



## Mr. Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote

March 27, 1946 - September 21, 2023

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" –  
Matthew 11:28

Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote (aka Uncle Goodbuddy) was born on March 27, 1946, in Parkton, NC as the thirteenth child and knee baby to the late Ernest Bacote Sr. and Mabel Bacote. Loyalty, hard work and brotherly love to a fault were instilled in the Bacote children and it would keep and bound them in love for a lifetime. Bill demonstrated this exceptional work ethic through his entire life, well into his 70s and would pass it along to each of his children through his bloodline.

Dee graduated from Oak Ridge High School, in Lumber Ridge, NC in 1964. Following high school, he attended A&T University in Greensboro, NC for two years when he left to work in textile manufacturing, first as a Technical Operator, but would quickly rise into the ranks of Supervisor, for his intelligence, and consummate professionalism. He would work in manufacturing in various Supervisory roles for many years to follow: at Trist, Burlington Industries, Temptation Hosiery, Sara Lee, WestPoint Pepperell, Rauch Industries and Fabtex always known as tough, hardworking, no-nonsense leader who also rewarded work ethic. Bill always moonlighted in a second job, umpiring for many years, buying aluminum for as many years, along with everything from pizza delivery and convenience store attendant. There was no work below him to make ends meet and provide for his loved

ones.

From his childhood through adulthood, Bill made friends easy, and had a passion for sports, specifically baseball and he would play recreationally with the Parkton Tigers for many years. He also loved himself some fresh hot catfish, a good soda and nab and working in the yard as relaxation. Bill was a loyal brother, uncle, partner and friend; a loving father to his sons and a doting and protective father to his daughter. Through the years he evolved into a much gentler version of the young man he once was-- never quick to anger, speak unkindly or present disagreeably toward anyone. Bill was a modest man, well liked, who lived a simple life and died quietly. We each will miss and remember him dearly in our own personal ways, whether it was him saving the day, completing a small task, imparting wisdom or just being a bright presence. If he loved or cared for you--there was some impression or impact of note.

Those left to hold him dear and cherish his memory are LaFaye McMillan his devoted partner of many decades; his four children and their partners: Kelvin (Martina) Jones of Frankfurt, Germany, Heidi Bacote of Atlanta, GA, Patrick Bacote of Fayetteville, NC, and Shanette Sherrod of Virginia Beach, VA; his grandchildren: Seonna Gittens of Pinehurst, NC, Kelvin Jones-Fernandez of Charlotte, NC, Juan Jones-Fernandez of Canary Islands, Spain, and Kayla Isaacs of Aiken, SC; his siblings: Nealie McLean of Rex, NC, Ellen Cromartie of San Jose, CA, Martha B. Stearns of Fayetteville, NC and Mable B. Jones of Fayetteville, NC; and other affectionate loving close bonds: Candace McMillan of Lumberton, NC, Aujahnae McMillan of Charlotte, NC, Tealea Tyson of Lumberton, NC and Misty Bacote of Fayetteville, NC. In addition to those closest to him, he will be remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends including his former wife, Fannie Bacote of Fayetteville, NC with whom he went on to successfully co-parent and remain friends.

Honoring the spirit of his parents Ernest Bacote Sr. and Mabel Bacote and siblings, each that preceded him in death, five brothers: James Bacote, Ellsworth Bacote, Ernest Bacote Jr., Fred Bacote and Morris Bacote and four

sisters: Annie Mae Bacote, Josie Cates, Lydia McDonald, and Eloise Sansbury.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hebrew Cemetery

Parkton, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Service

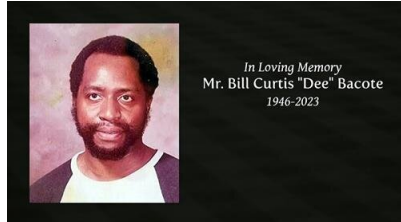
SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - September 28, 2023 at 11:36 AM

LJ

*Mr Bill was truly a loving soul I worked with him at fabtex. I will truly miss him. Forever yr friend LJ.*

Lora Jones - August 08, 2024 at 06:35 PM

TF

“ *I witnessed Mr. Bill Bacote being a great father to his children. I didn't understand what I was seeing at that time but it was beautiful to watch. He was very present and hands-on as a father. I don't think he ever said "no" to his kids. His daughter, Heidi and I really enjoyed spending time together as children. There were times when our moms couldn't take us to each other's house so Heidi would call her dad and he would bring her to my house or take me to hers. As a child, I don't know if I thanked him (I'm pretty sure I did) but if I didn't then, I will thank him now. "Thank you Mr. Bill/Dee for your time and thank you for saying yes to Heidi". Rest in Peace Sir. - Tossha Franklin*

Tossha Franklin - September 30, 2023 at 10:59 PM

AM

“ To the family so sorry for your loss, Bill and I was classmate all through Oak Ridge High School ,Please know you are in my Prayers. From Alberta Weaks Murphy.

Alberta Weaks Murphy - September 30, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote.



September 30, 2023 at 08:12 AM

KG

“ Kelvin and Martina Jones, Germany purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote.



Kelvin and Martina Jones, Germany - September 29, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote.



September 29, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote.

September 29, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ Deepest condolences to the family and friends



**Patricia Manokey** - September 29, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ Prayers and condolences to the family and friends



**Bertha Brown** - September 29, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Bertha Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote



**Bertha Brown** - September 29, 2023 at 12:06 PM

BB

“ *Bertha Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote*



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**Bertha Brown** - September 28, 2023 at 08:09 PM

PM

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**Patricia Manokey** - September 28, 2023 at 08:08 PM

PM

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**Patricia Manokey** - September 28, 2023 at 08:06 PM

FC

“ *Francine Currie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote*



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**Francine Currie** - September 28, 2023 at 04:47 PM

HB

“ Farewell my sweet ole' man

Heidi Bacote - September 28, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Curtis "Dee" Bacote.



September 28, 2023 at 02:28 PM

SC

“ Praying for the family that God will give you the strength to endure during this difficult time.

Shirley coates - September 27, 2023 at 07:05 AM

TF

“ Praying for you and the family. Bill will be missed very much.



Tyson Family - September 26, 2023 at 08:31 AM