

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Virgil Leon Burnett

May 8, 1958 – February 8, 2021



**Friday, February 19, 2021
11:00 a.m.**

LISA SCOTT FUNERAL HOME, P.A.
552 Lewis Street
Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078
Reverend James C. Williams, Officiant

OBITUARY

Virgil Leon Burnett

VIRGIL (VIRG) LEON BURNETT was born in Port Clinton, Ohio, on 8 May 1958 to the late Dossie (Dawson) Lee Burnett and the late Betty Lou Tharp Burnett. He was the third of four children- twins: Dorsey Duane Burnett (deceased) and Deborah Denise Arrington (Thomas), and Jocelyn Fane' Parham (Jerome, Sr.). He transitioned this life on Monday, 8 February 2021, at the family home in Havre de Grace, MD.

Virgil began his early education at Hancock Elementary School in Sandusky, Ohio. When the family moved in 1966, he transferred to Oakington (Royce Williams) Elementary School in Havre de Grace, MD. He played the saxophone in the Aberdeen Middle School band. Virgil loved competition, thereby lettering in high school basketball and football. He was a member of the Aberdeen High School 1976 State Championship Men's Basketball Team. He graduated in 1977.

Virgil studied architecture at Hampton University (his father's alma mater). He pledged the Fraternal Brotherhood of Gamma Epsilon Theta Fraternity. Virgil continued his pursuit of education at the Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne, IN, where he received a drafting certificate. Virgil increased his skill and knowledge base working as a temp or subcontract employee for Magnavox, Britt Aerospace Engineering (BAE), IBM, Atlantic Research Company (ARC), Lockheed Martin. He accepted a permanent position at Aerojet Rocketdyne, eventually becoming a Specialist Engineer.

Virgil worked hard, played hard, and loved hard. Several of his friends recall how people were drawn like a magnet to Virgil. No person was a stranger. Virgil freely shared his knowledge and experience, helping people and training them to positions of advancement. He enjoyed traveling (especially to Jamaica and the Dominican Republic).

Virgil was baptized at an early age at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Havre de Grace, MD. While in Fort Wayne, he briefly served as one of God's Gatekeepers (an usher).

Virgil's legacy lives on through his daughter - Destiny Leona James; nieces - Ayana Burnett and Jazmyn Sabino; nephews - Charles Sabino III (Sarah), Michael Parham, Jerome Parham, Jr., Torrell Arrington, and Anayan Arrington; great-nieces - Jocelyn Young and Cenislee Sabino; and great-nephews - Dawson Burnett-Paul and Spirit Burnett. Virgil's legacy and spirit will also continue to live on through his sisters and brother-n-laws (mentioned above), aunts, cousins, co-workers, and friends.