



LEE ROY WOFFORD

May 27, 1953 - December 10, 2020

Obituary

Lee Roy Wofford III was born on May 27, 1953 in Earle, Arkansas. He was the second of six children of Nathaniel Wofford II and Flossie Mae Cal. He is preceded in death by both parents, and two brothers Charles Wofford and James Cooper.

The Wofford family moved to Kansas City, MO when Lee was one years old. Lee was educated within the KCMO School Dist. and graduated from Central High School with the Mighty Eagles class of 1971.

Upon moving to Kansas City, Lee Roy joined St. Stephen Baptist Church, being baptized under Rev. Dr. John W. Williams, Jr. During his youth at St. Stephen's, there wasn't an area of the Church his mother did not have her children involved in. He attended Sunday school, Junior Church, BTU, Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Youth Choir and was a member of the Drum and Bugle Corp, under the direction of Bennie Wright Sr. As an adult, he continued his service at St. Stephen. With his family, he was part of the Thanksgiving Day feeding program where he delivered meals to the sick and shut-in. At the time of his passing, Lee Roy was an active member of Deacon Board and Chairman of The Trustee Board; he was also a Secretary of the Men's Bible Class (Sunday School Department) and he was a principal driver for the Van Ministry.

After graduating high school, Lee Roy enlisted in the United States Navy in the fall of 1971, attending Boot Camp at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois. Lee Roy was a Vietnam Veteran serving aboard the USS Guam as part of the US Navy's Sea Control Ship Concept. Lee Roy earned a National Defense Medal due to his Foreign and Sea Service. Lee Roy also was stationed in Norfolk, San Diego, and Philadelphia. It was in Philadelphia where Lee Roy won the Middle Weight Boxing Title Champion.

Upon honorary discharge from the US Navy in 1975, Lee began his Engineering career and retired from the Union Pacific Railroad as a Radio and Telecommunications Engineer. After retirement, Lee continued his education at the University of MO at Kansas City where he obtained a Business and Technology degree in Industrial Technologies/Industrial Electrical.

While stationed at Great Lakes, IL, Lee Roy met and soon married his wife Donna Battle on June 29, 1974. From this union came three daughters Tina Yvette, La'Shon Denise and La'Wanda Marie. After their separation, they remained loving and dedicated parents to their daughters. They also remained true friends, speaking often concerning their children and grandchildren. Donna was the last person he spoke with before he stopped communicating.

Lee's daughters were his pride and joy. He was every bit of a dedicated, wonderful and loving father. He ensured they had all they needed to succeed in life. He would tell anyone who would listen about where they attended college, where they worked, etc. The love for his children was reciprocated as they took care of their father to the end.

But his most boastful comments were reserved for his grandchildren. There wasn't a person who came within earshot of him who didn't know about the triplets and his grandsons. When they were kids, Lee would always be seen with his grand-kids following behind him. He made sure they attended church, he was there when each of them graduated high school and enrolled in college. As with his daughters, he let every administrator, teacher, financial aid representative and anyone who came in contact with his grandchildren that he was their grandfather.

Lee Roy was an avid lover of baseball. So much so that he took a job at the Royals Stadium. He also loved watching old western movies. He would spend hours watching western movies that he had seen over and over again with his brother Leon and sister Ella. He also loved traveling with his brother Leon. This comedy duo would hop in a car at any given moment and hit the road anywhere in the USA. The love between these two was stronger than any word can describe.

Lee departed from this earthly world on December 10th at the VA Medical Center. He leaves behind to cherish his memory: his 3 daughters, Tina Y. Wofford, La'Shon D. Wofford (Darren) and La'Wanda M. Wofford (Theophilus Jr.); 11 grandchildren: Triplets Aaliyah Williams, Alexis Williams and Aleathea Williams and 8 grandsons – Theophilus Johnson III, Jordan Sweet and Marcellius Wofford-Johnson, Andre, Michael, Alexander, Giannii and Jordan Johnson; 2 brothers, Leon (Jaelean) and Nathaniel III; sisters, Ella Strong and Sonja Robinson (Edward); stepmother, Hazel Wofford; aunts, Verma Cal, Thelma Cal, Dizer Brown (J.W.), Everteen Wofford, Mary Wofford and Emma Wofford; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and special family Glendoria Stewart, Demarcus Leroy Ford, Aubrielle Taylor, Demara Michelle Hawkins & family. Last but not least.....THE BLOCK!!!

Visitation will be held from 6pm to 8pm on Friday, December 18th at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Linwood Chapel 1800 E. Linwood Blvd. KCMO 64130.

Funeral Services will be held at 11am on Saturday, December 19th at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church 4545 Benton Blvd KCMO 64130. Visitation 10am. Interment Mount Moriah Cemetery.

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“ *Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LEE ROY WOFFORD by Dr. Curtis Sanders. Send Flowers I will never forget the great memories Lee has placed in my life. He treated so many of us just like we were his own children. That pretty much sums up who he was. Rest In Peace and Love. Dr. Curtis Sanders*

Dr. Curtis Sanders - May 25, 2023 at 02:08 PM

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“ *With deepest sympathy and prayers to the family. We were childhood friends who grew up in St Stephens Baptist church and attended Central High together. May God keep you in his arms my friend and rest with God. Toyce Mitchell and family*

Toyce Mitchell - December 20, 2020 at 05:09 PM

JH

“ *Praying that God provide comfort and peace to the Wofford family. Leroy will truly be missed.*

Jean Haskin - December 20, 2020 at 04:36 PM

WJ

“ *To the family of Lee Wofford in the loss of your father Lee, may God give you strength hope for tomorrow and Assurance all his constant love and care. I will personally miss Lee when I visit my cousin Glendora, but he always made my state and Kansas City very memorable with all the love and fun we shared. Peace Glendora Steward family from Oakland California Willie Ruth Jones and family*

Willie ruth jones - December 18, 2020 at 09:37 PM

JK

“ To the Wofford family God will comfort you in all your remembrance of your father and make you strong within Christ Jesus. I've become Acquainted with Lee threw a co-worker Ms Glendoria Stewart 35 years ago a very special dedicated gentleman. Stay connected to Christ Jesus and you'll see him with all the Lord children where you will never grow old. Ms Juanita Kemp and family

Juanita Kemp - December 18, 2020 at 11:25 AM

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“ Thank you fir your warm thoughts and prayers!!

La'Wanda M. Wofford - December 16, 2020 at 09:05 PM

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“ Daddy....you are so deeply missed and loved by us. Thank you for cherishing us as we cherish you!! We were with you till your last breathe just as we promised and as you promised us that you will be "Just Fine" within the Gates if Heaven. We love you dearly and will carryout every lesson you taught us and to love and help all in need. Just as you lived your life. A perfect example of a soldier of Christ. Rest well as we will meet you on the other side and all sorrows will be met with Love. Love you eternally...your baby girl La'Wanda. ❤️

La'Wanda M. Wofford - December 16, 2020 at 07:54 PM

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“ Praying for the family, and to God be the glory for this young man, and for God putting this man in my life well as many others , RIP in peace my brother.

Alford Edmonson - December 15, 2020 at 09:17 PM