

Dear Dad,

So what does it take to be a father, a dad? Some say it takes a lifetime to figure out. What I know is that you were always present and gave your best effort. The only perfect father is the one who sits above. You taught me God's creation and John 14. I am who I am because of you, I'm grateful that I was able to share the successes of my life with you and that you were able to see me grow into a man. You were there for me since the beginning, so I was there for you at the end. It hurts because I miss you so much, but you ran the race and faithful until death. So, rest your body and wake to your mansion in heaven. I love you Dad... Until we meet again.

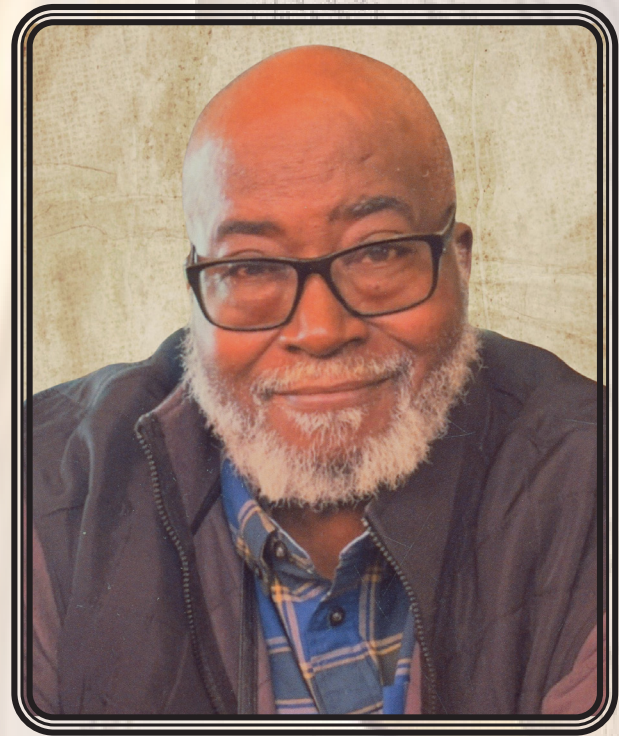
~PJ

Daddy,

You always told me that you asked God for me and one day I would truly know who I am. You told me to follow the sun, moon, and stars and things would align. Thank you for helping me see myself. Everyone always said how much we look alike and it's true; You still live through me. You constantly told me that you loved me and that I made you proud. I can never forget those words. The bond that we had is unmatched. Anytime you needed me I was always there. You understood me like no other as I understood you. Our conversations and laughs will forever be sacred. I will cherish everything you taught me. My heart is truly broken but knowing that you can rest gives me peace. Your works did not go in vain, you will forever be the Third son, Eighth Child. You have made me proud, and I know you have made God proud. Well done, Poppa.

~Pia Girl

In Loving Memory



Paul Ray Lawson

1951 - 2024

Paul Ray Lawson went to be with the Lord on August 14, 2024. Born on November 13, 1951, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Tony Lawson III and Betty Jo (Williamson) Lawson.

Paul Ray spent his formative years in East Orange, New Jersey, where he graduated high school before continuing his education at Essex County Community College. It was in Newark, New Jersey, that he married his former wife, Patricia High, on March 24, 1973. Together they raised two wonderful children, Pia Rae and Paul Jarrell, creating a lifetime of memories.

He dedicated most of his career as a computer programmer. Beyond Paul Ray's professional life, he was a devoted member of the Altus Church of Christ, where his faith was a testament to his life. He had a passion for writing and published "The Lord God Almighty Attributes." His love for biblical studies were well known to those close to him. Music brought Paul Ray great joy, mostly gospel and R&B. A past time favorite was watching basketball and football. He cherished the time he spent with his friends and family, often sharing his love for life and faith with them.

Paul Ray, third son, eighth child, is preceded in death by his parents, Betty Jo and Tony III; and other family members, Tony Lawson IV, Armisce Hammer, Stoney Lawson, Erma Jean Clarke, and Aretha Brown.

Left to cherish Paul Ray's memories are his children, Paul Jarrell Lawson and Pia Rae Lawson; siblings, Betty Jean Cervera, Pearl Menefee, Luke Lawson, and Titus Lawson; granddaughter, Journi Lawson; as well as a host of family and friends.

Paul Ray Lawson

November 13, 1951 - August 14, 2024

Funeral Service

10:00 AM

Friday, August 23, 2024

Kincannon Memorial Chapel

Order of Service

Processional.....Bro. RC Kathey
Old Testament Reading...(Eccle. 3:1-4)..Bro. Rodney Redo
Prayer.....Bro. Darryl Young
New Testament Reading...(John 14:1-4).Bro. Joey Campos
Song "I'll Live In Glory"Bro. Darryl Young
Remarks.....(Please limit to 2 minutes at the mic.)
Song "I'm Going That Way"Bro. Darryl Young
Memorial Tribute Video
Eulogy.....Bro. RC Kathey
Prayer.....Bro. Darryl Young
Recessional/Final Viewing

Interment

Highland Park Cemetery
Lawton, Oklahoma

The family of Paul Ray Lawson would like to acknowledge with grateful appreciation all the prayers, thoughts, texts, calls, and acts of kindness during this time of bereavement.