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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Original Montford Point Marine

Mr. LeRoy Willie Cason

January 2, 1922 - April 23, 2020

Mr. LeRoy Willie Cason was born on January 2, 1922 to Edward Cason and Annie Howard in Norfolk, Virginia. He was one of eight children, six of whom preceded him in death. On Thursday, April 23, 2020, LeRoy died in District Heights, Maryland.

In 1944, LeRoy married his bride of 72 years, Celestine Bond. He was a loving and dedicated husband until Celestine's passing in 2017. From their union they had one child Cynthia.

In 1943 he enlisted into the United States Marine Core, becoming one of the first Blacks to join the Marines. He and the other Blacks who joined the Marine Core trained at Montford Point, North Carolina. A National Organization (the Montford Point Marines Association) was formed. Corporal LeRoy Cason helped to form and served as President for Tidewater Chapter 14. After moving to Maryland, he became a member of the District of Columbia Chapter 6.

Mr. Cason maintained his membership at First Baptist Church Bute Street where he served as a Trustee and worked with the Boy Scouts. While residing in Maryland he faithfully attended New Vision Fellowship Church.



LeRoy retired from the United States Post Office with over 30 years of service

An avid bowler, Cason (as he was known by fellow bowlers) won many tournaments. He always said "Lefties are the best bowlers". He would continue to bowl into his Nineties.

He was an all-around handy man. He built the house (and often remodeled it - inside and out) that he and his family lived in for more than 50 years. He was a blessing to others by using his handy man skills to offer assistance where and when needed.

He leaves behind his daughters, Cynthia Davenport and Harr ette Irving; brother, Theodore Cason; sister-in-law Eliza Irving; grandson Edward Davenport (TjaMeika); great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

LeRoy Cason (affectionately known as Shorty by his family) will be truly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

