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The children of Darryl wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone for the kindness shown through prayers, calls, texts, supportive words, comforting messages, flowers and plants during this difficult time following the unexpected loss of our father. Your support has provided us with comfort, strength, and inspiration. May God bless each of you, and please keep us in your prayers.

A special thank you to Precious Memories Funeral Home, Bishop Dr. Joseph A. Robinson, Sr., and the Royal Oak Pentecostal Church, Pastor David Porter, and the Life House Church, and our dear Uncle Charles and Aunt Juanita Cook.

Flower Attendants
Family & Friends
Ballbearers
Nephews & Grandsons

Celebration
of Life for



Darryl
COOK



Sunrise: December 3, 1956

Sunset: February 25, 2025

Big Cook

Always
IN OUR Hearts

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

Visitation: 11:00 AM | Celebration of Life: 12:00 Noon

ROYAL OAK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
7401 Willow Hill Drive , Landover, Maryland

Bishop Dr. Joseph A. Robinson, Sr., Founder/Pastor
Pastor David Porter, Eulogist

My Brother

As kids, we lived together
We fought, we laughed, we cried.
We did not always show the love,
that we both had inside.
We shared our dreams and plans,
and some secrets too.
All the memories we shared,
Is what bonds me now to you.
We grew to find we have a love
that is very strong today.
It's a love shared by our family,
that will never fade away.
You are my brother not by choice,
but by the nature of our birth
I could not have chosen a better one
you were the best on earth.

Forever,
Love Your Brother Charles

"Hey Grandpa"

Hey Grandpa, I wish you had another year
Didn't know today I was gonna shed a tear
Hoping when my Mom called you was going to wake up in joy
Then I get to the hospital
I guess God had plans to let you explore
I guess it was time for your soul to take a tour
Grandpa you used to like to talk a lot
Now I wish I could hear you talk a lot
Eyes kept tearing up every time I looked at you
I miss you
It's not fair that you barely got to watch Ava and Duece grow
Not gonna lie it hurts to see you go
Seeing each other more recently
We was in a better place
Now I'm trying to figure out why I'm hurting
Because you're in a better place
Your son and daughter are okay
And they don't live far away
And your grandchildren will have better days
Not gonna lie, I miss the old days
With you holding CJ and me.

