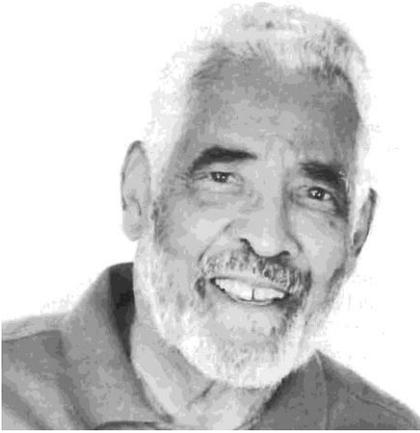


OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Milton L. Shirdan

July 23, 1925-September 13, 2014



Milton Lemuel Shirdan was born on July 23, 1925 in Montgomery, Alabama. He was the youngest of three children born to Benjamin F. Shirdan and Naomi Crawley Shirdan. His parents, sister, Lucy Mae Stringer, and brother, William "B" Shirdan, preceded him in death.

Milton came to know The Lord at an early age as a member of Old Ship A.M.E. Zion Church in Montgomery. He graduated from Alabama State Teacher's College, Laboratory High School before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. He served during World War II from October 1943-1946. Milton was among the first African American Marines to receive their basic training at Montford Point, a segregated facility at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. While home on a leave from Camp Lejeune, Milton met the love of his life, Althris Warren, who was attending Alabama State College. They married in August of 1949 and moved to Philadelphia for Milton to attend Pioneer Business Institute. While in Philadelphia, they formed lasting friendships, embraced their community and decided to call it home.

Milton began his long career in finance as one of the youngest managers at Supreme Life Insurance Company. Later, along with two friends, he began Carver Loan and Investment Company in 1959, the first of its kind in Philadelphia. Carver's mission was to educate and assist the community in matters of investments, real estate, and finance. Milton spent much of his early career in finance and ultimately retired from the State of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare as a Social Worker.

Milton and Althris retired to Montgomery in 2000 where they joined the Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church which Althris attended as a child.

They returned to Philadelphia in 2011 to spend more time with their children and grandchildren. Milton was a faithful member of North Philadelphia Seventh Day Adventist Church, active in the Kroc Center Golden Gems, and the Philadelphia Chapter of the Montford Point Marines. In June 2012, Milton and his fellow Montford Point Marines traveled to the nation's capital to receive the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor which he cherished and wore with pride.

The fond memories of Milton are countless. He made the little things count, every day a holiday and every family gathering a celebration! His family was his joy, and he theirs. Milton was his family's biggest cheerleader and greatest supporter. The admiration that his family and friends had for him, filled his world and fueled his soul. It's been said by many that Milton had that special "something" and those who had the pleasure of being in his presence soon knew it too! We celebrate the life of Milton Lemuel Shirdan, the love he so selflessly gave, his kind spirit and his rich and ebullient legacy. He lived a "good life", rich in the things that matter most--family, friends, faith, love, respect, and joy. He lived and shined each day as if he were the happiest man on the planet.

Milton leaves to cherish his abundant legacy, his wife of 65 years- Dr. Althris Warren Shirdan; his children William B. Shirdan II (Karen); Milton L. Shirdan II; the Honorable Lisette Shirdan-Harris (Ray); Babette Shirdan- Knox (Clyde) & T. Andre Shirdan (Rona); a dearly loved sister-in-law, Juliaette Warren Phillips and her three children, Eugene, Lorin, and Harper, who looked to Uncle Milton as a father; a brother-in-law, William H. Warren; sister-in-law, Karen Warren; 13 grand-children; 19 great- grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews who meant the world to him, and many other special relatives & friends. His son, Phillip Dwain Shirdan, preceded him in death.

On September 13, 2014, he was surrounded by those he loved most, his family, when he peacefully began his rest in the Lord