



## Joseph William Bracy, Jr.

October 9, 1950 - December 10, 2022

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, our family circle was broken once again when Joseph W. Bracy, Jr. a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend departed from our midst to receive his eternal reward.

Joseph Bracy, also known as “Dee Dee” was born to the late Joseph and Helen Bracy on October 9, 1950, in Portsmouth. He was raised in Douglas Park and Truxton. He was educated in the Portsmouth Public Schools and graduated from Cradock High School. After graduating from high school, Joseph joined the U. S. Marines. He was a proud marine and was always filled with pride when opportunities arose to share that he served his country. Joseph later worked for 15 years in Shop 17 as a Sheet Metal Mechanic at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and in Food Services for Portsmouth Public Schools for five years. He also enjoyed each summer when he had the opportunity to use his passion for cooking at the Boy Scout National Jamboree in Petersburg, VA.

Joseph accepted the Lord at an early age and renewed his relationship with God in the past few years. In his early life he was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Chesapeake, VA. Later in life he joined Noble St. Baptist Church, Portsmouth, VA where he was a faithful attendant despite his health. He rode his scooter each Sunday to catch the bus and sometimes he would just ride his scooter from downtown Portsmouth to and from church. He would

say “the bus is too slow”.

Joseph was a lover of life and really enjoyed it to the fullest. In high school he ran track, started a band and was remembered for his James Brown impressions. He was a member of the Mark IV Club and a former Mason with the Truxton Doric Ionic Lodge #91. He enjoyed cooking for family, friends, neighbors, and strangers. He is the energy behind the Food Bank Ministry blossoming in his apartment complex. It started with his sister bringing him food each month and increased to 50 people in two different senior citizen apartments.

Joseph was preceded in death by his loving parents Joseph “Candyman” and Helen Bracy.

His infectious laugh, generous spirit, and love for seeing others happy, especially when he cooked for them, will be missed.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his spouse, Denise Bracy, three children from previous unions, Tonda Wilkerson (Don), and LaShawn “Pumpkin” Bracy, and Joseph W. Bracy, III from his marriage to Paulette Bracy. He had five siblings, Irvin Bracey, Sr. (Cora Lee), Catherine Bracy, Lewis Bracy (Debbie), Orlena Lewis, (Jasper), and Anita Bracy, five grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
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## Service

DEC 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph William Bracy, Jr.



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - December 22, 2022 at 07:57 PM

SG

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Continue to stay strong in the Lord.*

*From: J. Milton and Sharon E. Goodman*

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**Sharon E. Goodman** - December 23, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Joseph William Bracy, Jr.

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - December 20, 2022 at 01:09 PM

CH

“ Columbus H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Joseph William Bracy, Jr..



Columbus H. - December 24, 2022 at 06:23 PM

TC

“ It is of a Sadness to hear of the passing of Joe. Joe was an outstanding gentleman to have known and worked with during my career at NNSY and Shop 17... Prayers for the families... Tracy Cox, Shop -17,W/L

Tracy Cox - December 20, 2022 at 08:48 PM

RO

“ Sending my condolences and prayers.. from ATL Robbie and the boys



Robbie - December 20, 2022 at 12:52 PM

RV

“ We are friends with Lewis and saddened to hear of the loss of his brother Joseph. We would like to extend our condolences and offer our prayers to the family and friends.



Ralph Veney - December 20, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph William Bracy, Jr..*



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December 20, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *I didn't know Joe Jr but I did work with his father "Candyman" in bldg 276. The years were 1974/1975. His dad always had a cigar in his mouth. Reading this obituary and the tributes Joe Jr was a chip off the old block. Wishing comfort to the family knowing the Lord has a plan for Joe.*

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**Bob Pierce** - December 19, 2022 at 10:44 PM



“ *I met Joe at Cradock High School, we were classmates and shared some classes together. Later, I ran into Joe at the shipyard, we worked several submarine overhauls together. Joe's personality was infectious, he could be funny and serious at the same time, that's what I remember most about him, and he would always tell you the truth. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, please accept my heartfelt condolences to the family. RIP my friend, you will be missed*

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**Ronnie Antonucci** - December 19, 2022 at 05:41 PM



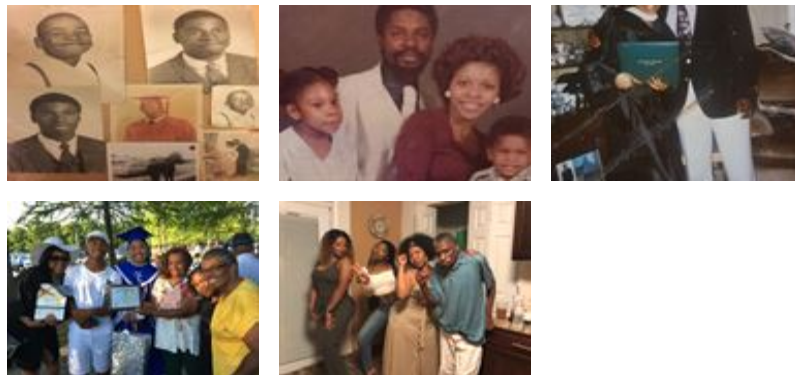
“ *I offer sincerest condolences to the bracy family and friends in the loss of your loved one on behalf of me and Shelia. Hang on to all good memories.*

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**Raymond Coleman** - December 19, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - December 18, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Joseph William Bracy, Jr.*



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December 17, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Joseph William Bracy, Jr.*



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December 16, 2022 at 09:04 AM

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“ *Mr. Bracey was such an inspiration to those of us at Noble Street Baptist Church. Despite his health condition, he pressed his way to give God honor and praise and testified to God's goodness. He was always kind and was a blessing to have him as part of our fellowship.* Audrey Mitchell

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**Audrey mae Mitchell** - December 15, 2022 at 01:13 PM

RH

*Travel Well, Brother Bracy!  
You will be remembered as a worshipper! I'm Grateful our paths crossed and our collective Hallelujahs permeated Noble Street's Sanctuary and the halls of heaven!!*

*Rev. Reva Holt*

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**Reva Holt** - December 16, 2022 at 08:22 AM

LH

*RIP Joe Bracy.  
Condolences to all Family Members and Friends.  
Brothers- in- Law always.*

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**Larry B. Holland** - December 17, 2022 at 02:21 PM

RA

*I met Joe when we were classmates at Cradock High School, and then we worked together in the mid-eighties on a couple of projects at NNSY. Joe's personality was infectious, he could be funny and serious at the same time.  
I haven't seen him since the lat eighties, but will always remember him as a great friend. To his family, please accept my heartfelt condolences, RIP Joe  
Ronnie Antonucci*

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**Ronnie Antonucci** - December 18, 2022 at 08:47 AM