We don’t think of you as gone away
your journeys just begun,
Life holds so many facets
this earth is only one,
We just think of you as resting
from the sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years,
And we think of you as living
in the hearts of those you touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost
cause you were loved so much

Loving Submitted
The Snowden Family

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to family, friends, co-workers and funeral service colleagues for the outpouring of love shown during the passing of George “Junior” Snowden. A special thanks to Reverend Dr. Phillip Davis, Sr. and the ICOG church family for their kindness and unrelenting support. To our Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant Pastor and church family, the thoughtfulness you have shown has been a blessing. The family could not have sustained this great loss without you and we wish God’s favor and blessing to all who have cared so deeply.

An invitation to fellowship with the family is extended to those who are able, for a repast at the Inter-Denominational Church of God immediately following the interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR
GEORGE R. SNOWDEN, SR.

SUNRISE
JUNE 6, 1933
SUNSET
SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

I have fought a good fight; I have finished the course;
I have kept the faith
II Timothy 4:7

Inter-Denominational Church of God
19201 Woodfield Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Tuesday, September 27, 2011
Viewing 9:00 am ~ Service 11:00 am

Reverend Dr. Phillip Davis, Sr., Pastor
Reverend Hattie Johnson-Holmes, Officiating
George Robert Snowden, Sr. (also known as "Junior" and "Jack"), son of the late Robert L. and Alma P. Snowden was born June 6, 1933 in Washington, DC. Junior attended school in Montgomery County, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1950. After spending time at West Virginia State College Barbering School, he enrolled at the Eckels School of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia, PA, graduating in 1952.

When he finished school, his father was looking forward to Junior working with him, but instead Junior enlisted in the United States Air Force with his cousin and four friends. During the time he was in the service he gave himself the nickname "Jack" because he said there were too many men in the service with the name George. After his tour of duty he was honorably discharged in 1956.

In 1958, he married the late Shirley Shields from whom two sons were born. Her sudden passing in 1998 was a tremendous loss to the family.

Upon returning home, he worked with his father and mother in the funeral business, he also worked as a barber, and a cab driver, all while studying for his mortuary board exams. In 1961, he became a licensed funeral director in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Junior was a member of Jerusalem Mt-Pleasant United Methodist Church for over 50 years, the Patuxent Rod and Gun Club, a licensed Funeral Director for 50 years and the "Unofficial Mayor" of the neighborhood.

After his father died in 1979, Junior became the image of his father. He led the Snowden Funeral Home legacy through the third generation. He never met a stranger; he was concerned about the families he served; when you were sad, he’d make you laugh; whenever and wherever he met you, he would greet you with words that would make you smile. Junior, alongside his father, raised and raced horses he was also a sports fanatic, a coon hunter, a trap shooter, a fisherman, a checker player, a pool shooter, a city farmer, and the local historian. Until the very end he was notorious for sharing his successful gain from fishing and gardening and even bringing his offerings to your door. If you needed help, he'd help you; if you needed anything - ask him - he'd find it for you. He was a GIVER and ALL-AROUND GUY.

Junior was very proud of his son, "Gee" when he embarked on a career of funeral service, and was exceptionally proud when he received his Maryland Funeral Directors license in 1994. He was proud to have both of his sons working with him. Even though Gee was capable of running the funeral home operation, Junior felt an obligation to be at Snowden Funeral Home every day. He didn’t want to miss being with the families that he had served.

He would often give remarks and personal condolences at the committal sites during funerals. On a regular basis Junior held court in the funeral home garage reflecting on the funeral service from the day before or just sharing memories.

Junior married Joyce Marbly on August 19, 2008 and they became a loving and caring couple.

On Saturday, September 17, 2011, while quietly alone at home, God called his name and whispered "Come To Me" and Junior answered with outstretched arms leaving all of us in a state of shock, but also knowing that GOD makes no mistakes.

George leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Joyce Marbly Snowden; two sons, George R., Jr. and Bryan E. Snowden; one daughter-in-law, Dia Snowden; three grandchildren, Taylor, Karras, and George R., III Snowden; a great-grandchild, Jaylen Snowden-Moreira; his treasured sister, Irene S. Curry; a niece, Cheryl Curry; nephews, Rupert, II and Robert, Sr. Curry; his god son, Karl Curry; two stepsons, Tony and Andre Jackson; step-grandchildren; a sister-in-law; two brothers-in-law, a devoted friend and loyal employee Robert G. "Ace" Carter; the wonderful and supportive staff of Snowden Funeral Home; his church family; many other nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many, friends.

Contribution

Upon his passing, in loving memory, Junior requested his family to make a gift in his memory to the Patuxent Rod and Gun Club, the Patuxent Rod and Gun Club Foundation, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Brooklyn, Maryland, the New Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, and the National Funeral Directors Association, Inc. Please forward all contributions to the family for distribution.

Confident in the love and care of God, Junior is held in the comfort of the arms of his Saviour. He is at peace.

**OBITUARY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Musical Selection** ~ Desiree Ellis

**Musical Medley** ~ Elder Henry M. Davis

**Words of Comfort** ~ Reverend A. Russell Awkard

**Closing Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Recessional** ~ "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

**INTERMENT**

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

Silver Spring, MD

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**George R. Snowden, Sr.**

1933 – 2011