



Cecil V. Witcher

December 21, 1945 - September 15, 2020

Cecil Venston Witcher was born on December 21, 1945 in Princeton, West Virginia. His childhood was spent in Princeton and Tams, West Virginia, and he graduated from Princeton High School in 1965. Cecil was employed by Virginia Tech University for many years as a cook. He also worked on various construction projects at the University. Cecil was passionate about music and he played guitar and bass guitar professionally with his local band "The Fantastic Six". He also performed throughout the country, frequently traveling to Los Angeles, California hosted by his sister Brenda Banks. He toured briefly with the Doobie Brothers back-up band and The Red Foxx live act in Los Angeles and Las Vegas in the early 1980's. He also recorded 3 record albums.

Cecil died on September 15, 2020 after a long illness. He was preceded in death by his parents Alma Pannell and Cecil V. Witcher, and his two sisters Brenda Pannell and Regelia Banks. He is survived by his son Carlos Anderson, Sr., his brother Adam, and their mother, Natlyn Black; five grandchildren: Diante, Keshawn, Rayshawn, Carlos, Jr. and Dallas; one great grandchild; two nieces Zeratha and Cynthia Banks; one great niece Amber Norman and two great-great nieces Laniyah Johnson and Makayla Forman; cousins Cynthia Pannell Covington, Priscilla Pannell Humphries, Mark Pannell, Sandra Herndon, Vermish and Vermisha Pannell, Maurice Pannell, Haile Pannell, Imani Miles and Latira Myles. Cecil also leaves to mourn his

passing several close friends he called brothers, Bubby, Curtis, Bo, Ricky, Walter, and Clyde.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I knew Cecil in Blacksburg in the 70s. He played with a combo at a French restaurant called *The Possibility*. I worked there. He was a very cool guy. That was years ago but I've often wondered what became of him. I'm glad to hear he continued to play and perform. I'm sad to hear he has passed.

Jaime Johnston - November 07, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ My sister and I have known Cecil for years. He was such a nice person and always had a wonderful personality. He will be missed.

I pray for strength for the family during this time.

Elaine and Barbara

Elaine - September 26, 2020 at 12:09 PM

CS

“ Cecil was a good friend. He played bass for me in several gigs around Blacksburg back in "the day". He always had a warm smile, and brought his A game with him. He was as good a friend as was his driving bass line!

The last few years we would run into each other at the grocery store and tell old tales and laugh. It was always a good talk and I would walk away hoping he would get better.

I am so sorry he is gone...I will miss him...I'm worried about Covid 19 and won't make the service but will be with you in my heart.

I'm a better man for knowing Cecil and having him in my life.

CG Strickler

CG Strickler - September 25, 2020 at 09:48 AM

KA

“ my brother cecil , you will be missed, I am disapointed i did not get to spend more time with you doing your final days, but i will remember the good times on roanoke street . rest in peace my friend. kaywood

kaywood - September 24, 2020 at 08:14 PM

JA

“ We grew up together and have lot of childhood memories, I went to band performances and will always miss you forever. Cousin Jacqueline Scott.



jacqueline alexander - September 24, 2020 at 03:23 PM

AP

“ Cecil touched so many lives and brightened many days - - -
We hope that the love of friends will help see you through,
and that time will bring you brighter days.
May Go continue to keep and bless the Cecil Witcher family.

Roxie & Allen Palmer

Allen Palmer - September 24, 2020 at 03:01 PM

JE

*Butch and I will miss Cecil. We had a lot of fun back in the day. He was
always friendly and spoke with a soft voice. My condolences to the
family.*

Jessie eaves - September 25, 2020 at 03:04 PM

SA

“ So sorry for your family’s loss. Witch was such a kind hearted and
talented man.

Shirley & Richard Akers

Shirley Akers - September 24, 2020 at 10:56 AM

HS

*Im very sorry to hear about this. I knew Cecil long ago on roanoke
street. -- Hugh Smith*

hugh smith - October 09, 2020 at 05:07 AM

JS

“ I have known Mr. Witcher for a while, he is a member at the credit
union that I work at. My coworkers and myself enjoyed talking and
helping him. We will miss seeing him come into our credit union.
God Bless Mr. Witcher.

Jackie Smith

Jackie Smith - September 24, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album

I am so blessed to be blessed!
So many distractions in this world
No wonder so many are so stressed
Nobody out appreciate all the stress
I am so blessed to be blessed!

No one getting it alone in life
Living a life of distress
Just appreciate the wonder of it all
We are so blessed to be blessed!

God loves all of us
And this is my greatest wish
Everyone would just take a look
At how blessed I have been to be blessed!



McCoy Funeral Home Inc - September 23, 2020 at 03:37 PM

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Rip CECIL MY FRIEND U WILL BE MISSED ALL THE SHOWS MY DEEPEST HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES BLESS. YOU ALL

Al Davis - October 06, 2020 at 04:38 PM