

Service of Celebration

OFFICIANT

Rev. Charles T. Sembly
Union Bethel A.M.E., Pastor

OPENING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

INVOCATION

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament • Psalm 31: 1-5
New Testament • John 14: 1-7

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CONDOLENCES

REFLECTIONS

Ms. Edna Dorsey, Director of Senior Outreach,
Union Bethel A.M.E. Church
Veronica Falu, Niece
Ms. Dolores Bess, Lifelong Friend
Natalie Dent, Niece

SELECTION

“Yes, God Is Real (In My Soul)”
Dr. Anthony Brown

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Walter Braxton, New Life Church

LIFE REFLECTIONS

Read Silently

SELECTION

“He Understands, He’ll Say, ‘Well Done’”
Dr. Anthony Brown

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Rev. Charles T. Sembly

BENEDICTION

To My Family I Asked For...

I asked for strength
and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom
and God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity
and God gave me brawn and a brain to work.

I asked for courage
and God gave me dangers to overcome.

I asked for patience
and God placed me in situations where I was forced to wait.

I asked for love
and God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favors
And God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted.
I received everything I needed.

MY PRAYERS HAVE ALL BEEN ANSWERED

Now, I'M FREE!

~ Anonymous

“If I die, I’ll be with my Father. If I don’t die, I’m in the world but not of the world.”

~ William R. Fuller
(Uncle Doodle)

From the Family

I will always remember Uncle Doodle as a kind, sweet, humble and generous person. We are all fortunate to have had him with us for 93 years. Uncle Doodle you will be deeply missed. Rest in peace.

Love, Dana

My Uncle, Father; he was welcomed everywhere he went. He always left you with another way of looking at things. He truly made a difference in every soul he interacted with.

Edward C. Ridgley

Interment

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery
(Private Service)

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to acknowledge, with deep and abiding appreciation, all acts of kindness, prayers, words of encouragement, and expressions of love. May God continue to bless each one of you.

Sincere appreciation to the Union Bethel A.M.E. Church, the University of Maryland and Sinai Hospital staff.
Heartfelt appreciation to Gilchrist and their incredible staff for their care and support.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable contribution to Union Bethel A.M.E Church (Randallstown), the NAACP, the National Caucus and Center on Black Aging or The Renaissance Center Counseling Services (MSBC) in memory of William R. Fuller.

Professional Services Entrusted to



Doodle always talked about the Bible when he visited. I remember he liked to walk up Liberty Road to get the daily newspaper instead of taking the bus. He also loved shopping at Lexington Market. He will be missed.

Love, Florine

Dearest Uncle Doodle, thank you for being such a strong positive role model in my life.

Love, Ronnie (Eggie)

I will always carry in my heart the special riddle Doodle and I recited, since I was a little girl. Every time we met he would say, “Lorna Lou” and I would respond, “Sometimes known as Lorna too.” To me that was him saying “I love you” and me saying “I love you, too.”

Love, Lorna

Dear Doodle, you will always have a special place in my heart. I loved the talks we had on life and the Bible. I always will love you forever. Until we meet again.

Love, Addie

Uncle Doodle, thank you for the Love, Care and Concern you have brought into the Gary & Nettie Fuller family’s household. You are a blessing that will stay with us forever.

