



*Earl*

LEE DYESS

JANUARY 4, 1928 - NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Thursday, January 4, 2024  
Memorial Service: 2:00 PM

Giddens Family Life Center  
2610 N Martin Luther King Blvd.  
North Las Vegas, NV 89032



# The Life Story of

## *Earl* LEE DYESS

Earl Lee Dyess was born January 4th 1928. The son of Gertrude and Candy Dyess in a small town in Elwood Mississippi. Earl's mother passed away 3 weeks after he was born. He never knew her. It was rumored his father Candy moved up north to Chicago and had remarried and had 3 girls and 2 boys. Earl got to know them later in life. Earl was raised by his grandmother Roberta, George Dyess, and Uncle Warren who was his favorite person. Earl was able to learn logging and mills in Mississippi with his Uncle Warren at the age of 17. Uncle Warren enjoyed going fishing and hunting when they were not out working.

Earl then married Dee Strickland at the age of 17. They had four girls, Daisy, Carrie, Juanita, and Shirley. Work was hard to find in Mississippi. Earl went to Saint Louis to find work and find a better life for his wife and children. While he was away, he received word that Dee was gravely ill. He returned to Mississippi, and she passed away shortly after. Knowing he had to leave the Dyess and Strickland family behind, Earl migrated to Saint Louis with his four girls at about the age of 25. Although he was young and his journey had just begun he had his friends and family that helped him along the way.

Soon after in life, he met his second wife Kathrine who adored him and his girls. They built a wonderful life together. Kathrine and Earl enjoyed having BBQs at their home with their friends and family. \*From what I heard through the grapevine that is where Karaoke first originated from lol\*.

Earl worked as a furniture mover by day and by night he worked for the city in security with his trusted and trained German shepherd. He worked in the city of Saint Louis for over 20 years. During that time, he purchased his own moving truck and began his own furniture moving business. The "Dyess Hauling Moving company". In which he used to better serve his community in the most positive ways he could. During the summer- break his nephews Lee and Eric would come home and work with Earl helping his company and their community. Sadly to say his second wife Kathrine who helped raise his four daughters and got to enjoy some of their children passed away suddenly.

His girls later grew up and eventually, all had families of their own. Daisy and Herman Gail, had Denise, Sonya, Thereasa, Mike, and Herman Jr.. Carrie Dyess had Yolanda Dyess, Terrance Dyess, Katherine Dyess, and Jonathan Townsend. Yolanda being the first grandchild, later gave Earl 6 great-grandchildren. All of whom lived in Vegas, Roy Woods, Terrell Woods, Candace Woods, Terrance Woods, Kourtney Woods, and Jamar Woods. In which they gave Earl 10 great-great-grandchildren. Juanita Johnson, who had Theodore Johnson, Christophor Johnson, Steven Johnson, and Leslie Moore. Shirley Jean- Jones followed with her three children. James Dyess, Quincy Jones, and Kenyoto Jones. Who gave him 5 great-grandchildren Tre, Kendraya Jones, Nia Jones, Tamia Jones, and Myson Dyess. In which Kendrya later blessed Earl with two more great-great-grandchildren, Rey Jones, and Lyfetye Jones. Earl had said at one point in time that he had wished that he had the opportunity to spend more time with his four daughters when they were growing up because he was working all the time. He was forever grateful that he did have the opportunity to spend time with his great-great-grandchildren; Rey and Lyfetye because they visited him twice a week. He said once that Rey and Lyfe were the ones that kept him going. Living through them brought him great joy, from playing with them and having fun on their birthdays. Just like the birthday parties he threw for himself at Jerry's Nugget.

# Official Order of Celebration

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Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Scripture Reading.....	Minister Monique Woodard
Old Testament	
New Testament	
Prayer of Comfort.....	Evangelist Sandra Pickney
Reflections (2 minutes).....	Family & Friends
Video Presentation.....	Giddens Memorial Chapel
Eulogy.....	Minister Monique Woodard
Recessional.....	Clergy & Family



## *Tribute*

Someone not so long ago made a comment to Earl stating, you act like they are your kids. After looking offended he said, they are. I raised them!

That sums up who Earl Lee Dyess was. He loved us kids and grandkids. He for sure loved our Mom, Vernelle.

He cared for, provided and loved us unconditionally. Earl showed is what it looks like for a man to provide and love his family regardless of blood.

Earl, Poppa, Mississippi cotton picker you will truly be missed.  
Love, your children and grandchildren.



## Letter to Grandpa

Death changes everything, time changes nothing. Still miss the sound of your voice, your incredible laughter, the kindness and generosity you showed others, how you loved ratchet court t.v, and who's your baby daddy tv, we used to watch together, everyday for years. The way we enjoyed talking politics, super funny when you would lose your cool over the sound of the 45th president's name. The wisdom and advice and the stories of life, just being in your presence so time so time changes nothing, I missed you as much as the day you transitioned. A grieving grandson and a best friend will always miss you. A broken heart, tear filled eyes, another soul in the sky. The laughter we had, are things I miss when I think of my grandpa. This is not goodbye..until we meet again.

Love you always and forever.

-James Earl Dyess, your loving grandson.



## Honorary Pallbearers

Myson Dyess, Rey Jones, Bishop Severs, Bret Severs, and Jaylan Johnson

## Acknowledgement

The Family of Earl Lee Dyess would like to their sincere appreciation, and gratitude to the Schneider family, to the Severs family, Sister Sandra Pickney family, the Jones family, and a special thanks to Angie Schneider, Paula Eberly, and especially to his nephews Lee Butcher, and Eric Harvey, and family from Mississippi and Saint Louis. Thanks for your prayers and wishes and support over the years, we thank you.

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