

Robert Lee Estes Sr.

December 13, 1944 - March 23, 2023

Robert Lee Estes Sr. was born Wednesday, December 13, 1944, to Rosie M. Byrd and Isiah Estes in Louisville, MS. He attended and graduated from Louisville High School, and shortly thereafter he married his high school sweetheart, Gertrude Cooper. This union was blessed with two children and over twenty years of marriage.

Robert worked for the PA State Treasury Department where he retired after twenty years of service. He was proud to be an Inner Guard of Unity Lodge #71 while also earning his PSP. He enjoyed playing pool, participating in various bus trips and excursions and was an avid supporter of the Harrisburg High School Sports Program attending most football and basketball games. He was also a lifelong fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Boston Celtics. He has always loved R&B, Soul and Gospel Music - and was even known to sing karaoke from time to time with friends. He was also known to be a very skilled shoe cobbler and took pride in a gleaming shoeshine. Robert served diligently as a Trustee at the Camp Curtin Memorial-Mitchell United Methodist Church. Moreover, he strongly believed in the power of prayer and stood by the proverb that "Prayer Changes Things."

Robert Lee Estes Sr. passed away peacefully at his home in Harrisburg, PA, on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at the age of seventy-eight. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rosie and Isiah Estes; grandmother, Hattie Burges;

and his loving wife Gertrude.

Robert is survived by his children, Tiffany Steele (Milton), Mechanicsburg, PA, and Robert Estes Jr.; a brother, Antion Estes, Belleville, IL; six sisters, Juanita Green, St. Louis, MO (both parented by their grandmother), Delmetric Silas, Springfield, IL, Lydia Thornton (Michael), East St. Louis, IL, Kimberly Thomas (Richard), Belleville, IL, Mary Estes, Belleville, IL, and Narvella Byrd, St. Louis, MO; his granddaughter, Courtney Parham, TN, and one goddaughter, Sequica Griggs, PA. He also leaves to cherish his memory a host of friends that he considered to be family.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Viewing

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Robert Lee Estes Sr.



Wallace Funeral Directors - April 06, 2023 at 11:41 AM

VB

“ REVELATIONS 21:4

Veronica Burney - May 08, 2023 at 05:00 AM

CM

“ I met Bobby the first day I started at Treasury. He was a great guy, kind, funny and friendly to everyone. Rest In Peace my friend. Prayers to all your family and friends 🙏🙏🙏



Chuck Megonnell - April 07, 2023 at 11:43 PM

TW

“ I worked with Bob at Treasury. What a happy delightful person to know. He always had a smile on his face. Condolences to the family.

Teri Wolfgang - April 06, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Estes Sr..



April 05, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ Rest Easy Mr. Robert & Ms. Gertrude. My condolences to the family. Sincerely Woodward Family



WOODWARD FAMILY - April 05, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Estes Sr..



April 04, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Estes Sr..



April 04, 2023 at 04:30 PM

MW

“ My Sincere condolences to the family and friends. Mr. Bob was one of the best workers when I was Head of House Committe at Unity Lodge always dependable and friendly. Me & Mr. Bob shared the same Birthday Date. Which I will post pictures. Prayers to his family. He will truly be missed 40 dollar bill isj. Daughter Michelle Walker Unity Temple#61.

Michelle Walker - April 04, 2023 at 08:44 AM

NF

“ Nichelle Turner and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Lee Estes Sr..



Nichelle Turner and Family - April 03, 2023 at 04:44 PM

VJ

“ Mr Bob, a loving, quiet, sweet and soft spoken man with plenty of energy. You will be truly missed. My deepest condolences to his family,

Vonnie Jackson - April 03, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Bobby. He was a good friend and a better person. From the first day we met, we hit off. Oh the fun we had at work, working for the Pa State Treasury Dept. Should have wrote a book about the good times we had in the mailroom. Could have made millions. Anyway, gonna miss you Bobby. May you now Rest in Peace. God Bless you and all of your family!!

Kenny Salov (co worker)

Kenny Salov - April 03, 2023 at 09:50 AM

DT

Mr. Bob will be missed by all the members of Unity temple and lodge. He was a gentle giant. Rest in peace dear friend.

Debbi Thompson - April 03, 2023 at 10:20 AM

LT

Mr. Bob will be missed, he was our "Gentle Giant" at Unity Lodge #71, always greeting us with a smile. His laughter was contagious and he loved to joke and talk with us. He was the best bartender around...I'm going to miss my friend who always called me "Trouble". I Love You, Mr. Bob!

*Daughter Linda "Bird" Thomas
Unity Temple #61*

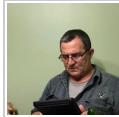
Linda Thomas - April 03, 2023 at 10:47 AM

KW

I will miss talking with Mr. Bob about our Steelers at the family cookouts and birthday celebration. Mr. Bob, did a great representing Steeler's Nation and made me laugh.

*GO STEELERS!!!
Love, Kimberly Wilson and family*

Kimberly Wilson - April 04, 2023 at 02:11 PM



My sincere condolences to the family. We connected with Robert while on a service call to his home. Many times our business relationships transcend into friendships. This was the case with Robert Sr. We enjoyed our relationship tremendously!

Mark Huepenbecker - All American Cooling & Heating

Mark Huepenbecker - June 19, 2023 at 09:01 AM