



## Sidney (Punchy) Byrd Jr.

April 5, 1945 - February 12, 2020

Sidney Byrd, Jr. (Punchy) was called Home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He was surrounded by friends and family.

Sidney was born April 5, 1945 in New Brunswick, New Jersey to the late Sidney Byrd, Sr. and Martha Byrd. Sidney was preceded in death by his ex-wife, Jessica M. Byrd, in 1985 and his brothers Deacon James Johnson, Robert Byrd, and David Johnson. Sidney graduated from New Brunswick High School; he was drafted by the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1967. He also served in the Army Reserve for 19 years. Sidney retired from Delco Battery after 30 years of service at the astonishing age of 48. Sidney was a member of the local American Legion and one of the founding members of the former Ten's Enough Social Club. He was also very caring and giving to various charities including, but not limited to the Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Those left to cherish Sidney's memories are his two sons, Sidney Byrd, III (Bridget) of South River and Richard Anthony Byrd (Azure) of Somerset. Sidney was also loved by his brothers, Joseph Byrd (Sheila) of Ewing, Jerome Johnson of Plainfield, Samuel Johnson (Julie) of Allentown, PA, and one sister, Linda Warwick of Franklin Park. Sidney was a loving and devoted grandfather to Daryl Sidney (Christina), Jasmyn, Cyrus, William, and Jessica Riley. He was also an amazing great-grandfather to Kayden Sidney and Shania. Sidney was also beloved by other relatives and many close friends.

Sidney's charm, quick wit, and quiet presence will be missed by all.

# Cemetery Details

## Franklin Memorial Park

1800 Route 27  
North Brunswick, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens  
771 Somerset Street  
Somerset, NJ 08873  
<http://www.fbcsonerset.com>

## Service

FEB 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sidney (Punchy) Byrd Jr.*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *May my condolences bring you comfort and my prayers ease the pain of your loss during this time.*

*Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman  
12th Congressional District*

**Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman** - May 08, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ *We remembered the last time we saw Sidney, as a matter of fact we had dinner at a restaurant in New Brunswick. We had a good time. My husband was happy to meet him. I am sorry that we lost touch. We were both stunned to learn of his passing. Growing up, I always had a great time with him, laughing and talking and listening to his stories. Everyone who knows him had a wonderful time with him. Now we know he is in the arms of our Good Lord where he belongs. We pray that some day we'll meet him again and we'll enjoy each other's company. May Our Good Lord Bless and keep us all.*

**Diane Simpkins** - February 21, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sidney (Punchy) Byrd Jr..*



February 21, 2020 at 08:33 AM

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“ *RIP Precious your Pain is over now , for every  
in my Hart Mrs BB*



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**Mrs Marie** - February 20, 2020 at 10:13 PM

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“ *I'm glad your suffering No More,I miss you  
hunny bunny. I'm still hungry*



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**Crystal** - February 20, 2020 at 04:14 PM