

Celebrating the Life of
Rufus Dykes

Alpha: August 1, 1952 Omega: February 1, 2024



Funeral Service
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
11:00AM

Giddens Memorial Chapel

2610 N. MLK Blvd
N. Las Vegas, NV 89032
Minister Darnell Allen

Obituary

Rufus Dykes, was born on August 1, 1952 in Tallulah, Louisiana to the late John L. and Beatrice (Beals) Dykes. He was one of 11 siblings. His siblings were Lee Dean (Dykes), Ottie Dykes, Herman Dykes, John Dykes, Robert Dykes, Juanita Dykes, Delores Dykes-Haney, Sharon Dykes-Day, Clifton "Bubba" Dykes, and Doris Dykes.

Rufus graduated from Reuben McCall Senior High School in Tallulah, Louisiana in 1970. After graduating from high school Rufus moved to Las Vegas, NV where he spent most of his adult life.

Rufus was employed in the hotel and casino industry where he worked as a cook at the Landmark Hotel and Casino for many years until his career ended due to injury. He loved the Lord, his family, cooking, singing, dancing, and dressing sharp as a tack.

Rufus accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior in the late 1980's and was baptized at Word of Life Christian Center in Las Vegas, Nevada under the leadership of Pastors David and Vicki Shearin.

Rufus was preceded in death by his parents, John L. and Beatrice Dykes, four brothers: Lee Dean (Dykes), Herman Dykes, John Dykes, and Robert "Fly" Dykes and one sister: Deloris Dykes-Haney.

Rufus transitioned on February 1, 2024 after a brief illness. He leaves to cherish his loving memory four sisters: Ottie Dykes of Los Angeles, CA, Juanita Dykes, Sharon Dykes-Day of Dallas, TX, and Doris Dykes of Baton Rouge, LA, and one brother Clifton Dykes (Valerie) of Las Vegas, NV and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Order of Service

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Officiate, Minister Darnell Allen

Processional Minister and Family

Scripture

Old Testament (Psalm 23) Minister Darnell Allen

Prayer of Comfort Caroline Brown

Musical Selection Sister Joyce Jackson

Acknowledgement / Obituary Rhonda Johnson

Those who knew Rufus (Mooney) (2 minutes)

Selection Terence Johnson

Eulogy Minister Darnell Allen

Benediction Minister Darnell Allen

Viewing of The Remains Giddens Memorial Chapel

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:1-3)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

(Psalm 23)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

My Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of me as gone away
My journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets
This earth is but one.

Just think of me as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.

Think of how I must be wishing
That you could know today
How nothing but your sadness
Can really go away.

And think of me as living
In the hearts of those I touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And I know I was loved so much.











Prayer of Comfort for The Family

I'd like to give honor to God for allowing me to be present today to attend the celebration of life for Rufus Dykes.

*Dear Father in Heaven, I'd like to give thanks and praise to you for sharing Rufus with us for 71 years and 6 months in this earthly realm. Thank you for freeing Rufus from pain and suffering and removing the decision from the family regarding how Rufus should live his final days. I pray that the family and friends and everyone that is mourning Rufus today finds comfort and peace in the memories they have created with Rufus. I ask that you lead guide and give them strength as they navigate through this grieving process and find joy again. In the name of Jesus, I pray this and all prayers.
Amen*



"God saw you getting tired. And a cure was not to be: So he put his arms around you. And whispered. "Come to me".

Honorary Pallbearers

Clifton Dykes

Robert Dean

John Dykes

Donovan Dykes

Andrew Dykes

Everett Lovell

John Boyd

Marvin Haney

Lindell Green

Repass and Balloon Release

After Service

Doolittle Community Center

1950 J Street

Las Vegas, NV 89106

Acknowledgements

The Dykes family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for your sympathy and support that you have extended during this time of bereavement.

Romans 8:38-39. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Services Entrusted To:

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