



Russell Cook

March 23, 1952 - August 19, 2015

Russell Phoenva Cook, was the eldest child born to James Russell and Imogene Cook in Chicago, Illinois on March 23, 1952.

He graduated from Kenwood Academy in 1970. Russell's passion was basketball, which earned him an athletic scholarship to Miles College, an historically Black University in Fairfield (Birmingham), Alabama. He continued his studies as a business major at Roosevelt University in Chicago.

In April 1972, Russell united in marriage with Sarah A. Lee-Cook. Russell was a devoted husband and father. Russell was a kind and compassionate person to everyone he met. He mostly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Russell loved playing basketball and chess; he also enjoyed traveling and bowling.

Russell loved to work outdoors. He started his career as a mail carrier working summers during high school for the United States Postal Service. After college, he became a brakeman for Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. After being on the road for a few years, Russell wanted to be home more and decided to take a position as a Community Service Aide with the Woodlawn Organization, working to help improve the neighborhood. In 1975, he went to work with the Chicago Park District where he worked as a Landscape Architect until an illness became overwhelming in 1992.

On August 19, 2015, Russell Phoenva Cook passed away in Hammond, Indiana at the age of 63. Russell's father and mother preceded him in death.

Russell leaves to cherish his memories, two loving daughters, Tanisha Mychelle Harris (James) and Felicity Dionna Cook; three brothers, Wayne Cook, Robert Cook and Alexander Cook; two sisters, Wanda Jean Mangrum (Dwayne) and Janice Lee Cook; six grandchildren, DeAndre Russell Duren, Rukiat Armanee Cook-Sykes, Toni Mychelle Cook, LaVelle Germaine Cook-Sykes, Esohe Sarah Aghonghon and Prince Osasere Aghonghon II; his life long friend to the end, James Jolly and a host of beloved relatives and friends.

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Visitation

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