Missing and Love
Your Grandson, Maurice



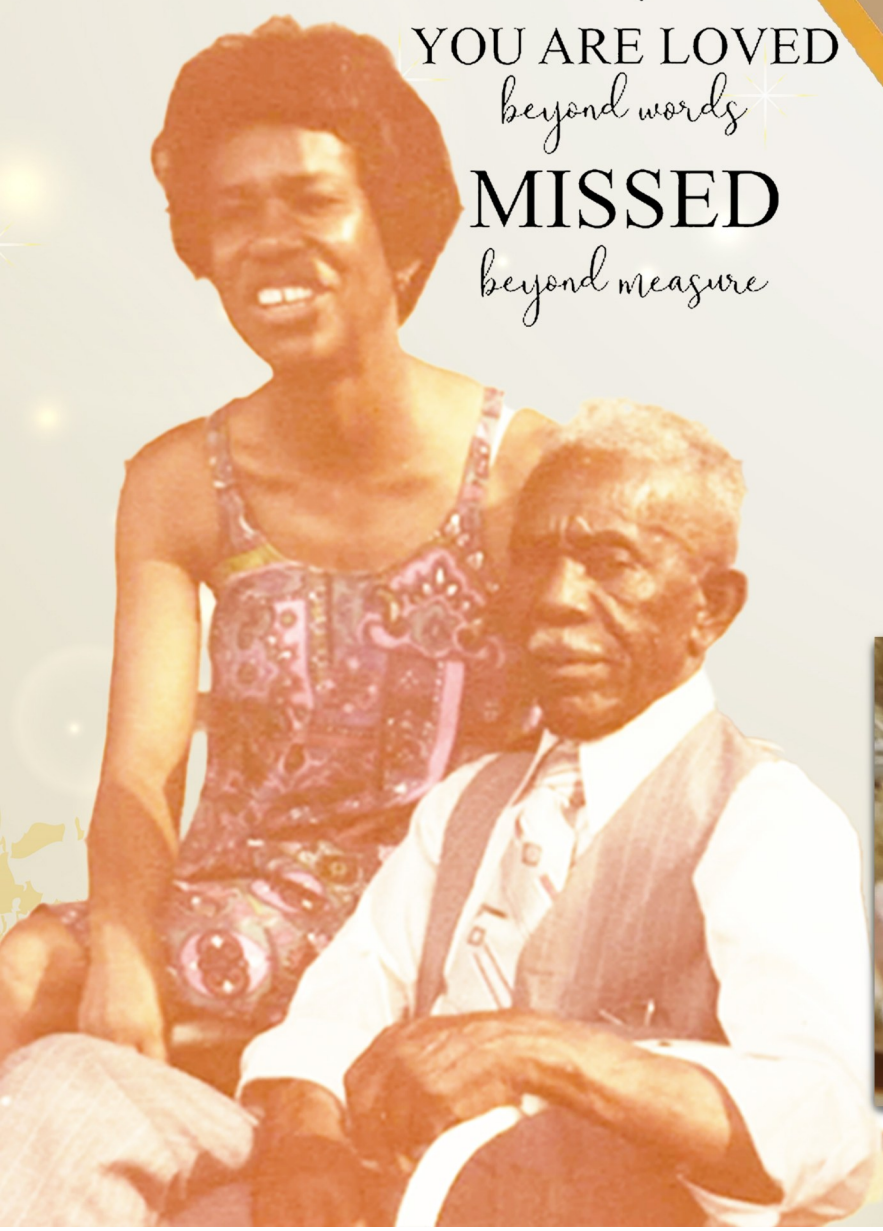


Family

GENERATIONS OF LOVE



YOUR LIFE
was a blessing
YOUR MEMORY
a treasure
YOU ARE LOVED
beyond words
MISSED
beyond measure







in loving memory of
'Big Cook'.....Uncle



Dear Dad "Big Cook",
You may have thought I didn't see,
Or that I hadn't heard,
Life lessons that you taught me,
But I got every word.
Perhaps you thought I missed it all,
And that we would grow apart,
But Dad, I picked up everything.
It's written on my heart.
Without you, Dad, I wouldn't be.
The man I am today;
You built a strong foundation of Love.
No one can take it away.
I've grown up with your values,
And I'm very glad I did.
So here's to you, Dear Dad,
Until we meet again.
Love, your forever grateful Son, "Lil Cook."

"I Never Said Goodbye"
Dad, you never said, "I'm leaving."
You never said Goodbye
Dad, you were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.

A million times, I'm still waiting for my phone to ring,
A million times I have cried,
If love or my homemade meals could have saved you,
You would never have left without saying "Goodbye"

In life, I loved you dearly, Dad,
In death, I love you still,
In my heart, you hold a special place.
That no one could ever fill.
Now it's Time for me to say,
"Goodbye, until we meet again."
Love Your Beautiful Daughter, Helene"
"As you referenced all texts to me"



Obituary

Darryl Cook was born on December 3, 1956, at Freedmen’s Hospital, which is now called Howard University Hospital, in Washington, D.C., to the late Christine and Charles Cook Sr. Darryl’s earthly journey ended on February 25, 2025. He was educated in D.C. Public schools and graduated from Bell Vocational High School in 1974 in Washington, D.C.

Darryl devoted many years to the District of Columbia Public School system, and he was employed at both John Burroughs Elementary and Noyes Elementary Schools. From 1979 until his retirement in June 2010, he served as a Maintenance Repair Serviceman, a role he cherished and in which he was deeply appreciated by the staff, parents, and children he served. If your child attended one of the schools where he was employed, you could rely on him to look out for them and inform their parents if they got into any trouble at school. He embraced the belief that “it takes a village to raise a child.”

