



Ivory Lee Lewis

January 28, 1949 - June 5, 2017

Ivory Lee Lewis was born to loving parents, Robert Vernon (R.V.) and Annie Mae Lewis. He was the youngest of their three children. Though Ivory was his first name, he was often referred to as Lee. As a child, his friends and schoolmates called him Lee Lee. From early on, Lee's sweet, gentle, generous nature and wide smile brought joy to those who knew him.

Lee had a strong sense of family. He and his children often attended church with his mother. Afterwards they would enjoy family meals together. Lee's strong sense of family also included a deep bond with his father and siblings, Timiza and Robert. Both his father and brother preceded him in death.

Berkeley Mount Zion, the family's church for over sixty-five years, is where Lee was baptized and received his spiritual foundation. He attended Sunday school regularly and also attended Bible Summer School. Both parents were proud when Lee participated in the church's annual Christmas and Easter programs.

Although Lee had health challenges as a child, he was a good student and athlete. He managed to experience a normal childhood despite kidney problems. While at Jefferson Elementary and Garfield Junior High Schools, Ivory Lee was well liked. He graduated from Berkeley High School in 1967. Upon high school graduation, Lee briefly attended California State College in

Hayward.

Over the years Lee's health problems became a bigger concern. This was something that affected his life choices and lifestyle. He experienced many obstacles. Through prayer and God's grace, Lee overcame the challenges. A family member once asked, "What made you change your life?" Lee responded by saying that he wanted to live to see his children grow up. Lee fathered three sons and one daughter: Ivory, Omar, Kyle and Jasmine. Jasmine and Kyle were raised by Lee. He was proud of all of his children.

Once Lee made the decision to become a truck driver, acquiring certification as a big rig driver was a source of great pride for him. Lee worked as an independent contractor, driving for several companies including the Port of Oakland.

On December 26, 2014, Lee suffered a massive stroke. Palliative care doctors met with the family to say that Lee would not live beyond two weeks. They said that, should he live, he would not be able to speak, feed himself or walk. Miraculously, over time Lee gained enough strength to do what the doctors said was impossible. Each day of the past two and a half years has been a miracle and a blessing for the family. Lee's ability to communicate, feed himself and determination to walk brought great joy to the family. They were also delighted by his smile, and concern for others.

Lee's memory is cherished by his children, mother, sister, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Service

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