

Obituary

Our Dad, James Brewer, 84, peacefully passed away at home with family members at his side on Saturday, January 12, 2013.

Born July 25, 1928, in Louisville, KY, he learned the lesson of hard work early on. At 11 years old he had his first job to help his family. He was a member of Miles Memorial CME Church and graduated from Central High School in 1946. Eager to continue to assist his family while his sister, Ann, attended college he enlisted in the USMC on a dare from a family member who did not think he could "cut it." Needless to say, he was proud to serve his country during the Korean and Vietnam wars and retired after 26 years of service in 1972 with the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant. James was blessed to have his beautiful bride by his side for 51 years until Pearl's passing in 2011. Together they were proud parents of the four sons whom they reared. He found time to secure a degree in Business from Barstow College and enjoyed a second career at the MCLB retiring for good in 1996. James continued to be active in community service as a member of the NAACP and the Marine Corps League. In 2012, James was presented a Congressional Gold Medal for his service as a Montfort Point Marine. James traveled to all continents of our world except one and cruised the seas. He cherished his friendships, enjoyed the fellowship of his church, watching live sports, entertaining friends, BBQ cooking, golf, the movies, sleeping in on Saturdays, always being on time, Sunday phone calls with his sister and desserts, especially when it had nuts. He always made his family his first priority. You understood that you could never come or leave without a hug and a kiss. He was dedicated to the Lord and had faith in Jesus Christ. Dad would tell you he was grateful and blessed to have had the life he experienced here on earth.

Preceded in death by his parents, William and Mary Frances Brewer, and his wife, Pearl. He is survived by his sister, Ann Black, sister-in-law Dottie Newell and family. His sons are Corny, Carlos and wife Christine, James, Jr. and wife Karen, Jonathan and wife AnnaLisa, and daughter-in-law, Cheryn Brewer. His grandchildren include Varee, Andrew and wife Kristen, Christian, Brittany, Kelsey and Lynsey. Also Great Grandson, Antonio James, Nieces and nephews, Wellyn and Charles Collins, Donanne Fitzgerald, Jamesetta and Levie Ferguson, great nephew and nieces, Carlos and L'Tanya Collins, Andre Collins, Dominick Fitzgerald, Guante Ferguson and Auyuana and Dion Lee.