Darryl was affectionately known to many as “Big Cook”, “Unc,” or “the guy that looks like one of the Sylvers,” a nickname that reflected his handsomeness. In 1974, Darryl’s striking resemblance to Leon Sylvers III captured the attention of Karen, with whom he began an affectionate long-term relationship. Together, they welcomed into the world the greatest joys of his life: a beautiful baby girl named Helene, born in 1977, and a handsome baby boy named Antoine “Lil Cook”, born in 1980. He frequently raved about his daughter and son, sharing their stories with anyone willing to listen, as he was immensely proud of them and their accomplishments in life. Often, Helene and Antoine would laugh as they collaborated to keep their achievements from Dad until they felt they were truly accomplishments, knowing he would be too eager to share too soon.

Darryl’s first vehicle purchase was his beloved 1979 Dark Plum Chevrolet Camaro Z28. He was extremely protective of it, refusing to let anyone else drive, and only select people were allowed to ride in it. “Cook” is remembered for his talkative, loving personality and kind-hearted nature, which left an impression on everyone who knew him. He was known for his generosity, often giving freely to his children, brothers, family, friends, and especially his cherished grandchildren. Outside of becoming a father, he considered being a grandfather his favorite role. He cherished every moment with his grandchildren, always eager to see and talk to them. He took immense joy in sharing stories about them with anyone who would listen.

Darryl was a passionate sports enthusiast who loved both football and basketball, sharing many joyful moments and laughter with family and friends during the games. “Cook” had a special bond with his son “Lil Cook” as they were both die-hard Washington Commander fans. This connection extended to his grandsons as well; the rivalry was especially amusing with Maurice, a Philadelphia Eagles fan, and his youngest grandson, 4-year-old Antoine II, who would often shout, “Grandpa, Jayden Daniels is the best quarterback!”. He would smile and laugh endlessly, encouraging him to repeat it time and again, enjoying the playful banter and the joy it brought to their time together. Also, he took pleasure in shopping for stylish clothing and footwear, a passion that he passed down to his children.

Darryl loved to eat, and some of his favorite foods were his mother’s delicious fried chicken, green beans with potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and chocolate cake. In addition to his mother’s incredible cooking, he later discovered that his only daughter was also a great cook, and he thoroughly enjoyed her meals as well. He would often tell her how closely her dishes resembled his mother’s, appreciating the flavors and the memories they evoked. His beautiful granddaughter, Ava, also shares his love for food. These comforting meals satisfied his palate and also brought back cherished memories of family gatherings and special occasions, making each bite all the more memorable.

Darryl will be lovingly remembered by his special nephew, Delonta Datcher “Diesel”, who affectionately referred to him as “Unc,” and his other bonus nephews from the Michigan Park neighborhood. He shared a strong bond with his best friend, Marion Bittles “Bubble”, who will deeply miss their daily chats and visits. Darryl’s friends in his apartment building where he resided will miss his kindness and generosity. He always kept a well-stocked supply of beverages and snacks to share with residents and staff, and his heartfelt conversations brought joy and comfort to everyone around him.

Darryl is survived by his devoted children: daughter, Helene Cook, son, Antoine Cook, daughter-in-love (Kim); brothers: Charles Cook Jr., beloved sister-in-love (Juanita), Davis Cook and Stephen Cook. Though his daughter isn’t married, he often referred to Caul as his son-in-law. His love and legacy will continue through his grandchildren: grandsons, Maurice Scriber, Jr., Antoine II “Deuce”, and granddaughter, Ava. Darryl developed a unique connection with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Musical Selection	<i>"Take Me To The King"</i>	
Prayer of Comfort	Bishop Dr. Joseph A. Robinson, Sr.	
Scripture Reading	Old Testament (Ecclesiastes 3:1-15) New Testament (Romans 8:35-39)	
Musical Selection	<i>"Better Days"</i>	Keith Turner, Jr.
Tribute	"My Brother"	Charles Cook, Jr.
Tribute	"Hey Grandpa"	Maurice Scriber, Jr.
Reflections (Limit to 2 Minutes)		
Acknowledgments	Juanita Cook	
Obituary Reading	Bishop Dr. Joseph A. Robinson, Sr.	
Musical Selection	<i>"Father, Can You Hear Me"</i>	Keith Turner, Jr.
Tribute	"Dear Dad"	Antoine Cook
Tribute	"I Never Said Goodbye"	Helene Cook
Eulogy	Pastor David Porter The Life House Church	
Benediction		
Recessional		