



Virgil Loraine Burton Jr.

September 15, 1933 - April 30, 2018

Virgil L. Burton, Jr., 84, of Detroit, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 30, 2018 with his family by his side. Virgil was born on September 15, 1933 to Virgil Burton Sr. and Hazel (Smith) Burton. Virgil is survived by his wife of 50 years, Earnestine Williams Burton; his three children: Kimberly (Brian) Burton-Weisman, Valarie (John) Ashby, and Virgil L. (Kim) Burton III; his five grandchildren: Caleb Ashby, Caitlin Ashby, Jonah Ashby, Aria Burton-Weisman, and Kelsey Burton-Weisman; his sister Rosemary Clemmons; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Dorothea, Leonard, Norman, and Gerald. Virgil worked for the Veteran's Administration in downtown Detroit for more than 30 years; he was proud to help veterans receive their benefits. He enjoyed playing chess (humbly stating that he once beat a guy who beat Bobby Fisher in a chess tournament); watching the Detroit Tigers, Lions, Pistons, and the Michigan Wolverines; and reading, particularly the daily sports section and books on psychic phenomena. Virgil also loved to be quietly in the presence of his family, even if they were being loud around him. Virgil departed from this life at Arbor Hospice in Saline, MI, and arrangements were handled by Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. A private family memorial service and a celebration of his life are planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Arbor Hospice (www.arborhospice.org/donate/) to help others would be appreciated. For more information, please visit www.rbfsalineline.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil Loraine Burton Jr.*

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