



## William Lovell Branch

December 14, 1948 - September 30, 2023

William Lovell Branch, 74, was called home on September 30, 2023. Lovell, as he is fondly known by friends and family, was born in Omar, West Virginia to Willie Lee Branch (deceased) and Pauline Branch (deceased) on December 14, 1948. The eldest of three children, Lovell spent his youth in Fleming, Kentucky where he sang in church choir under the pastorship of his grandfather, Elder Webb Green; and played starting Forward on his High School Basketball team – The Fleming-Neon Pirates. Enlisting in the US Army in 1968, Lovell completed basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and stationed in Fort Bragg, NC. Upon receiving orders to Fort Benning, Georgia, Lovell would ultimately change those orders to Vietnam. Lovell concluded his contract – Honorably - at Camp Casey, South Korea in 1971. He was a recipient of various commendations, medals, and honors - most notably a Purple Heart - for his military service. Upon returning stateside, Lovell earned a degree in Business Management from Fugazzi Business College and started working as a Customer Engineer for IBM. Servicing/ repairing computers, and electronic

typewriters in

Lexington, Kentucky then relocating to Chicago, Illinois where his two children were born. In

1990, Lovell brought his family back to Lexington, Kentucky where he would reside until his final

days. As an avid tinkerer Lovell knew his way around cars, computers, and carpentry. He enjoyed

being in nature. Fishing, a pastime shared by his grandfather, was one of his favorite outdoor

activities. He loved watching sports, mainly basketball and football. He road bikes with his kids

to Jacobson Park. Family vacations were usually camping trips to locales surrounded by

mountains or near vast bodies of water. He was enthusiastic during holidays and observed

traditions – be it as simple as laying a dollar under his children’s pillow à la the tooth fairy or as

elaborate as adorning his house with Christmas decorations: Lights, stockings, reefs, a REAL

pine tree. The works. His laugh was infectious to all who heard it and his smile could light up an

entire room, lifting even the saddest of moods. Lovell will be remembered for many things, including his altruism. Throughout his life he showed kindness

and love through acts of service to family and friends alike. For any question, no matter its complexity, Lovell would use his time and wisdom to find the

answer. For any vehicle that was ‘making a noise’ or for any item in need of repair or construction, Lovell would

be on hand with his trusty tools. For any expense that was insurmountable, Lovell would have

his checkbook at the ready to alleviate the burden. He was always of service to those who

needed it and he always worked at a problem until it was solved.  
Preceded in death by his longtime companion of 47 years, Lanora Ransom.  
Lovell is survived by  
his two Children; Dominique Branch and William L. Branch II; three  
Grandchildren, Allana,  
Taylor, and Dominique; Two Sisters, Rosemary Washington and Brenda  
Branch; and numerous  
nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Nelson National Cemetery

6080 Danville Rd  
Nichoklasville, KY

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **13**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ Temple New Assembly  
516 Goodloe Street  
Lexington, KY 40508

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to hear our friend has passed. I have lost both of my dearest friends. My prayers 🙏 are with all of you. I remember when he and Lanora and the kids would visit us in Cincinnati. Fireworks on the holidays.

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**Augustine Fields** - October 11, 2023 at 01:49 PM

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*Thank you so much for your condolences. This his daughter, Dominique.*

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**Dominique Wormsby** - November 10, 2023 at 11:28 AM