



"I AM FREE"

Don't grieve for me now, for "I AM FREE"
 I am following the path, God lead for me.
 I took hold of his hand, when I heard him call;
 I turned my back and left it all.
 I'm sorry that couldn't stay another day.
 To laugh to love, to work or play.
 But I found my peace at the close of the day.
 If my parting has left a void in your heart,
 then fill it with remembered joy and all the fun
 part.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 As yes, these things I too shall miss.
 Be not burdened with all kinds of sorrow,
 think happy thoughts of sunshine
 for all of your tomorrows.
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
 But don't lengthen it now with undo grief.
 Lift up your heart and please set me free
 Cause God wants me now,

**"WELL I GUESS I'LL GET READY
 TO GO FIND THAT
 PERFECT FISHING HOLE"**



"BABE"

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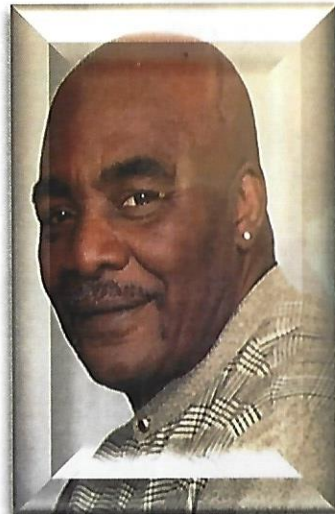
The Family Thanks each and everyone of you for your warm embraces of love, handshakes of understanding, the words of comfort and concern, the errands run, and the chores performed, the cards, the telephone calls, the gifts of money, the prayers uttered, for your presence, many things unseen and unheard, but definitely felt.

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**Celebration of life
 for
 "William Boyd Selmon"**



"Babe"

Sunrise
 June 1, 1941

Sunset
 April 13, 2021

"Military Honors"

Friday, April 23, 2021
 1:30 pm

Thomas Funeral Home
 4520 Salem Ave.
 Trotwood, Ohio 45416

Officiating
 Pastor, Leiland Woods
 (Babe's Nephew)

Eulogy
 Elder, Alonzo J. Lattimore Jr.

Celebration of life for

William Boyd Selmon "Babe", age 79, of Dayton, passed away on April 13, 2021. On 1 June 1941, "Babe" was born to Louise Hendrix and John Will Pirtle in Bolivar, Tennessee. At a fairly early age, Babe had moved up north and later joined the US Navy where he served 20 years. Throughout the many years that Babe was blessed to be a part of the many lives he touched, he has quite often been described as anyone of the following: a father; a brother; a hard working man; a leader; a teacher; a good friend; a son; a protector; a be-paw; everybody's uncle; a dependable man; a man of his word; a family man; a card player no a "GREAT ONE"; a military veteran; my sailor; a step-father; a paw-paw; a fisherman; an n-law; not just an uncle, but a "GREAT ONE"; a hero; a quiet man; a provider; a man who knew no strangers; he was a man's man; the kind of man who literally would leave a good & lasting impression on you as to the type of person he was; he didn't mix his words, he said what he said and he meant what he meant; a gentle giant (To all the little people).

Clearly we could go on and on about who Babe was or what he may have meant to you, but whatever your relationship, whatever your memories hold them all true and near to your heart now because that's all we have left. His road just like many of the rest of us has not been easy, in fact there were times when it's been quite difficult. But as he continued to live, he also learned how to adapt to any and or all of his adversity's and he kept pushing and he kept fighting. He would often say "Well It must not be my time yet, I guess I'll live to fight another day. But I'll gladly go when GOD calls me home". At the end of the day, as you sit back and review some of his memories and watch the picture video, the fact of the matter is "Babe" actually lived a pretty good life and he really enjoyed every minute of it. Unless of course he was sick, he always had a smile on his face and always remained a humble man.

William B. Selmon "BABE", is preceded in death by both of his parents Louise "Mama Louise" Hendrix and John Will Pirtle; 21 of his blended family siblings 12 brothers John; Hosea; Thomas - "T.H."; Ermon - "Frog"; James; Charles - "Ray" and Leroy Selmon - Selmer, Joe; John; Willie B; John A.; and James Pirtle; 9 sisters, Lucille; Fannie; Annie and Thelma - "Peggy"; Lue Ella; Willie Mae; Bernice; Rosetta and Helen and his forever daughters, Dorothea Christian and Maria N. Searcy.