Gary, Nettie and Family

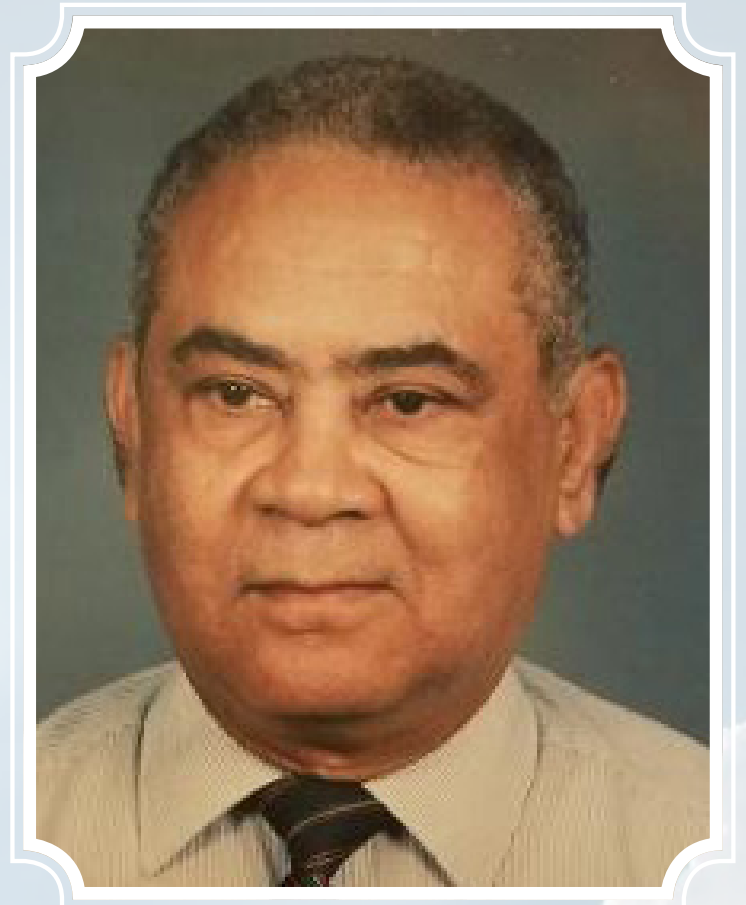
Uncle Doodle, you blessed us all with your stories and your kind, warm, loving heart. You will live forever in ours.

Love, Gina

Uncle Doodle, you have always been a joy and a blessing in my life. I will certainly miss you and may God bless you.

Tyrone

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



William R. Fuller

March 24, 1927 – June 14, 2020

Celebration Service: Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Family: 10:30 am EST • Service: 11:00 am EST

Union Bethel African American
Methodist Episcopal Church
8615 Church Lane • Randallstown, Maryland 21133
Rev. Charles T. Sembly • Pastor

Life Reflections

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
Psalm 139:1

A Time to Be Born

WILLIAM ROY FULLER was born on March 24, 1927 in the city of Baltimore, Maryland. He was the fifth of six children born to two good and loving parents, Henry Fuller Sr., and Addie W. Fuller. He was the last living sibling.

A Time to Learn

William was educated by the Baltimore City school system and also attended Project Call Education Center in Washington, D.C. In May 1982, William graduated from the University of the District of Columbia earning a B.A. degree in Social Welfare and Gerontology. William had a passion for reading, mostly non-fiction books and newspapers. He had a “library” in his home and has read every single book. He was a lively communicator sharing facts, details and history from current events and going back over the years to historical events. He was a wealth of knowledge, one who studied and dissected just about every subject and topic known to man.

