



Luther Bryant Bethea, "Lukie"

Luther Bryant Bethea, "Lukie", 65, of Winchester, VA died Friday, March 30, 2018 at Inova Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg, VA.

Luther was born March 18, 1953 in Manhattan, NY; the son of the late Luther and Doris Smith Bethea. He obtained his education at James Monroe High School in New York and De Witt Clinton High School in Washington D.C. Luther later moved to Winchester, Virginia where he lived with his first wife Vera Ashby. He later divorced and remarried Michell Ann-Marie Clarke Bethea on August 16, 2007 in Winchester, and together raised their three daughters Maritha, Tajmarie and Stephanie. One of Luther's many jobs was working as a truck detailer for Great Wide Dedicated Transport in Front Royal until his retirement in 2008. After his retirement Luther worked as a Companion for Home Instead Senior Care.

Luther was well known to many as Lukie, Luke ball, a man whose pride and joy was his family. Luther loved mixing music (most especially, old school), and taking pictures, as he was always behind the camera. His favorite hangout spot was at the Just Us Barbershop in Downtown Winchester, where he would always indulge in various conversations while selling his famous perfume oils. Luther was a sponsor and friend at Edge Hill Retreat Center in Winchester, VA. He was loved and adored by all who he came in contact with.

In addition to his wife, Michell, he is survived by three daughters, Tajmarie Rowe and Stephanie Rowe, of Winchester, and Maritha Irion of Holland; three grandchildren, Cameron, Elijah, and Jaihira-L'Wren; three nephews, Adrian, Kevin, Jr. and Bruce; niece Juanita; and best friends, Steven Brown, "Worm" and Glenn Brown. Luther was preceded in death by his two brothers, Kevin Bethea, Sr. and Charles Bethea.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Jones Funeral Home in Winchester with Pastor Kim Johnson and First Lady Sherry Johnson officiating. There will be visitation prior to the service from 12 to 1 p.m. A reception will follow at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Winchester.

Online condolences may be left at www.jonesfuneralhomes.com