



Toyan Follami

August 27, 1953 - September 3, 2020

Toyan Follami was born at home on August 27, 1953 in Brooksville, Mississippi to the parents of Jerry and Annie Bea (Little) Griffin. He attended school in St. Louis, Missouri. He completed his education at Enright Elementary School and Soldan High School. He moved to Oakland, California, when he was 18 years old.

Upon his arrival to the City of Oakland he worked part-time at Lockheed as a machinist. His health started to fail at the age of 22. He struggled with end stage renal disease. His mother Annie Bea Griffin, a beacon of light in his life, moved to Oakland, California, to assist with his entrepreneur endeavors.

Toyan's birth name was Rufus Griffin. He subsequently changed his name to what he reflected in naming his business, Toyon Follami. During this time, he studied with the Nation of Islam and blossomed into a great philosopher. Psalms and Proverbs was his favorite books to study.

Toyan and his mother, Annie Bea Griffin, opened a boutique on Foothill Boulevard. It was called Toyon's Boutique. He later expanded and opened a coffee shop named Toyon's. Toyon comes from an entrepreneurial family, cosmetologists and barbers.

As time went on his mother passed in 2008 and Toyon closed his businesses.

He trained to become a security guard with Allied Security. Toyan's battle with end stage renal disease continued throughout his life. He had successful transplants that extended his life.

He loved Jazz. His favorite musician was Wes Montgomery. He enjoyed traveling outside the country and sharing his thoughts and ideas.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Annie Bea Little, and son, Adrian Bivens.

He is survived by his daughter: Bernnette Robinson, St. Louis, Missouri; son: Rudy Griffin, Sacramento, California; father, Jerry Griffin, Jr.; Sisters: Mattie Reed, Jerry Delores Griffin, Yvonne Ann Griffin; brother, Reginald Griffin; grandchildren: Twylaa, Tianna, Te-Niyah, Te-Kaiyh; and a host aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **14.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ RIP to Toyan and his Beautiful Mom. I was a customer of theirs, they were wonderful people.

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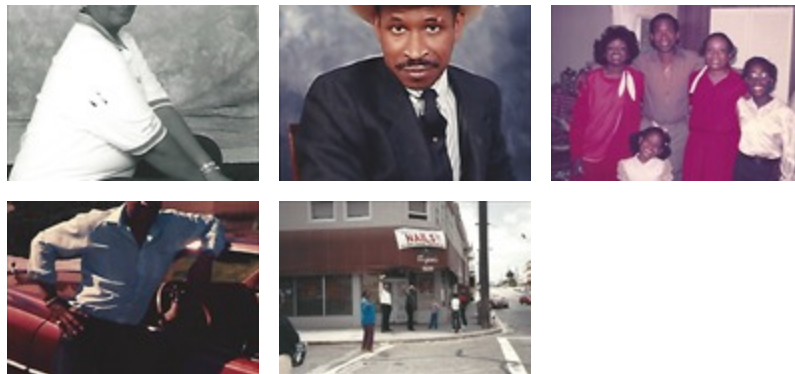
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