

Bernard Leon Sembley

September 1, 1948 – July 27, 2020

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On July 27, 2020 God called Bernard home to be with him, for his work on earth was done. He passed in his sleep at the Veteran's Hospital in Salem, VA.

Bernard was born on September 1, 1948 at Hinton, WV. He was the son of Howard V. and Wilma Frances Price Sembley.

He accepted Christ at an early age. He graduated from high school in 1968 and immediately enlisted in the Army where he served 13 years. In 2000 Bernard graduated from the University of WV with a Bachelor's in Social Economics. He has always had a heart to serve. He served his community and church. Bernard's favorite person was his Grandson Tyler Sembley!

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Sgt. Bernard L. Sembley II who was killed in action on May 19, 2005 while serving with the Army National Guard 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team in Baghdad, Iraq; and an older brother Howard V. Sembley.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his grandson Tyler Sembley and his two brothers; Leonard, Plattsburg, NY, and William, Seattle, WA, along with a host of relatives and friends.

Services will be announced at a later date.