



Cato Battle

November 30, 1927 - May 17, 2016

Cato Moffiet Battle, 88, was born November 30, 1927 to Thomas Battle and Amanda Bradley Battle. He was called to rest on May 17, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers; Charles, Vernon, Frank and Robert Battle. He attended Catholic School in Portsmouth and graduated from I.C. Norcom High School in 1945 where he was the President of his class. He attended Virginia Union on a football scholarship for one year before serving in the U.S. Army for three years. When he saw Shirley, whom he didn't know, walking down the street, Cato told his friend that he was going to marry her. They were married on September 8, 1956 and they would have celebrated 60 years of marriage this year. From this union came his four beautiful daughters; Zelene, Rosalind, Shirley Yvette and Ezell.

After working at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for more than 25 years as a Pipefitter, he retired on March 9, 1981. Upon retiring from the Shipyard, he started a Lawn Care Service. Cato is a life-long member of Third Baptist Church, where he enjoyed singing in the choir and teaching Sunday School. On July 15, 2006, Cato was honored at the Bradley/Christian Family Reunion as our Family Historian. He was also recognized as a "Man of Honor" at the CANI Sister Circle Award Banquet. As his illness progressed, he became a patient at the Sentara Nursing Home on Greenwood Drive, Portsmouth, VA. During his stay at the nursing home, he was known as the "singing patient" and everyone loved to hear him sing. You could hear Mr. Battle singing as you

walked down the halls of Sentara. We, the family of Cato M. Battle extend a heartfelt thank you to the nursing staff of the Sentara Nursing Home and to the Churchland Sentara PACE. A "Special Thanks" to Dr. K. Robichaud, Dr. R. Bikorowki-EVMS, LPN R. Wallace, LPN W. Elias, Harriett McDaniel, Burnette, Alesha Ross, April Ward, TeLisa White, MJ Harris, Shakira and other staff members. Thank you for the care and dedication you gave to Mr. Cato Battle.

Cato M. Battle will never be forgotten by those who loved him. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Shirley D. Battle, four daughters; Zelene B. Bell (Wallace), Rosalind B. Jennings, Shirley B. Broom and Ezell L. Battle. Three granddaughters, Ayanna Broom, Fianna and Maya Bell and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family members and friends.

Cato Moffiet Battle is now singing in that "heavenly choir"! To God Be The Glory!!!

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Third Baptist Church
461 Godwin Street
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Cato Battle



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 22, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ My grandfather who I hadn't seen in a long time Rest In Peace

Frances Porter - August 13, 2018 at 02:33 PM

MT

“ To Rosalind and the Battle Family, I offer my condolences for your loss. Life is made of memories, and your family will forever have those joyful and laughter filled times that I know you experienced. Peace and God's Blessings to you Rosalind, to your siblings, and to your mother.
Love Miriam Thomas



Miriam Thomas - May 23, 2016 at 07:50 PM

YM

“ To the family of Mr Cato Battle:

I am truly sorry for your loss. Heaven's choir has gained a beautiful voice. Included in the memories I have of growing up in Third Baptist Church is hearing Mr Battle (under the leadership of Mr. Henry Branch) singing the lead to "Prayer Changes Things". To this day, that song pops into my head from time to time.

My family and I pray that you will be comforted by the Holy Spirit during this sad time.

*Sincerely,
Yvonne Myrick and family*

Yvonne Myrick - May 23, 2016 at 12:43 PM

MW

“ To the Battle Family

Sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Battle. I pray that God will comfort and strengthen you all during this time and for the days to come.

*Marion M. Moss- White
Suffolk, VA*

Marion M. White - May 23, 2016 at 06:54 AM

IT

“ Ibn & Amanda Taylor purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Cato Battle.



Ibn & Amanda Taylor - May 22, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 21, 2016 at 10:53 PM



Hey Vette sorry to hear about your Dads passing! I can still remember the stories about Cato & Shirley from work. Bird & Diana

John Watkins - May 23, 2016 at 05:58 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you, "our extended family"! Willie, Patsy, Leroy Jones, Sr. (Dad) and our entire family (Jones & Williams) want you to know that we are thankful to God for bringing us together (LaSalle Ave. & Deep Creek Blvd.) - those were the good ole days ! May God continue to keep you in His care !*

P. Williams - May 21, 2016 at 07:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Cato Battle.*



May 21, 2016 at 10:12 AM

PH

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the Battle Family. May God watch over and you are forever in my prayers.

Paula Hooks

Paula Hooks - May 21, 2016 at 01:36 AM



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“ Auspicious 38 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cato Battle.

Auspicious 38 - May 20, 2016 at 12:29 PM



JW

“ Soror Rosalind, I am sorry to hear about you dad's death. My sincere condolences to the family. I will keep you and your family in prayer.

Jackie Washington - May 19, 2016 at 11:17 PM



RH

“ Rhoda Harris lit a candle in memory of Cato Battle

Rhoda Harris - May 19, 2016 at 10:51 PM



DB

“ Sorry for your loss Sorors Zelene and Rosalind.



Delmarene Barnes - May 19, 2016 at 09:09 PM

MW

“ *"Come thou fount of every blessing..." God makes no mistakes and those who trust in the Lord shall dwell with Him forevermore. I thank God for longevity and I praise Him for His faithfulness. May God shower you all with comfort during this period of transition. Be encouraged and know that your caring efforts for Brother Cato shall not be in vain. He was truly blessed to have such a caring family tending to his needs until the end. So, "here's our heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above."*

With comfort and joy, even in the midst of sadness; remember God is still good.

(Deacon Michael Williams and Family)

Michael L Williams - May 17, 2016 at 12:04 PM