



Constant Franklin

July 23, 1936 - March 30, 2021

Constant Franklin was born on 7/23/1936 in Greenville, MS. He was the only child of the union of Creola Valentine and Arthur Franklin. Constant was raised in the home of his aunt Elnora King. His early years were blessed, surrounded by an abundance of family and friends.

These were challenging times for African Americans, more so in the South. Looking for opportunities Elnora with young Constant in tow caught a train North and arrived at Union Station in St. Louis MO. They settled in North St. Louis. Constant graduated from Patrick Henry Grade School and Washington Technical High School in St. Louis.

At Washington Tech Constant participated in boxing, football and baseball. Everyone knew him by his nickname, Punchy. He was a member of the 1954 Washington Tech football team who were the Illinois and Missouri area High School Football Champions.

Constant loved baseball. He was a catcher and captain of his High School team. He played professionally for the St. Louis Monarchs. The St. Louis Cardinals invited him for a try out and he did well, but was underage. The Cardinals asked him to return the following year, but before he could he suffered a career ending injury to his throwing arm.

Constant achieved an Associate Degree in Electrical Technology and was hired by the City of St. Louis in 1967. Constant was one of the first African Americans electricians employed by the city of St. Louis and the first assigned to work in the Grand Plaza area that encompasses City Hall, the Civil Court Building and the Old Court House.

He later passed licensing requirements and became a Certified Electrical Contractor. This allowed Constant to achieve his boyhood dream of establishing Franklin Electrical LLC. The business developed a broad and deep customer base. As an entrepreneur his motto was “do it right the first time.”

One of the joys of Constant's life was serving on the Washington-Handley Tech Alumni Association. A group of men and women dedicated to preserving Washington-Handley Tech's reputation for excellence and fellowship.

Constant and Marilyn Franklin (Vaughn) were married in 1956. They had 4 children Stephine Franklin, Anthony Franklin, Darryl Franklin and Andre Franklin. One daughter in law Leona (Lisa) Franklin. They have one grandchild, Anthony Franklin, and 2 great grandchildren Nyilah Franklin and Kaliyah Marilyn Franklin.

Cemetery Details

St. Peters

2101 Lucas & Hunt Rd
St Louis, MO 63121

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home
4600 Natural Bridge Ave,
St. Louis, MO 63115
(314) 381-2400
<https://www.randlefuneralhome.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home Inc. created a In Loving Memory of Constant Franklin in memory of Constant Franklin*



Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home Inc. - April 08, 2021 at 11:30 PM

RS

“ *I worked with Constant at the City of St. Louis. We worked together at the Civil Courts Building. He was the nicest guy that I ever worked with. Constant knew his Electrical Trade inside out. Constant was a very hard worker and kept his building perfect. Constant kept in touch with me even after we both have retired. I hadn't heard from him in awhile so I looked him up. I am so sorry to see that he has passed on. My sincere condolences to his family. I know that he was so proud of them and talked glowingly about them all the time. i will never forget you Constant. You were a Great Man. I am 74 years old now and you were older than me by a few years but when we talked it seemed as if we were still young. We both had kept our loving inner child intact and a genuine loving nature and concern for their fellow man. All My Love, Connie and may you Rest In Peace. Peace - Love - And Harmony. Robert F. Luepker Sr. 314-691-8191*

Robert F Luepker St - January 24 at 06:23 AM

VS

“ *Venora Stokes lit a candle in memory of Constant Franklin*



Venora Stokes - April 08, 2021 at 08:26 PM

AS

“ *All our love, Wayne & Sherri Stoneback purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Constant Franklin.*



All our love, Wayne & Sherri Stoneback - April 08, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Constant Franklin.*



April 08, 2021 at 03:26 PM

SB

“ *Uncle Frank we will miss your laugh and stories. Blessings and hugs. Your nice and nephew. Sheree and Larry*

Sheree Bruce - April 08, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Constant Franklin.*



April 08, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Constant Franklin.*



April 07, 2021 at 12:46 PM

YJ

“ *Your nieces Lynn timer and Janice purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Constant Franklin.*



Your nieces Lynn timer and Janice - April 06, 2021 at 05:53 PM

LF

“ *Lynn Flack lit a candle in memory of Constant Franklin*



Lynn Flack - April 06, 2021 at 05:42 PM