



Virgil M. Poole Sr.

December 10, 1920 - August 29, 2018

Born December 10, 1920 in Birmingham, Alabama, Virgil M. Poole, was the fourth born child to the union of Joseph and Mary Poole.

Young Virgil's parents stressed belief in God, education and self reliance. He confessed Christ at a young age and was a member of Berean Baptist Church. His mother read him the scripture Psalms 19:14 "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Jehovah, my rock and my redeemer." This was one of his favorite Bible verses.

His education included attending Roosevelt University and the University of Chicago. Virgil was a member of The Phi Beta Kappa Society. He joined the United States Army and served in World War II as one of the Tuskegee Airman. He was a member of the DODO Chapter. Upon returning home he joined the Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 311 and the American Legion. He was proud to have served his country and was active in service related causes.

Virgil married Barbara Gushiniere and to that union one son was born, Virgil M. Poole Jr.

Upon separating from the service, Virgil went to work for the Chicago Park District and later became a member of the Chicago Police Department. He

was the “Chief of Security” for the Chicago Housing Authority.

Virgil married Haweda Irving, known to him as “Weda”, and became step father to Carleda and Stephanie. Even with all his accomplishments, one of his proudest moments was being a husband and father.

His interest in others led him to start the Illinois Law Enforcement School and Security Unlimited Enterprises, Inc., where he served as President and CEO. He provided security for the National Football League (NFL).

Unrelenting, Virgil still wasn’t finished. He became the Chief of Police in Harvey, Illinois and ended his illustrious career as an Investigator for the Cook County Medical Examiner.

On August 29, 2018, Virgil M. Poole Sr. rested from his labors. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Mary Poole and three siblings Joseph Jr., Emma and Julian.

Virgil leaves to cherish his memories, his loving wife Haweda; one son Virgil M. Poole Jr.; two step daughters Carleda (James) and Stephanie (Shortie); two nieces Marilyn (John Richard) and Janice; a cousin Charlene (Tommie) and Tommie’s daughter Joyce; four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and a host of family and close friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil M. Poole Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM

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“Wow, I am deeply sorrowful about this, I just found out, I used to work under pools security & detective license, although we split ways in 1999 because of contract & other differences, we remained in contact I got called back to active duty in 99 but & have been moving around since. We talked every now & then, we had a deep respect for each other especially his respected law enforcement military and security history, he made a path for other blacks in illinois and even other areas, I believe he looked into me because we could talk, Even though I am younger I knew a lot of the old "cat's" that are also now gone "Cats" like my Dad, (Willie E. Simpson Sr.) CMS Cop, My Uncle Earl Crockett, Two Gunn Pete, Gloves Davis, JW Arnold Etc, "Cats" who I related too & history on them that he would tell me about, old time CPOs That made a path for black Police officers & Organizations to protect them, we also talked about the military the 178th infantry, the 122 Illinois National Guard on Cottage Grove its history & Blacks after the war, My Dad was apart of that unit. We talked about the Tuskegee Airmen his past, how the path was set for minorities in the military some of the things he and others went through. We talked about a lot, what he liked and didn't like. Chief Virgil Poole invited me into his home to meet his family, his Daughter worked for me with CSIU, he met some of my family One thing We Understood And should mean much to all, If a "Man" Invites A "Man" into his home to meet his Wife & Family ,, It should be noted that this is a Trustful, Honorably Purely heartfelt act of respect That is a thought out action.. You are letting a "Man" into your domain, your most sacred place your Home. We equally felt that. Our visits even though one time he told me off about some things LOL the Visits were warm and learning. My dad had the same understanding and spirit. I Loved Chief Poole, Around the date he passed I was very busy working out of state, a stressful job, but he was on my mind deep, deep I kept telling myself I got to call and check on Virgil, I got to call and check on Virgil!.. My wife was in Illinois taking care of her mother whom was and still is very sick, at the time I said to her,, Poole is on my heart the last time I spoke to him he was sick and said he wanted to see me.. I gotta check on him. I Never did. Thats why its cutting me...

*Nevertheless I know he's with the Lord.. He and others are gathered and at peace.. My deepest condolences to the family Truly..
Simpson*



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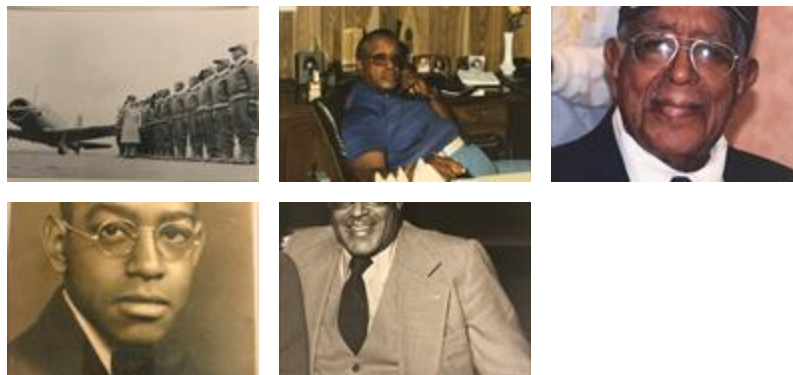
“ *Tatia Daley lit a candle in memory of Virgil M. Poole Sr.*



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