"Babe" leaves to cherish his memories his wife Carol D. Selmon; 3 daughters; Carolyn (Elton) Lott and Sophia Renay both from Texas.; Kim (David) Lawrence from here; four sons; Shawn (Sandy) Trammell from Michigan; William (Angie) Selmon from here; Kevin and Stephen (Glafira) Selmon both from Pa.; 5 forever children, 2 sons Nathaniel C. Cole from Columbus, Oh.; and Daniel Christian III from here; 3 daughters Sharon Anderson from Texas; Izette (Ray) Fullwood; Gail Christian and Patricia (John) Brazelton all from here. 3 Sisters, Gruteil Bills from here; Annie B. Pirtle from NY. and Viola Coates from In... Sister-in-law's Bobi and Tracie; Brother-in-law Tony; Special nieces and nephews Lajuana; Tasha; Chaser; Terry; Emma Jean (Jimmy Lee); Walt; Rashawn; Lil Johnny; Showboat and his fishing buddies "Forrest & Jimmy".

Babe was blessed with 39 Blended Grandchildren; Lakia, Nique, Davishay, Kimea, A.J., Sarai; Angelina; Raven; Taylor; Preston; McKenzie; Shawn; Little Billy, B.J., Chene', Cornelius; James; Marren; Alexander; Robert; Jermale; Tonisha; Asia; Delisa; Dyvese; Darren; Dashawn; Patrice; Daniel; Little Danny; Anesa; Dallas; Carlton; Chantell; Rhea; Adrienne; Lisa; Tony and Delven, and 18 Blended Great-Grandchildren; Myla Rayne; Camdyn; Sherall; Mikey; Solane; Damarren; Shamar; Jala; Ada; Anthony; R.J.; Tashawn; Dashawn; Trey; Dajai; Ryker; Rileigh; Alex and a host of other nieces, nephews and cousins who are near and dear to his heart. Oh we absolutely can't forget his very best friend his dog "Sir Scottie Selmon".

As John Wayne would say in one of his movies

"You Fit a good fight"

Order of Celebration

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
Prayer of Comfort.....Pulpit
Scripture Reading.....Pulpit
Old & New Testament.....Pulpit
Selection.....Lorene Mathews (Babe's Niece)
Words of Reflections.....(Two Minutes Please)
Obituary Reading.....(To be Read silently)
Eulogy..... Elder, Alonzo J. Lattimore Jr.

Military Honors Presentation.....Navy Honor Guard
Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
Flower Bearers.....Family & Friends

*Repast for the family
 & friends to be announced*

"To Our Hero Uncle Babe"

He came into our life. He held us in his arms. He held us safe so no one could harm. He taught us values; lessons in life we would learn. He taught us respect. We gave him love in return. You always been in our life through thick and thin, and now our lonely journey without you will begin. For you were our hero forever and a day. You will always remain that hero till we meet you again someday. We will embrace you in our arms and hold you tight. We will stand by your side and you will never leave our sight. We miss you so much. The pain do not ease we pray that you are happy and Finally at Peace.

"Love"
Tosha & LaJuana"

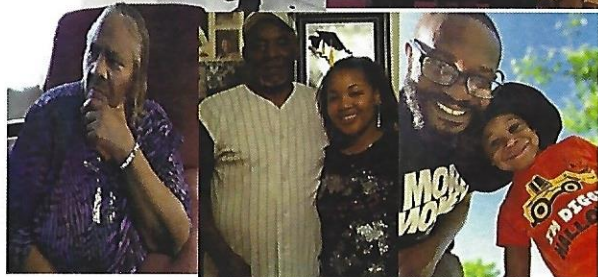
MEMORIES WITH BABE...



DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN THESE WERE TAKEN?.....



