

## THE LIFE CELEBRATION OF Kenneth Ralph Westbrook

Kenneth Ralph Westbrook was born on January 22, 1938, in Chicago, Illinois to the union of Willie Mae Becton, mother and Lanier Westbrook, father who preceded him in death, one brother, Lanier Jr, and Katie Ruth, sister.

Kenneth departed this life on January 3, 2023, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Memories of his life will be cherished by his beloved wife, Brenett Westbrook; daughter Kimberly Henry; three sons Derrick (Marquita), Terrence Henry, and Shawn; one brother Meltarus of Las Vegas; six grandchildren, Jeremy Henry, DeKeria, Alexis, MaKenzia, MaKayla and Mariah Westbrook; one great granddaughter YaTierra Henry; three stepchildren, Paris, Krystal, and Jamaal; and a host of relatives, friends, neighbors, and former co-workers.

Kenneth attended both elementary and high school in Chicago, IL. He decided to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Air Force and received an Honorable Discharge.

Kenneth Westbrook was employed as a Correctional Officer for the Cook County Department of Corrections. He served and performed many areas in capacity within the department particularly in the Bureau of Identification which encompassed many investigations before he joined the Chicago Fire Department as a Chicago Firefighter/Paramedic. Continuing his efforts to advance his career and those of many others, through the Chicago Fire Department ranks, Lieutenant, Fire Marshall, served as a Fire inspector for the Fire Prevention Bureau and Fire Safety Inspection for Provident Hospital of Cook County.

Kenneth was not only a leader but a good friend to many.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Mission Accomplished

-II Timothy 4:7

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day To laugh, to love, to work or play Tasks left undone must stay that way I found that peace at the close of the day If my parting has left a void Then fill it with remembered joy A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow My life has been full, I've savored much Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch Perhaps my time seemed all too brief Don't lengthen it now with undue grief Lift up your heart and share with me God wanted me now, He set me FREE!

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**Opening Introduction** 

Expressions......Family & Friends

Video Tribute

**Closing Prayer** 

## GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED

God saw you getting tired and an earthly cure was not to be so He wrapped you in His loving arms and whispered, "Come with Me" You suffered much in silence but your spirit did not bend. You faced your pains with courage until the very end. You tried so hard to stay with us but alas, it was in vain so God took you, into His loving care and freed you from all pain. You suffered much in darkness but never gave up the fight. Wake now from your slumber and see God's holy light.

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