



Ronald Lee West

September 19, 1953 - September 10, 2024

Mr. Ronald Lee West , affectionately known as “Ronnie”, was born on September 19, 1953 to Marian L. West-Yarbrough and Charlie West in Indianapolis, IN. Ronald accepted Christ at an early age. His parents and grandparents instilled Christianity, honesty, integrity, hard work, education, and laughter in their household. Ronald graduated from Crispus Attucks High School in 1971 and attended the University of Alabama at Huntsville on a sports and academic scholarship. Ronald then attended IUPUI and played basketball, before his entire team was later inducted into IUPUI’s Basketball Hall of Fame. Ronald was appointed to the Indianapolis Fire Department on November 5, 1975. Ronald was promoted to Chauffeur and assigned to Truck 05 A Shift on September of 1979 He stayed there until Ladder 05 was closed on February of 1994 and went to become the Engineer of Strike Rig 05, before making his final transfer to be the Engineer of Engine 30 A Shift. Ronald retired from

the Indianapolis Fire Department on December 31, 2010. His signature meal at the fire station was perch and spaghetti.

Ronald was also a part-time meter reader at Citizens Gas Company Utilities from March 7, 1983 until April 11, 2005.

Ronald was united in Holy Matrimony to Lana Hardy on February 10, 1979, and through this

loving union came the birth of Ronic and Rosheena West. After 16 years of marriage and

partnership their union came to an end. Ronald met and was united in Holy Matrimony to Tehani

Porter on July 26 , 1997 and through this union he welcomed six stepchildren Netahi Solomon,

Jason Jones, Jonathan Porter, Tiffany Ackles, Joseph Porter Sr., and Barbara Edwards..

Together they shared many years of dancing, memories, and laughter. Ronald was a great man

that raised two families that cherished and adored him dearly.

Ronnie was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, great uncle,

nephew, friend and confidant to all that loved , enjoyed and respected him.

Ronnie was known

for his jokes and sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him

dearly.

Ronald Lee West departed this life on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at the age of seventy

surrounded by family.

He was preceded in death by his wife Tehani Porter, his father Charlie West, his sister Nicole

West affectionately known by Ronnie as “Nickels & Dimes”, his stepson Jason Jones, and his best friend since kindergarten James’s “Jimmy” Johnson. He leaves to cherish in his loving memory: daughters, Ronic and Rosheena West; stepchildren, Netahi Solomon(Eward), Jonathan Porter Sr. (Andrea), Tiffany Ackles(Robert), Joseph Porter, and Barbara Edwards(Matthew); mother, Marian L. West-Yarbrough; sisters, Donna West-Southers, and Patricia West; brothers, Gary(Gloria) and Kenneth West; thirty-one grandchildren; five great- grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Humbly Submitted.....The Family

Cemetery Details

Sutherland Park Cemetery

4201 Millersville Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Witherspoon Presbyterian Church
3535 W Kessler Blvd N Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Service

SEP 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Jalissa & Lisa Chatlos purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ronald Lee West.* ”



Jalissa & Lisa Chatlos - September 20, 2024 at 03:21 PM

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“ From Gerald Johnson & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Lee West. ”

From Gerald Johnson & Family - September 19, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee West.* ”



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