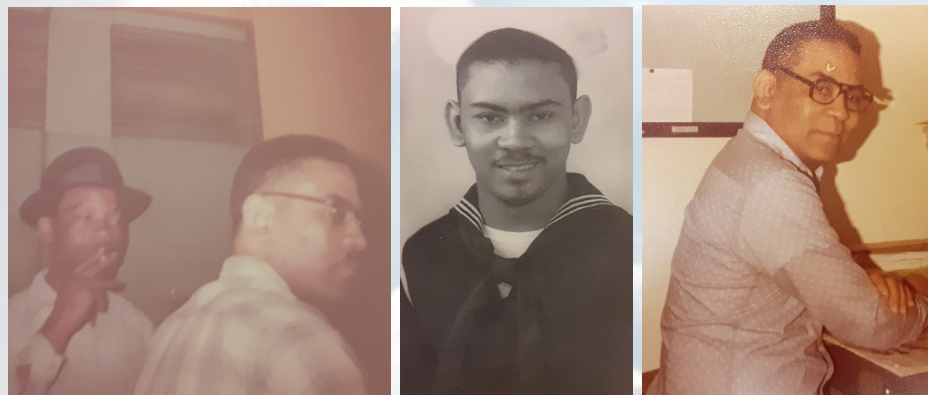
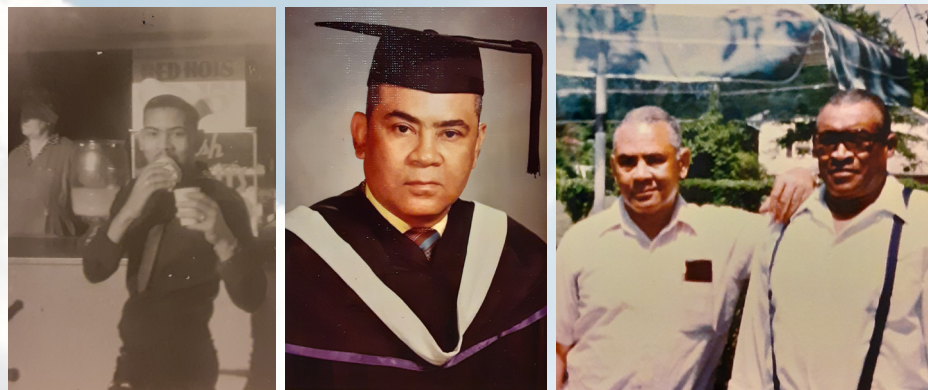
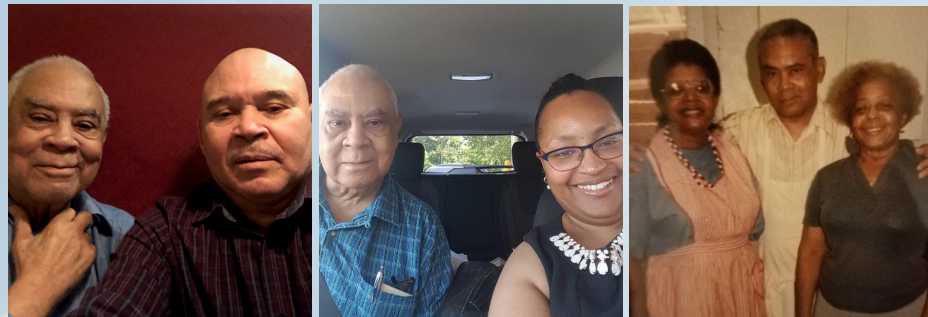
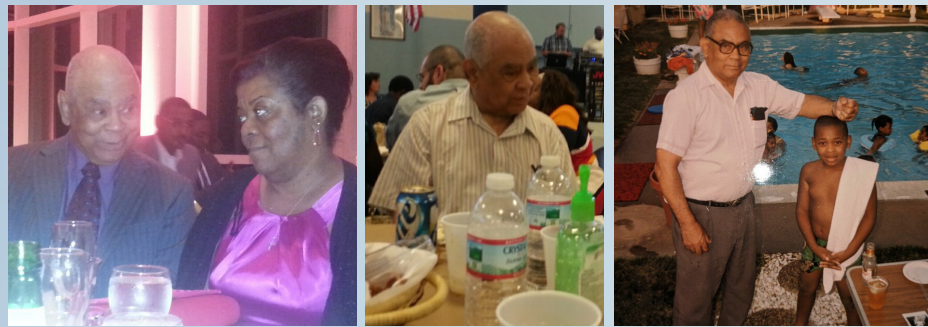
William was a lifelong member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, beginning at Payne Memorial AME Church in Baltimore City under pastors Walden, Rice, Peace and Mitchell. He transferred to Union Bethel AME Church in Randallstown, Maryland in July 1983, which was then under the leadership of Pastor Reverend Henry Y. White and is under the current leadership of Pastor Reverend Charles T. Sembly.

