



Marvin Britt Ligon

April 30, 1928 - February 2, 2023

Marvin Ligon was born in Cameron, Texas, the third child of 13 children to Gaither and Frankie Mae

Ligon. He was born April 30, 1928 during the period of Jim Crow laws in the south and just before the onset of the Great Depression.

As a young man Marvin spent two years in the US Army and also played for several years in the Negro Baseball League for the Ligon All Stars, a team owned by his uncle, George Ligon.

In 1952 Marvin married the love of his life, Doris Lambert. They remained united for over 70 years. With the hopes of better employment opportunities he moved to California In 1953, one year after the birth of their first child. Coming to California with only \$20 of borrowed money in his pocket, he had to start working immediately. He was determined to provide his family a life without the fear of poverty he experienced during the Depression.

His first job was at a car wash but he took on a multitude of small jobs, sometimes working months at a time without a day off. In 1964 he Started working at Raychem Corporation in Redwood City as an

extruder operator until his retirement in 1992.

Marvin was well known for his story telling and his gift of gab. He could hold conversations with anyone from college professors to toddlers on any subject. He could fix and build anything and would help family or strangers in need without thinking twice. His interests were many. He sang in the male chorus at church. He coached Little League baseball. He built decks, laid concrete and baked bread. In 1975 he earned his high school diploma after leaving school in 6th grade. After retirement he became interested in jigsaw puzzles, the more pieces the better. Puzzles became his lifeline after losing his ability to speak following his stroke. They are framed and hanging all over the house.

Marvin is survived by his loving wife, Doris, his children: Marvalyn (Eddy)Tucker, Tommy (Tracy) Ligon, Mark (Judy) Ligon, Kimberly (James Adams) Ligon. Grandchildren: Tuneka Farnum, Brittany McCraven, Denisha Agustin, Jessica Arline, Candice Ligon, Marquisha Ligon and Christopher Ligon. 6 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild, one sister, Bettie Rose-Gantt as well as many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Previous Events

Celebration of life

FEB 11. 12:00 PM (PT)

International Christain Center
3275 Williams Rd
San Jose, CA 95117