



## Reginald Pinder Sr.

May 31, 1950 - May 17, 2021

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Wednesday, May 31, 1950, was a beautiful 79 degrees spring day in the City of Baltimore. It was also the day that Reginald Alonzo Pinder entered this world and began his life's journey. Nearly seventy-one years later during the afternoon of Monday, May 17, 2021, and after a short illness, God called Reginald home to Glory.

A Time to Nurture....

Reginald was the eldest son of the late Emma Pinder Barnes and Alfonso Barnes. Raised in a loving home, Reginald was also blessed with the opportunity to be reared and influenced by his loving grandparents, the late Elenora and Robert Cole. This close-knit family instilled the values that remained at the forefront of his life. Their strong work ethic, sense of family tradition, and his grandmother's culinary skills provided a direction for Reginald and his brothers...the late Melvin Conway, and the late Timothy

Barnes. Reginald was nurtured by his grandmother who always instilled the importance of family and church. Her home on Mulberry Street was filled with love. Gillis Memorial was the family's church and where he learned about the goodness of the Lord. As a teen, Reginald was involved with several youth groups at Wayland Baptist and Heritage United Church.

Reginald matriculated through Baltimore's Public School System. His time at City College (Class of 1968), was a rite of passage for him. The friendships he developed there became a lasting part of his life. As adults, they called themselves "The Banditos" – Stanley Lawrence, Champ Gatewood, Kenny Lewis, Perry Winchester, John Lunn, John Gorham, Pango Freeland, and Mike Smith. Personally for Reginald, this band of brothers later expanded to include Errol Taylor, Robert Mack, Darryl Geigher and Rudy Jackson.

During the late 60's Reginald attended Morgan State College, worked full time at Western Electric, got married and divorced and celebrated the birth of his son, Reginald Pinder, Jr.

A Time to Grow.....

During the 1970's Reginald came into his own. A tall, handsome man with an unforgettable swag, he turned heads whenever he entered a room. Reginald was always an avid reader with an impressive command of the English language. He loved the arts, theatre, concerts, and music. He loved all genres of music and even became a disc jockey as a hobby. Reginald's playlist was always in demand and decades later he still composed music for his friends.

In the late 70's Reginald met the love of his life, Sharon Roberson. He loved her unique style, creativity, and shared values. They loved traveling and dancing together. Reginald always remarked about Sharon's special projects. He marveled and complained as to how he got sucked into it. For example, when Sharon started a modeling group, and he became the DJ. She was also

a part of the a dance troupe and he helped in the set up performances and music selections. Throughout their courtship, they were a united family of three.

#### A Time To Flourish....

During the late 70s, Reginald attended Antioch College. As a student, Reginald excelled and impressed one of his college professors. As such, the professor asked him to consider a career in public service. This offer led to his decision to join the State of Maryland, Department of Juvenile Services where he spent over 35 years.

He cut his teeth in the Community Detention Program for the City of Baltimore. Reginald had a front-row seat in experiencing the evolution of crime committed by youth in the criminal justice system. He had a respected perspective of issues, their cause, and effect. Often Reginald was the center of cocktail conversations on this controversial issue. Upon his retirement in 2017, he was managing the Community Detention Program for Howard County.

#### A Time to Love....

Reginald and Sharon were joined in matrimony on October 3, 1981. During their forty years of marriage, they raised and extended their family, traveled the world and enjoyed each other. Reginald loved socializing. He loved cruising and was always ready to explore new places whether it was in Switzerland, the Mediterranean, Africa, or parts of the Caribbean. He was always known among his friends as the one who could always “negotiate the best deal.” Later Reginald became a part of the Phalanx Club. The monthly camaraderie and club’s purpose is one he enjoyed.

The Pinder home was always the focal point of gatherings for family and

friends. Their parties were legendary. They celebrated holidays, birthdays and for several years hosted their “Last Saturday Party” which jam-packed their home like a night-club.

Together they were a powerful couple and they cared deeply for family and friends.

“My husband is the smartest person I know,” says Sharon. “ He is my protector, biggest cheerleader for all my endeavors, and my very best friend. Intellectually, his common-sense approach made him an incredible source of knowledge and an advisor-in-demand by his friends and family.”

Reginald's role as godfather became a harsh reality with the death of their friend Aletha Mack. Since the age of 6, the Pinders have been the guardians to namesake, Reginald Mack. They played a big role in raising him and have guided all aspects of his life. Reginald has also been an influencer with his goddaughter, Megan Roundtree.

In 2003, the Pinders had a devastating life-changing experience with the death of their son Reginald Jr. Last year, during Reginald's 70th birthday celebration, he gave a moving tribute by thanking Sharon for helping him survive that tragic experience.

Reginald's compassion extended to the love of daughter, Biah. She captured his heart and he was very proud of her excellent accomplishments as a nurse, entrepreneur, wife, and mother. In 2010 and 2012, Reginald's heart was filled with love beyond capacity. The birth of grandchildren Delphina and Zachary added a rich dimension to his life, never felt before. He adored and doted on his grandchildren and could talk about them for hours to anyone who would listen. Affectionately known as “Pop-Pop,” his love for them is immeasurable. His goal was to always create memories, and to teach them to be critical thinkers. Their most endearing time was at breakfast. They would devour Pop-Pop's homemade pancakes. They also loved viewing first-run movies

during movie night, and their annual family trips. He was always on the front row of their school programs regardless of when they occurred. He spent the time and poured his love into them.

