



## Webster Lee Branch

April 7, 1942 - May 21, 2022

Webster Lee Branch, suddenly transitioned to his Heavenly home on Saturday, May 21, 2022. He was born on April 7, 1942, to the late Nathan, Sr. and Queen Estelle Burrell Branch in Cumberland County, Virginia. He was the fourth of nine children born into their union. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Walter, Charlie, and George and Mary Branch.

Accepting Christ at an early age, Webster was baptized at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Cumberland County, Virginia. After moving to Charles City County, Virginia in 1990 he joined Little Elam Baptist Church and remained a loyal, dedicated and faithful member for over 30 years. Once becoming a member Webster decided to join several auxiliaries throughout the church. He served as an Usher, Trustee, Hospitality Committee, Sunday School teacher and Male Chorus member. Despite failure to his mobility health he still remained a faithful servant. Diligently every Sunday morning he would watch religious services.

Webster attended public schools in Cumberland County and later graduated from Luther P. Jackson High School. At the rightful age of fourteen his first occupation was working at the local country store C D Brown's. Upon graduating high school Webster received numerous accolades and certificates in Auto Mechanic Operation and Dredge Operation. As time went on he decided to pursue entrepreneurship, and owning a service station for several

years. Once receiving his certification and degrees he moved to Richmond, Virginia to further pursue his profession. He worked for Henrico County School Systems as a Bus technician and Bus operator for a numerous years. After leaving Henrico County School System, he transitioned to Richmond Public Utilities Department, where he worked as a Dredge Operator for over twenty years on the James River.

Before retiring, Webster was an avid outdoorsman and repairman. He enjoined hunting, fishing, cultivation, repairing neighbors' lawnmowers and giving automotive advice. He also enjoyed watching sports some were softball, baseball, football, boxing, but especially wrestling. Webster loved to watch wrestling every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday nights. Once his daughter Whitney was born they would watch wrestling together and have "Father and Daughter time". He carried that tradition on with his grandson, Amir until his passing.

Webster befriended a lot people from numerous localities. They would often say, "He was a kind- hearted man". He most definitely was a conversationalist, who could talk to you for hours about any topic. A lot of people thought "Branch" was his first name. Only because he preferred to be address by his surname. He left a lasting impression on the people he met. Especially, the men in our community, they would often seek advice whether it was mechanical work or personal. The morals and values instill in him, Webster carried throughout his life. He will truly be missed by all that knew and loved him.

He is survived by "Puddin" his wife of thirty-one years Julene "Renee"; his sons, Tim McLauren (Demetra); Craig and Jermaine Branch all of Richmond, Virginia; his daughter, Whitney Branch (Greg) of Charles City, Virginia; three grandsons, CJ Branch, TJ McLauren both of Richmond, Virginia and Amir Owhin of Charles City, Virginia ; four great- grandchildren, Jaiden, Kameron,

Kennedi and Adonis; three brothers Nathan Branch, Jr. Ellis Branch( Katherine) of Cumberland, Virginia and John Branch, Sr. of Fredericksburg, Virginia; one sister Freda Langhorne (Thomas) of Cumberland, Virginia, one sister at heart Loretta Crawley of Charles City, Virginia; two sisters-in-law, Irene Branch of Cumberland, Virginia and Patricia Janes (Lonnie) of Richmond, Virginia; mother at heart Deaconess Edith Atkins; and a host of friends, devoted ( Spencer Tyler, Ray Hampton, Joseph Jones, Sr. and Rev. Daniel Wallace, Sr.) nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends

“Rest In Peace My Sweets” Love Puddin

A celebration of life will be held 1PM Friday, May 27, 2022, at Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge, VA. The viewing will be 2 hours prior to the service on Friday. Rev. James Johnson, Eulogist. Interment to follow in the Little Elam Baptist Church Cemetery

A recording of the service can be here: <https://vimeo.com/724064443>

# Cemetery Details

## Little Elam Church Cemetery

8840 Church Ln  
Charles City, VA 23030

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**MAY 27.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7075

## Funeral Service

**MAY 27.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7075

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ LR Williams LPJackson High lit a candle in memory of Webster Lee Branch



LR Williams LPJackson High - June 04, 2022 at 05:53 PM

AB

“ Craig and family,  
I extend my condolences in the passing of your loved one. May God continue to bless and keep you during this difficult time.

Antoinette Brown - May 30, 2022 at 07:33 PM

RC

“ Rev Sheila Crump lit a candle in memory of Webster Lee Branch



rev sheila crump - May 28, 2022 at 12:16 PM

RS

“ To Michael and the entire Branch Family, we the First Antioch Baptist Church Family of Powhatan, Virginia wishes to express our condolences due to the loss of your loved one. You are in our prayers. Rev. LaMarr Gresham, the Associate Ministers and the entire FABC Family.

Rev. Caroel L. Selby - May 26, 2022 at 04:27 AM

SJ

“ *Silene Johnson lit a candle in memory of Webster Lee Branch*



Silene Johnson - May 26, 2022 at 12:10 AM

SJ

*My sincere condolences to you and the family at this difficult time of bereavement.*

Silene Johnson - May 26, 2022 at 12:12 AM

JW

*Julene and Whitney, I was saddened to learn of Webster's passing. He was a devoted servant of God. I shared good times with him and while ushering with Webster he served with joy and gladness. At times like these, we need to hold the hand of the One True God, the One that can calm the sea, the One even the wind obeys him. We serve an Awesome God! May God give you peace and comfort.*

Jewel C. Wells - May 26, 2022 at 07:48 AM

VM

“ *Condolences to the family I am so sorry for your loss. Class member of Luther P. Jackson High school, Cumberland, Va.*

Verna mahan - May 25, 2022 at 05:15 PM

FO

“ *Whitney and Julene, We are so sorry for your lost. The passing of Mr. Webster was very hard to hear but with the Lord each day will be easier. Put your faith in him and things will get better. Stay strong, The Owhins*

Faye Owhin - May 25, 2022 at 12:21 PM

YB

“ *Julene and Family -  
I am so sorry to hear of Webster's passing. My sincere condolences to you all. I will miss seeing him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God will grant you all some peace and understanding.*



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**Yvonne Bradby** - May 25, 2022 at 11:12 AM

KT

“ *Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of  
Webster Lee Branch*



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**Kenneth Tabb** - May 25, 2022 at 08:04 AM

WB

“ *Julene and family,  
We were saddened to learn of your loved one's passing and extend our condolences. We pray that God will grant you solace during this difficult time.*



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**Warren and JoAnne Bell** - May 25, 2022 at 12:15 AM