



Reginald Bouknight

March 15, 1959 - July 26, 2021

The Song of Reginald Bouknight

Reginald “Reggie” Bouknight departed this life on Monday, July 26, 2021. He was the 9th child of late Superintendent Richard A. Bouknight and Mother Rosetta Bouknight, born on March 15, 1959 in Washington, DC. Reggie attended the public schools of Washington, DC, graduating from H.D. Woodson High School and obtaining his Bachelor of Music from The Catholic University of America in 1982.

At an early age, he professed his faith in Jesus Christ and got his first taste of singing at Second Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ where his father was the pastor. He was a background singer with his 10 brothers' and sisters' a cappella group -- The Bouknight Specials. His father once said, "I told my wife that Reggie was going to be a singer from the 'git go." "He had one of the main voices in the group." "I felt confident he would get what he wanted out of it." When he was little, he used to listen to classical music to relax. When he heard a performance of Leontyne Price and Luciano Pavarotti he thought to himself, "I would love to participate in music to that capacity." Before pursuing his music career at Catholic University, he sang with the H.D. Woodson Male Chorus, under the direction of Samuel Bonds.

Reggie worked as a tractor trailer driver with the Hecht Company and Liberty

Transportation. After 10 years of driving an 18-wheeler, he quit his job to sing full time in Washington DC, Baltimore and New York. Later he resumed work as a tractor trailer driver with the Sysco Company and Kenan Advantage Group.

Reggie met his wife Rhonda Lathon while singing in a production of Scott Joplin's "Treemonisha" under the direction of Nevilla Ottley of the Ottley Singers. They were married in 2004 and have been together for 16 years. They have two sons Ryland Holmes III and Nicholas Appel.

Reggie performed throughout the United States and Europe. He attended the Tanglewood Music Center where he studied with Phillis Curtin and his artistic talent afforded him the opportunity to appear as soloist in performances of "Carmina Burana" and "Serenade to Music" at the John F. Kennedy Center of The Performing Arts. Making his operatic debut as "Mingo" with the Orlando Opera Company in 1983 began his extensive career in the world of music. He also performed with the Baltimore Opera, Metropolitan Opera (New York City), Opera International, Prince Gorge Opera, In Series, critically acclaimed role as "Idomeneo" and with the Vienna Light Opera. He appeared with Jessye Norman and Kathleen Battle in "An Evening of Negro Spirituals, conducted by James Levine and broadcast on PBS. Reggie was given the honor to sing for the celebration of life service for the late Honorable Judge Carl H. Multrie at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C. He sang a series of recitals in the Czech Republic during their South Bohemian Music Festival and was a guest artist at the Prague Castle. Reggie was a returning artist at the Embassy of the Czech Republic. He was a guest artist performing in the George Shirley and Friends concert at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Gildenhorn Recital Hall, University of Maryland, College Park. He performed at the Library of Congress, celebrating Antonine Dvorak in America, the musical influence of the Native American Rhythms and the African American Negro Spiritual, appeared as soloist with the Island

Chamber Singers during their spring concert of Puccini's "Messa di Gloria" in Jacksonville, FL. Reggie performed with "Life Pieces to Master Pieces" a charitable organization educating, mentoring and developing Washington, DC inner city young men to become positive contributors to society. Reggie has performed at many churches in the metropolitan area, the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ, St Mary's Episcopal Church, All Souls Unitarian Church, Northeastern and others. He also performed at the Schiller Institute in NYC.

Reggie was a faithful member of the Capitol Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church located in Washington DC, where he served as a Deacon and Director of the CHC Male Chorus. He also sang with the CHC Chorale under the direction of Dr. Laddie Bell. In his spare time, Reggie loved to work on cars, collect coins, and listen to all genres of music. He loved all types of sports, especially basketball and football. He was a Dallas Cowboy and North Carolina Tar Heels fan, where his son Nick played on the team. Reggie loved to travel with his wife and has been to Greece, Italy, Barcelona, The Vatican, Turkey, France, Aruba, Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Saint Lucia, Saint Martin, Saint Thomas, Bahamas and others. He loved to help others and was a bone marrow donor (American Red Cross), worked with the homeless (CHC Acts of Kindness), and assisted his family, friends, neighbors .and others when they were in need.

His beautiful life will forever be cherished in the life of his wife: Rhonda; his sons; Nicholas Appel & Ryland Holmes; his siblings; Evelyn Jones (Michael), Kimus Bouknight (Lisa), Lorraine Bouknight, Debra Walston, Carlston Bouknight (Gloria), Vernon Bouknight and Michelle Bouknight-Quick and host of relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Family Hour

AUG 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Laurel
7601 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, MD 20707
(301) 490-1550
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Public Visitation

AUG 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ
6200 Riverdale Rd
Riverdale, MD 20737

Funeral Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ
6200 Riverdale Rd
Riverdale, MD 20737

Tribute Wall



“ *Live stream: <https://bit.ly/RBouknightLiveStream>
Click the link at 10am to select the live stream of the service of our loved one.*



March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel - August 05, 2021 at 11:32 AM

JJ

“ To the family and friends of Reginald Bouknight,

I had the distinct privilege of coaching Reggie in basketball when he was in Junior High School. He played on the neighborhood CYO team at Holy Name in his Ivy City/ Trinidad neighborhood. Reggie not only possessed great basketball skills but also was a team leader. The team won improved from only three victories (in his first year) to 29 wins ..and league runner up his second and final season. I was proud of his athletic and academic achievements. But I was never surprised than when Reggie invited me to attend his Senior Choral Concert at the John F Kennedy Center for the Performance Arts (his Senior year at Catholic University) where he was featured as a solo performer. He was simply phenomenal and I could not have been prouder of any young man I have ever coached (or known).