Sleep on "BABE" and
take your rest, we
love you, but GOD
Love's you Best...
"From your Big Sister"
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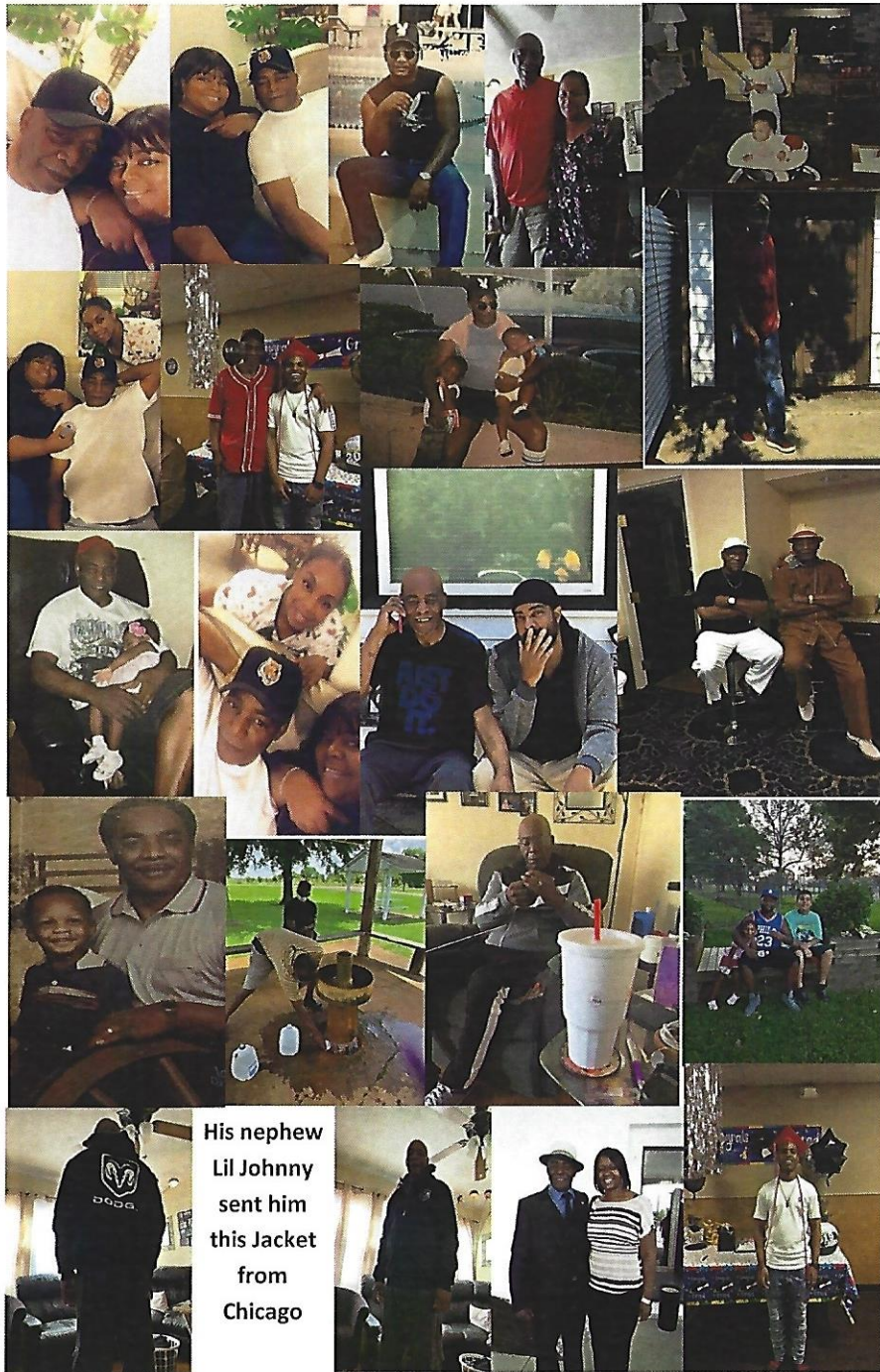


DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?.....



<--- Ummm
Sooo ya'll might
wanna ask Carrie
about this pic,
cause Uncle Babe
is gone & I Plead
the 5th :)

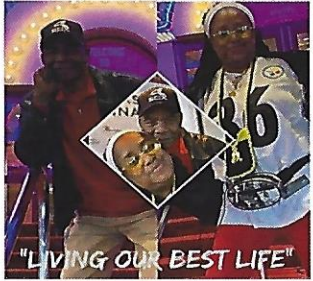
DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?.....



A few may have come & gone, but they're still memories just the same?....



THROUGH THE YEARS, BABE WAS.....



Finally able to retire and "Live His Best Life", which included traveling; fishing & we've done a whole lot of that; casino trips; bingo halls; quick family road trips; sitting at home with the dog Sir Scottie attached to his feet, watching nothing but "Westerns" Alllll Daaayy Lonngg.... you name it if



he wanted to do it he was able to, he got so excited when he saw a pair of shoes on line that he liked. And I told him if you like them just order them Babe.



TRUST ME, He was definitely having a ball. Here recently in the past few months he would randomly say "I'm just thankful to be at a place in my life where I really don't need or have a want for anything".

