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## Bereavement Announcement Mr. Joseph Henry Daly, Sr.

June 6, 1924 - December 2, 2016

On December 2, 2016 Mr. Joseph Henry Daly, Sr. peacefully passed in Gainesville, Virginia. Mr. Joseph H. Dailey is the son of Henry and Suzanne Daly who immigrated to the United States from Montserrat, British West Indies. The second of the Daly's four children, Joseph was born in Harlem, New York on June 6, 1924. At a very young age, Joseph used his entrepreneurial drive to establish flower, fruit and vegetable stands around Harlem to help support his family during the Great Depression.

On August 12, 1943, at the age of 19, he was drafted into the United States Marine Corps. Along with other young African American men, Joseph was sent to basic training at Montford Point, South Carolina. He successfully completed basic training on March 19, 1944 and was deployed with the 1st Armored Division aboard the USS Afoundria to Guam, Marianas Islands. During his deployment he was engaged in the dangerous task of transporting ammunitions to troops.

On February 18, 1946, after serving his tour in Guam, Joseph was honorably discharged from the Marines. Amongst his military papers is correspondence from his Commander to all personnel advising that "Guam played an important role as an advance base in all operations which brought about the crushing defeat of the Japanese. This great base was developed with the unparalleled speed through the determination, initiative, energy, and cooperation of all personnel stationed on Guam".

Joseph returned home to New York City and married Ms. Lois Johnson. They had two sons: Joseph and Conrad (deceased). Joseph worked for the Washburn Wire Company for 25 years, and after its closure, worked for the New York Board of Education as a maintenance technician where he retired after 10 years. In 2011, he moved to El Paso, Texas with his son Joseph and daughter-in-law Michele, and his granddaughters Dominique and Chelsea. After a year in Texas, he moved with the family to Gainesville, Virginia.

Mr. Daly is survived by his son Joseph, daughter-in-law Michele, his granddaughters Dominique and Chelsea, niece Carole and her husband Douglas Anderson, niece Wanda Fields, great niece Lisa Anderson and her son Jaeden Rollins, nephews Ralph Hudgins, Dalice Reed, Steven Kidd and Michael Jenkins; and a host of other family and friends.

The memorial service for Joseph Henry Daly, Sr., who transitioned on December 2, 2016, will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017, in the Old Post Chapel at Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m. (Please arrive at least 45 minutes prior to service). Inurnment with military honors will immediately follow at Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium. Repast will be held at Hilton Garden Inn, Salon One, 2020 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Condolences may be sent to 15808 Kensington Palace Court, Gainesville, Virginia 20155. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. (NMPMA). Please make checks or money orders payable to NMPMA Inc. Reference: Joseph H. Daly, Sr. in the memo line. Mail to NMPMA, Inc, P. O. Box 711, Quantico VA 22134.

