

In Loving Memory of
Lawrence O. Lester Sr.

March 23, 1955 – April 2, 2019



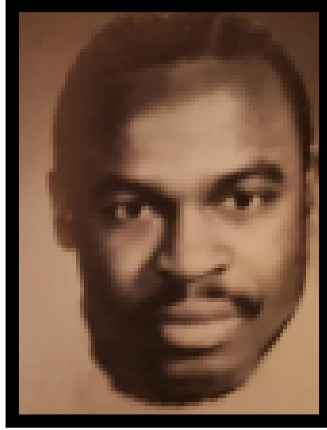
Saturday, April 6, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

100 Behmer Road

Piscataway, New Jersey

Order of Events



Eulogy Lawrence Adjah

Reading of the Obituary Larry Lester Jr.

Remembering A Great Leader, Friend and Mentor

Piscataway Education Administration

- Principal – Jason Lester

Piscataway High School Coaching

- Coach – Pete Buccino

Former student

- Malcolm Jenkins

Fraternity brother

- Claude Jones

Friends

Family

Reading of “A Life Well Lived” Wendy Singletary

Reading of Cards/Acknowledgements Chanelle Lester

Obituary

Lawrence Odell Lester Sr. was born to the late Ruby and Lucas Lester on March 23, 1955 in Paterson, NJ. From his childhood he was affectionately known as Lonnie to family and Larry to friends. At an early age he served as a mentor, guide and protector to his ten siblings, helping them whenever needed. His early development as a leader continued throughout his life as he excelled in various athletic sports including wrestling where he won the NJ Sectional Championship. Upon graduation from John F. Kennedy High School he made the decision to attend Rutgers University, Livingston College where he was a member of the Rutgers Football team. While away at school he found the time to still serve as the big brother to his brothers and sisters, assisting them in applying to universities and being focused on their academic coursework.

Recognizing his gift of leading the youth, he pursued the field of Education at Rutgers University and pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. which focuses on the principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplifting young African American men. He ultimately graduated in 1978 and began his teaching career with the Piscataway Board of Education. He then accepted a position at Piscataway High School and quickly took on the additional roles of coaching various teams, including the track and field team, football and wrestling programs. Throughout his tenure at Piscataway High School he continued to serve as a mentor to numerous students whom he maintained relationships with until his untimely death on April 2, 2019. He always welcomed students into his classroom and was willing to give them practical guidance that would make them the best possible versions of themselves.

Larry was preceded in death by his mother, Ruby Lester; father, Lucas Lester and his energetic Yorkie, Spunky. Larry leaves behind his partner, Patricia Evans (Pat); son, Larry Lester Jr. (wife, Chanelle Lester); two grandchildren, Madison Lester and Landon Lester; siblings, Phyllis Lester, Sharon Moss (husband, Donald Moss), Doby Lester, Edie Mosley (husband, Tony Mosley), Don Lester (wife, Sharon Lester), Mary Vickers (husband, Vaughn Vickers), Donnell Carson (wife, Belkis Carson), Charlton (Carlos) Lester, Wayne Lester, Roberto (Robert) Lester (wife, Camille Lester), Pamela (Pam) Hall; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He became a friend, mentor, counselor, uncle and father to countless people over the years and will be missed beyond measure. We ask that you keep his memory fresh in your minds and serve as a mentor to the youth today.

"A Life Well Lived"

A life well lived is a precious gift,
of hope and strength and grace,
from someone who has made our world
a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
with smiles and sometimes tears,
with friendships formed and good times shared,
and laughter through the years

A life well lived is a legacy,
of joy and pride and pleasure,
a living, lasting memory
our grateful heart's will treasure.

In lieu of flowers we encourage you to make donations:

*Hackensack University Medical Center Foundation
John Theurer Cancer Center*

*Gift Designation: Cancer Center – Gastrointestinal Division
Honor/Memorial Gift on behalf of Lawrence Lester Sr.*

-OR-

*Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health
Tribute Gift: Lawrence Lester Sr.
Designation: Cancer Hospital*

Acknowledgements

*The family would like to express their deep
appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness
shown to them during their time of bereavement.*

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