



Mr. Ralph Griffin

December 8, 1940 - December 18, 2023

Ralph Griffin was born to George and Lessie Lee (Lewis) Griffin- on December 8, 1940, in Skipperville, Alabama. Preceding him in death were his sister Irene Griffin, His mother and father (George & Lessie Griffin), brother George Wesley and Lewis Griffin, first wife Salatha Marie Griffin and late wife Mamie Joe Griffin.

The Griffin family relocated to Kansas City, Missouri in the early 1950's. Ralph received his elementary and secondary education in the Kansas City public schools. After graduation, Ralph attended Oakwood College (Currently Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama. He pursued a degree in Religion Studies. After graduation, he went to Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan to further his educational aspirations. With a growing family, he began working in counseling and part time in the transportation service.

Ralph jointed the then Beacon Light SDA Church and remained committed in his faith relationship in Christ, and the biblical teachings within the church body throughout his life, until his calling home. He loved our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ralph loved and thrived for knowledge and education, which as he always referred to as a gift that can never be taken from a person; he was not only a teacher and counselor throughout his life but also a student in life. He loved

reading and the discovery of many subjects that him to expand his mind and understanding for the world around him; he seemed to have a book for everything. He was gifted and blessed with a voice and tone of steadiness, and a personality with the ability to effectively listen, relate, and connect with every engagement he had with people; he had a way of pulling people in and creating that safe place to be real and speak openly. He absolutely adored his grandmother and always shared great memories of going fishing together and always associated the compassionate side within his heart for others to his mother and her example of selfless sacrifice throughout her life.

Ralph will be greatly missed by many and leaves to cherish his memory, he is survived by his daughter Heather Maria Griffin, Ann Arbor, MI, son Raoul Mikael Griffin, Lees Summit, MO and brother Willie H Griffin, Kansas City, MO. His life was blessed with several lifelong friendships, a host of nieces, nephews, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, December 28, 2023, 11am at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Interment XII Gates Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 10am-11am at the chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Griffin.* ”



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