



REMEMBERING
DENNIS
Garner SR.



Arrangements Entrusted to:

Nabors Family Funeral Home

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and Receive Greater.*

HIS STORY

My name is Dennis Jerome Garner, Sr., some of you know me as “Skate” or “Wolf”. I was given the gift of life on July 11, 1955, and now I must give it back. This is so hard. I was a dashing baby boy born to the late David and Lurine Garner in Jackson, Mississippi.

Seeking a better way of life, my family relocated to Chicago when I was 1 year old. Three years later, I welcomed my best friend, my brother Eltorie. He preceded me in death. I took pride in being a big brother. I loved my baby sister Lavette and showered her with gifts on Christmas and birthdays. Just as I showered her with love as a young child, she in turn showed me that same love. She moved me back to Flossmoor, Illinois and cared for me in my last days.

I grew up on the southside of Chicago in the Woodlawn and Auburn Gresham neighborhoods. I started working at the young age of 8, cutting grass. I worked for Napa Auto Parts until the business relocated out of Illinois. Later, I became a roofer and then a brick layer.

I confessed my hope in Christ as a child at the New Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend James Mason. I later reaffirmed my belief in him and joined Jackson Revival Center under the leadership of Pastor Jennifer Biard in 2022. One of my favorite songs was Grace and Mercy.

I graduated from William H. Ryder Elementary School in 1969 and Chicago Vocational High School (CVS) in 1973. I looked forward to attending the annual Ryder and CVS reunions every summer. I loved to dance, so much so, that I became know as “Skate” because I was smooth on my feet. Oh yeah! If you know anything about me, it was that I had a sense of fashion! I was “Tailor-made,” sporting some of the fanciest suits from Progressive Tailors.

I met and married my love Bobbie Moore on July 8, 1978. We had two sons: Dennis Jr. and Darian. Dennis preceded me in death. After my marriage to Bobbie ended, I moved back to Jackson, Mississippi, until my health began to fail.

My cancer was incompatible with my life, and I was not prepared or ready to go so soon. On January 26, 2024, I peacefully moved from this earthly home and began my journey to Heaven where my ancestors welcomed me. I leave to cherish my memories: my sister Lavette (Kevin) Fargo; son, Darian; 4 grandchildren: Jayda, DeAnthony, Dante and Kori; nephew, Kalel; 3 nieces: Porshé, Kiera and Kennedy; 4 aunts: Tessie, Claudia, Lula (Dan) and Ada; the family of the late Percy and Argentina Powell, and host of cousins. If you didn't know, I was the favorite first cousin. I enjoyed my life, family members and many friends.

Until we meet again, Love ya! Wolf

ORDER OF SERVICE

Monday, February 5, 2024

Visitation: 10:00 A.M. Funeral: 11:00 A.M.

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Minister, Timothy Powell, **Officiating**

Scripture

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Henry Brown

Prayer

Deacon Larry Powell, Sr.

Selection

Juliette Turner

Reflections

(2 Minutes Please)

Acknowledgements

Dr. Porshé Garner

Life Reflections

Read Silently

Eulogy

Minister Timothy Powell

Recessional

Pallbearers

Kevin Fargo, Larry Powell, Earl Terrell, Markeeth Taylor,

Jerry Powell, Morrice Taylor, Lewis Garner

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

3401 W. 87th Street

Evergreen Park, IL 60805