James Clifton Randolph(1932 - 2017)

James Clifton Randolph passed away July 11th, 2017 at the home of his son, David. He was born June 12, 1932 in Black Horse, Plymouth Township, the son of the late Straker and Bernice (Tilley) Randolph. Jim was raised and educated in Norristown. He was a graduate of Norristown High School, where he was a 3-letter recipient in football, baseball, and basketball. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Norristown High School for all three sports and the Montgomery County Hall of Fame for coaching baseball. Jim graduated from Shaw University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education; then received his Master's Degree in Education from West Chester University. In the early 50's Jim began a career in the Minor Leagues for the St. Louis Browns, which eventually was bought by the Baltimore Orioles. In 1955, he was drafted to the United States Navy and served until 1957. Jim was employed at the Devereaux School in Malvern, and The Pathway School in Norristown. He worked for many years at Montgomery County Community College as a Professor of Physical Education, Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach before retiring. Jim was a lifelong member of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, where he served on the Steward Board. Jim met and married the late Marolyn (Huntley), and they started a family together. Jim was a member of the Montco Lions Club, Pro Duffers Golf Club, and Del Val Golf Club, and served as President of the East Coast Classic Golf Club. Jim was a member of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association, and mentored many young men over the years. Jim leaves to cherish precious memories, his son, David (Connie) Arthur Randolph; grandchildren, David, Jr. and Morgan Randolph; sister, Pearl Gray; brother/nephew Walter (Kay) Butler; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his wife Marolyn; and siblings, Jenny Johnson, Sarah Smith, Maggie Pendelton, and Straker Randolph, Jr. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services Saturday, July 22nd 9:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, 1312 Willow Street, Norristown. A viewing will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the church. There will also be a viewing on Friday, July 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will be in Whitemarsh Memorial Park, Prospectville, PA. www.richardjohnsonfuneralhome.com

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