

THE LIFE REFLECTIONS OF Jerome Dandridge, Jr.

Jerome Roy Dandridge, Jr. was born to Jerome, Sr. and Audrey Dandridge on October 29, 1958, in Chicago, Illinois. He was the first of their three children.

He was raised to know God at the Vernon Park Church of God, where he confessed Christ at a young age and remained a member until his move to lowa.

Jerome was an inquisitive child with above-average intelligence. His mother often recalled the many questions the very young Jerome would ask about adult issues. Educated in the Chicago Public School System, Jerome's ability to navigate almost any subject became evident to his teachers and fellow students. However, Jerome was a reluctant academic and often hid his abilities to appear as just an ordinary guy.

Following high school, Jerome worked in various fields, including the computer sciences. However, he eventually decided to join the U. S. Postal Service and make it his life profession as his father had done. A dedicated postal worker for decades both in Chicago and lowa, Jerome's hard work and longevity were noted on various occasions.

Jerome was known as a man devoted to family and friends. Affectionately dubbed "Boobie" as a baby, Jerome never neglected to show love or concern. He always remained the strong big brother, the cool uncle and the loving son. Jerome's journey ended on July 24, 2025, in Clive, lowa. He was preceded in death by his parents and both siblings, Jerra and Jerald.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his uncle, James Dandridge, Jr., aunt, Gail Leslie, nephews, Craig and James (Kayla) January, nieces, Ashley and Jordan Dandridge, brother-in-law, Jerald (Maura) January, sister-in-law, Adrienne Dandridge, his best friend Theodore "Ted" Smith, Jr., and a host of family, friends and co-workers.

I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work or play Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of day If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow My life's been full, I've savored much, Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch If my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief Lift up your heart, rejoice with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

Order of Service

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 Wake 10:00am Service 11:00am Vernon Park Church Of God

1975 E. Joe Orr Rd. Lynwood, IL 60411

Processional

ayer Minister Gladys Brand

Reading of Scripture Pastor E. Raymond Chin

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Musical Selection Kim Giddens - "Through It All"

Remarks Ashley Dandridge Co-Worker/Friend

Gail Leslie

Acknowledgments Minister Carmen Sanders-Banks (Tributes, Resolutions, Condolences)

Reading Of Obituary Jordan-Symone Dandridge

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Musical Selection Larry Brand - "I Won't Complain"

Eulogy Pastor Jerald January, Sr.

Benediction Pastor Bruce McKinney

Recessiona

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