Reggie was a true Renaissance man. . Always did whatever he embraced as well as anyone could possibly imagine . He made me a better coach and mentor. And he made those who ever met (or worked with him) better people. His family raised him the “ old fashioned way”...and we all benefited. May God grant him eternal life...

John Jennings

John Jennings - August 06, 2021 at 02:32 PM

WH

“ Willie H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Reginald Bouknight.



Willie H. - August 06, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Reginald Bouknight.



August 05, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ To: Bouknight's Family, The Lathons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Reginald Bouknight.



To: Bouknight's Family, The Lathons - August 05, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reginald Bouknight.



August 05, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ Schiller Institute NYC Chorus purchased the Fair est of All for the family of Reginald Bouknight.



Schiller Institute NYC Chorus - August 05, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Reginald Bouknight.*



August 04, 2021 at 11:39 PM



“ *Rest In Peace, Reggie.*

John Banks - August 04, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *We send our deepest condolences to all of Reggie's family. We knew him best from his wonderful singing at our many Schiller Institute events in Virginia and NYC, starting in 1995, but we experienced the real beauty of his character when, after a rehearsal and dinner, he chose to spend time, share some stories, a song, and jokes with friends in Leesburg, who couldn't participate otherwise because of dialysis. Reggie made the world a better place. He will be greatly missed, but not forgotten.*

Bob and Susan - August 04, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reginald Bouknight.*



August 04, 2021 at 01:05 PM

CL

“ Heartfelt condolences on the loss of Reggie. To the entire family we share in your grief and will continue to keep everyone lifted in prayer. We wanted to share in person at his homegoing service but due to the times and circumstances we could not. We love and miss you all. Bountiful blessings.

Cousin: Cynthia Lindsay-Seabrook and family

Cynthia Lindsay-Seabrook - August 04, 2021 at 11:21 AM

LG

“ My condolences to the Bouknight family. My name is Lynne' Gray and I first met Reggie at Catholic University where we were both music students. It was always an honor for me to be one of his accompanists for his performances. What a beautiful voice and Spirit he had in sharing the gifts given to him by the Lord. May the angels continue to lead him into paradise and may he continue to sing with God's angelic choir.

Lynne Gray - August 03, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Reggie. His melodious voice, silenced too soon, will be missed. Praying that God will comfort his family and give you His peace. May the Blessed Hope in which Reggie believed, give you courage until the Grand Reunion.

Heather L Griffin

Heather Griffin - August 02, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Reginald Bouknight.*



August 01, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ *Dear Rhonda and Family,*

You have our deepest sympathies and we are praying for you'll. We will miss his loving spirit and the beautiful music he shared with the world!

*Our hearts are broken,
Henrietta Lathon*

Henri Lathon - August 01, 2021 at 05:35 AM



“ *Condolences to the Boucknight family in the loss of your love one.*

The Floyd families of Massachusetts

Evelyn Floyd - July 31, 2021 at 03:12 PM

MG

“ To the family of Reggie, my sincerest condolences. I knew Reggie through his participation with the Schiller Institute NYC Chorus, and I was blessed to hear him sing, and even to accompany him on the piano a few times. Reggie was indeed a wonderful man, with a beautiful soul, which came through in his singing, and also in his loving manner. I will miss him very much. He will always hold a special place in my heart.

Margaret Greenspan

Margaret Greenspan - July 30, 2021 at 05:37 PM

JL

“ Reggie came to Amelia Island four different times to sing for Arts Alive Nassau and the Island Chamber Singers. He was such a beautiful, gentle man with a most incredible voice. I can't believe he's really gone.

Jane Lindberg

Jane Lindberg - July 30, 2021 at 05:28 PM

EP

“ My name is Ed Vigil, I worked with Reggy and his dad at Hechts driving trucks. I'm sooo sorry for your loss. Reggy was a good friend of mine. Would talk to me about the Bible and I would listen. I attended his church a few times. We had good times and laughed a lot. They all knew me as poncho. He will be missed!! We love you in heaven Reggy!! You are a good friend and a good man!!

Ed vigil aka poncho - July 30, 2021 at 04:35 PM

ET

“ To Rhonda, Nick and Ryland, Reggie we have been friends since the fall of 1975. I have known you to be a calm, steady, and wise young man. We have sang together, broke bread together, we were members of Lamda Phi Beta together. I will always remember your bright smile and caring way of your family and friends. Sleep on Brother you have certainly earned you rest. You will always in my heart.

Eugene Thomas - July 30, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reginald Bouknight.



July 30, 2021 at 04:20 PM