#### A Time to Mourn

Reginald leaves to mourn and cherish his memory, devoted wife Sharon, daughter Biah Pinder Nkanda, grandchildren Delphina and Zachary, son-in-law Jaffary Nkanda; godson Reginald Mack mother-in-law Pearline Roberson; goddaughter Megan Roundtree; aunts Alice Gardner, Odessa Moses, Margaret Jones; sister-in-law Shirley Roberson, brother-in-law E. Wesley Roberson (Lynette); cousins Chandra Johnson (John), Doretha Henry (Sonnye) and Elaine Green. Special Sisters: Joyce Jackson, Peggy Geigher, Ovetta Smith, Sheila Lewis, Rosalind Lawrence, Shelonda Stokes, and Germaine Leftridge . His “ride or die” group of friends – Stanley Lawrence, Errol Taylor, Askew Gatewood, John Lunn, Mike Smith, John Gorham, Darryl Geigher, Robert Mack, Doug Leftridge and Rudy Jackson. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**MAY 30.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. – Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110

## Wake

**MAY 31.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD

## Service

**MAY 31.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To view the live-streamed services of Reginald Pinder, Sr., click the link below:



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**March Life Tribute Centers** - May 31, 2021 at 12:32 AM

RJ

“ Hello my Big brother. Even though I was 2 years older than you, I always looked up to you. For your council , advice, and friendship. For over 25 years we have grown to respect each other. Work, vacation, dine, and fellowship. Your family, became my family. We would call or text each other many times during the week. Talk about movies, current events, friends and family. Always saying to each other how blessed we were as men, husband, father, grandfather, friends, and most of all, brothers. I thank our almighty God for bringing you into my life. I will truly miss you, I know you are not worrying about being there for your beloved Sharon. Joyce and I will never forsake her or Mom Pearlina. Your daughter Biah and the grandchildren will also be in our daily prayers.



*Rest in Paradise. Your other brother forever, Rudy Jackson*

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**Rupert Jackson** - June 03, 2021 at 02:33 PM

MG

“ *Michael Graham lit a candle in memory of Reginald Pinder Sr.*



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**Michael Graham** - May 31, 2021 at 05:14 AM

MG

*Anita and I send our deepest and sincere condolences to you and the family. I've known Reggie for most of my adult life (well over 30 years,) He Was A Strong Black Man that I deeply respect and admire! I love him and will miss him. He is my brother!!!*

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**Michael Graham** - May 31, 2021 at 05:19 AM

BA

“ *To all who mourn for Reginald A. Pinder, Sr. the Officers and Board of the Baltimore City College Alumni Association extend their condolences.*

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**Baltimore City College Alumni Associatio** - May 30, 2021 at 08:10 PM

DB

“ *Diane Bell-McKoy lit a candle in memory of Reginald Pinder Sr.*



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**Diane Bell-McKoy** - May 30, 2021 at 01:27 PM

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*As I read the obituary for Reggie and Sharon's description of Reggie as her "protector", I had to smile. I always viewed him as her "silent" cheerleader and protector whenever I saw them together. You could feel his love for Sharon and you could feel his eyes always glancing checking the surroundings around her, even if he was talking to someone else, he was checking to make sure she was ok. What an awesome display of love. It is clear that this is who Reggie was - a man of love for his wife and all of his family. What a blessing God gave the world in having him here with us.*

**Diane Bell-McKoy** - May 30, 2021 at 01:31 PM

HD

*Reginald and I worked together at the Maryland State Department of Juvenile Services. I will always remember his smile and kind heart. My condolences to the family. May he rest in Peace.*

*John 16:22 - So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*

**Hubert Jones, Harrington, DE** - May 31, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reginald Pinder Sr..*



May 29, 2021 at 10:25 PM



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



May 29, 2021 at 11:08 AM

SS

“ Sending my deepest and sincere condolences to Sharon and the Pinder/Roberson family. Upon introduction of Reggie by Sharon when I joined her team I curiously asked Reggie what retirement was like? He said to me with a big grin -- "it feels like six Saturdays and a Sunday." A statement that I have shared over and over and will never forget.



*Rest in Peace Reggie.*

*Sharon may God comfort you during this time.*

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**Sonya B Smith** - May 28, 2021 at 12:28 PM

JP

“ Jeff Peterson purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Reginald Pinder Sr..



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**Jeff Peterson** - May 28, 2021 at 08:22 AM



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



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May 27, 2021 at 11:47 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Best Hall and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Reginald Pinder Sr..*



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**Brenda Best Hall and Family** - May 26, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Reginald Pinder Sr..*



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May 26, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Reginald Pinder Sr..*



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May 23, 2021 at 09:16 PM

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“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown)** - May 22, 2021 at 12:50 PM