



Benjamin David Prestbury

February 4, 1936 - November 6, 2024

Benjamin David Prestbury, 88, passed away on November 6, 2024.

Son of Dorothy Mae Prestbury, he was born on February 4, 1936 in Baltimore, MD. He attended Baltimore City Public Schools and Coppin State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1972.

Ben, as he was known, had a career with the Social Security Administration, where he worked until retirement. Ben was a lover of the theater and a longtime member of the Arena Players. He loved acting and directing. Ben had a big personality, which could often be seen when he was onstage. He was a lover of history, books, movies, the Orioles, and old radio shows, especially Amos and Andy. He loved a good cup of coffee and a Snickers.

Ben is survived by his five children: Dorothy, Erik, Karina, Beneda, and Matthew, nine grandchildren: Kiana, Tiera, Bria, Brandon, Erika, Breon, Bryce, Laila, and Braylon, three great grandchildren: Briana, Kayla, and Logan, as well as a host cousins and extended family.

Ben was a beloved father, uncle, cousin, and friend. His passing was sudden and unexpected.

While we have lost our beloved dad, many have lost a friend and loved one in him.

“The Broken Chain”

We little knew that day
God was going to call your name.
In life, we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
Our chain will link again.

- Ron Trammer

Tribute Wall

MS

“ My director in "Opal's Baby #2, and my fellow actor in "Opal's Baby #1, with Verna Day. He was a talented Producer, director, and actor; who will be highly missed and thought of often.

Martha Saunders - November 19, 2024 at 08:44 PM

MS

“ My condolences to the family. Ben and I worked together at Arena Players. We acted together on Amen Corner, and Opal's Baby. Ben directed me in the second version of Opal. I considered him a friend.

Martha Saunders - November 13, 2024 at 05:58 PM

KM

“ Meeting you from a far your daughter Dot always talk about you. And I always listen to her and every time she spoke about you she just laugh. You're at peace now but will be dearly miss. Fly high green eyes.

Kimberly Gaston Muldrow - November 12, 2024 at 03:24 PM

BJ

“ Benjamin David Prestbury

Bria Jackson - November 11, 2024 at 11:54 AM

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Erika Prestbury - November 08, 2024 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Mr Prestbury was an open hearted person, he extended his love and care to me and my son. Later I introduced him to his 4th granddaughter , I admired his story telling of history and his acting ability. Very heart breaking to hear of his transition 💔. Sleep well your in great hands with our father in heaven.*

Kimberly Smith - November 08, 2024 at 01:10 PM

AP

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Benjamin David Prestbury - November 08, 2024 at 11:40 AM