



Chester Earl Jones-Taylor

September 7, 1949 - July 2, 2015

On July 2, 2015, our beloved son, father, brother, family member and friend was called home to be with the lord. Chester Earl Taylor (Jones) also known as Kamau Bandele was the first born to Barbara Delores (Taylor) Rarden and the late Earl Cargins. Barbara Delores Taylor later married Frank, Jones, Jr. who raised Chester Earl Jones.

Chester (Kamau) was born on September 7, 1949 in Washington DC at Children's Hospital. He was a fourth generation Washingtonian educated in the DC Public School system and attended Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School. He eventually transferred and graduated from Western Senior High School, known today as Duke Ellington School of the Arts. He was an army veteran and received a Purple Heart award while serving in the Viet Nam War. Upon his return to civilian life, he worked many years in the District of Columbia and in the Federal Government until he retired upon the closure of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Chester (Kamau) was an avid traveler, with a special love for Africa and Jamaica. He also was a strong lover of cars, pets and clothes as he was always considered a sharp dresser.

He was a very light-hearted person who had a sense of humor that made him a very unique practical joker. His jokes were such that they would make you laugh, even in your sleep. His last pet was a talking parrot by the name of JAJA who he cherished dearly.

He leaves to cherish found memories to his mother, Barbara Delores Rarden (Jerry), his daughter(s), Shanti Jones and Sasha Jones, his brothers, Tyrone M. Jones and Frank Jones III along with a host of other relatives, his best friends Ronald Crutchfield and Tawanna Brailey, and many other friends.

Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Johnson & Jenkins Funeral Home (Chapel) 716 Kennedy Street NW, Washington, DC 20011 at 2 pm ~ 5 pm.

Arrangements by Johnson & Jenkins Funeral Home, Inc..

Previous Events

Memorial service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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