



Mr. Marion S. Dixon

December 31, 1922 - February 10, 2021

MARION SIMPSON DIXON

DECEMBER 31, 1922 – FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Marion was born in Charleston, SC, on December 31, 1922 to Elijah Dixon and Sammy Belle Spencer.

While serving in the Navy, he met and married Louise Haskell, they had two daughters and the family moved to New York City in 1954. Marion worked at Morrisania and Kings County Hospitals. When Marion retired, he returned home to Charleston. He immediately rejoined his childhood church, St. John's Reformed Episcopal Church, and served on the Usher Board for many years.

Marion served his country during WWII, serving on the USS Chenango in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, and notably, the Battle of Leyte Bay - the largest Naval battle of the war. He served with honor.

Marion was a cook – his favorites were pork chops and collards. His peach cobbler and sweet potato pie were family favorites. Every year when he visited his daughters in New York, he spent days baking pies and cobbler. When you tried to alter his tried and true recipes, he would admonish and say, “go back and follow the recipe.” Marion was always happy at a card party – Spades or Bid Whist. He was known to travel far and wide to put his numbers

in – by the way, those numbers are 140, 250, 427, 307, and 122.

Marion will also be remembered for his sense of humor, calling the arthritis in his back respectfully – Mr. Itis, hoping that by showing respect, Mr. Itis wouldn't be so painful. His grandson asked him why he joined the Navy since he couldn't swim; with a straight face, he said, "I loved the uniforms."

Family in Charleston lovingly called him Uncle Bootsie. A nickname given to him as a child by his grandmother, Nancy Spencer. While Marion would complain it was cold on a 90 degrees day, at 98, he was sharp as a tack. When he wanted to hear you, he could talk for hours about any and everything. He lived independently until the very end.

He is survived by his daughters, Nancy Ashon Poku and Sherry Powell; grandchildren, John H Talley III, Denise L. Talley, Robert Talley, PaaKwesi Ashon, Grishae Blackette, Naana Logan and Anika Coaxum; great grandsons, Blair Talley, Jarrod Talley, Malik Thompson, Jackson Talley, Spencer Talley, and Mason Sturdivant; his loving niece (daughter) and her husband, Vera and William Singleton and nephew and his wife, Marvin and Vicky Coaxum and a host of nieces and nephews and caring friends. He will surely be missed and never forgotten.

The relatives of Mr. Marion S. Dixon will celebrate his life at a Private Funeral Service on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the Smith-McNeal Funeral Chapel.

Interment: Monrovia Cemetery

Viewing for Mr. Dixon will be on Friday, February 19, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Smith-McNeal Funeral Home, Inc., 2119 Dorchester Rd., North Charleston, SC 29405.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation be made to the Restoration Fund of St. John's Reformed Episcopal Church, 91 Anson St., Charleston, SC 29401.

The live stream service for Mr. Dixon may be viewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/kingdomgrafixbyty/>

Cemetery Details

Monrovia Cemetery

Oceanic Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Smith-McNeal Funeral Home
2119 Dorchester Road
North Charleston, SC 29405
(843) 722-3676
smithmcnealfuner@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Cousin Sherry, Nancy and Family,*

Sincere Sympathy in your time of bereavement. May God be your peace, comfort and love as you grieve.

*Patricia Sinkler
Eutawville, SC*

P.Sinkler - February 20, 2021 at 12:55 AM



“ *Uncle Marion has been and always will be my hero!
He was quiet spoken and kind yet you knew not to push it. He laughed deeply and loved unconditionally. I fondly recall his visits to St Louis in my youth. All my friends called him Uncle Marion and they loved the treats he would make. But we all knew not to touch his milk. As he would say that was adult milk. As an adult Uncle Marion showed me what it meant to live on your own terms. He lived fully, loved deeply and had few if any regrets!
Uncle Marion will live on in all our loving memories.
The family of Margaret (Dixon) Harrell*

Margaret Harrell - February 19, 2021 at 04:21 PM

AS

“ *Condolences to the family!! Uncle Bootsie was the same sweet, caring, and loving person all the time!! He will be missed!! Well done thy Great and Faithful Servant !!
Deepest Sympathy John and Andrea Simmons and family*

andrea simmons - February 19, 2021 at 02:24 PM

MT

“ *Uncle Bootsie is the epitome of of a gentleman....I love him and enjoyed every moment we spent together over the years of his existence here on earth....God Bless Uncle and Family....Until we meet again....I love you.*

Mordecai Tolton - February 18, 2021 at 06:48 PM

CF

“ *Colette Caesar & Deshong Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Marion S. Dixon.*



Colette Caesar & Deshong Family - February 18, 2021 at 06:29 PM

CC

“ Dean Nancy & Sherry,

May God comfort you and your family at this time of loss. We are praying for you. Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Love,

Colette, Nigel, Gabby & Genesis Deshong

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Colette Caesar - February 18, 2021 at 05:28 PM

AA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Adelle Awkward - February 18, 2021 at 12:59 PM

UC

“ *Uncle Calvin, Adelle, Mark, Lauryn and CJ purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Marion S. Dixon.*



Uncle Calvin, Adelle, Mark, Lauryn and CJ - February 18, 2021 at 12:36 PM

CW

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Dixon Daughters and grand children. May his memory be a blessing and comfort to you.*

carrie willisms - February 17, 2021 at 08:09 PM

TF

“ *I want to Thank GOD for the time I had to spend with Uncle Bootsie. He was a very kind and quiet man. We got very close in the time we had together. He loved his children and his family very much. I will always cherish the moments we had together. I Love You Uncle Bootsie. Take your rest now.* 🥰🌸🌸🌸🌸

Tiesha Forrest - February 17, 2021 at 03:03 PM

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“ *To the children and grandchildren of Marion.Dixon, We will truly miss Uncle Bootsie, he was such a kind spirit with a heart of gold. I am in constant prayer for you and the family. Love you all*

Yvonne Tolton -Marshall - February 17, 2021 at 02:02 PM

CW

My heartfelt sincere sympathy to the family. May his memory be a blessing and bring comfort you.

carrie williams - February 17, 2021 at 08:12 PM