A Time to Live and Love

William served in the U.S. Coast Guard for three years and received an honorable discharge. While serving his country he traveled the world experiencing different people and cultures.

For years he traveled stateside to the annual Rainbow PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity) Coalition conventions and the National Caucus and Center on Black Aging conventions. Upon returning home from these trips William would share everything he learned with family and friends. It was his way of sharing the many issues and advocating for people without a voice. He continually supported the work of the NAACP and Revered Jesse Jackson as well.

“Uncle Doodle” as he was affectionately called by his family (as well as their friends) enjoyed fun in the sun and fellowship at the annual Senior Crab Feast at Kurt’s beach and at the Senior Expo at Timonium Fairgrounds where he would proudly watch his nephew Sonny play big band/swing tunes. Uncle Doodle relished the moments spent with family and extended family whether at the annual crab feast at Holy Family, during lunch with Sonny and Tyrone or while supporting his family’s individual endeavors or during family shopping trips to Sam’s Club.



He loved his family. He always had a joke or some nugget of wisdom to share when you were in his presence. He often reminded you, “Don’t take no wooden nickels, ‘cause you can’t spend them,” “See you in the funnies,” “Speak truth to power,” “We will understand it better by and by”. When you asked him, “What are you up to today?” he would reply, “I’m holding at 5’8,” followed by laughter.

He put the Lord first in his life and followed the Lord’s ways and direction as best he could. He loved us just as Jesus demonstrated his love for us – unconditionally.

Uncle Doodle was a great cook and showed off his skills during holiday gatherings. He would prepare a home cooked meal for you if you visited his home or if he was visiting with you. One of his specialties was Maryland Crab Cakes, and boy were they delicious!

A Time to Work

William started working at the early age of eight as a retailer at several markets-- Richmond market, which sold wholesale fruit and produce, a seafood market, and a private grocery. He worked the soda fountain and prepared orders for delivery at Duane Read Drug Company. He made deliveries on his bike, attaching canvas bags to the handlebars. He even built his own wagon to deliver ice, wood and coal. At the Hooperwood Cotton Mill (Woodberry area) he weaved coils for oil lamps and made rope wicks for lamps also. After his service in the military, William was employed with the U.S. Department of the Treasury. William retired from the U.S. Department of Commerce at age 55.

A Time to Serve

William modeled being a servant leader just as Jesus has taught us. He passionately served with the Senior Ministry for 30 years at Bethel AME Church, and was honored for “outstanding, humble and committed service to the cause of missions” by the Senior Missionary Society. He served publicly and privately. He faithfully attended Wednesday Bible study at his apartment building, led by Pastor Walter Braxton of New Life Church. Thursdays were reserved for grocery shopping for Friday’s “Senior Outreach” fellowship at church. You would find him in the church kitchen assisting with the food preparation and serving the best coffee and tea in town. Along with Sis. Dorsey, he would visit residents at an assisted living community to bring them the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Serving and sharing-- that was his ministry.

A Time to Die

Uncle Doodle would call out to his Savior, praying the Lord’s Prayer or praying the 23rd Psalm or just praising God on his good days and even in times of his suffering.

William completed the greatest thing on earth - Acts 20:24 (NIV) “However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” William transitioned from labor to reward on June 14, 2020.

A Time to Heal

He leaves to carry on his legacy: niece, Danaye Pulley; niece, Natalie Dent; faithful friend, Edna Dorsey; beloved sister-in-law, Florine Fuller; nephew, Henry Fuller II, (Paula); niece, Lorna Branch; niece, Veronica Falu, (Jorge); nephew, Edward Ridgley; nephew, Gary Fuller, (Nettie); niece, Addie Fuller; nephew, Tyrone Fuller, (Shirley); nephew, Preston Fuller and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, church family and caring friends. “I must go for my walk, so long for now.”