play golf but later turned the love of golf as an opportunity to witness the word of God to his fellow players. He always put his family in the forefront of his priorities and Jesus did come first in his life. He also was known to keep in touch with his nieces, nephews and spiritual family, mostly by telephone and always available to give a listening ear to those who seek his spiritual wisdom and guidance in life's issues. Joe was known to quote many times that he wanted to do what's best to all concern.

Dad, you will be sorely missed, but we as a family, know that you are in a beautiful, peaceful and pleasant place for which no words can describe and after a long while longer, I will see you in heaven. Love you always, Carolyn.





THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding Official: Rev. Jerry Robinson

- Organ Prelude Dr. Rev. Connie Dorsey
- Selection Deliverance Voices of Inspiration - "Our God is an Awesome God"
- Scripture Reading
Old Testament - Psalm 92: Deacon Rayford Williams
New Testament - I Timothy 4:6-8 Deacon Eugene Veal
- Prayer of Comfort Minister Cleophus Hyman
- Selection Deliverance Voices of Inspiration - "I Surrender All"
- Words of Expression Pastor Ray Bernard
- Family Tributes/Remarks "LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES RESPECTFULLY"
- Special Presentation
- Cards/Resolutions Rev. Dr. Romona Hargust
- Selection Deliverance Voices of Inspiration - "On My Way to Heaven"
- Reading of Life Reflections Carolyn J. Minor, Daughter
- Selection Deliverance Voices of Inspiration - "Going Up Yonder"
- Message of Faith Rev. Alton Bostick
- Final Viewing/Closing of the Bier Claude J. Edney Funeral Home Staff
- Benediction

Interment - Mt. Lawn Cemetery, Sharon Hill, PA

Repast - Deliverance Evangelistic Church

Pallbearers

Charles Orvin Minor - Owen Thomas Blunt - Neil Blunt - Hakim Aleem

Honorary Pallbearers

James Blunt - Ian Blunt - Ilek Blunt





"I'm Free"

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.





"I Said A Prayer For You Today"

I said a prayer for you today and
know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart
although He spoke no word!
I didn't ask for wealth of fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind).
I asked Him to send treasures
of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you
at the start of each new day;
to grant your health and blessings
and friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you
in all things great and small.
But it was for His loving care
I prayed for the most of all!



Acknowledgements

The Family of Joseph Willis Minor, Sr. gratefully acknowledges all acts of kindness, love, words of comfort, and prayers extended during this time of sorrow. May God continue to richly bless you.



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