

In Loving Memory of
Tony La Vell Burton

Sunrise: July 5, 1955

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Sunset: April 17, 2024

A TIME TO BE BORN: Tony La Vell Burton was born July 5, 1955, in Oakland, CA to proud parents Ben Junior Burton and Dorothy Jean Burton. To this family, he was the only son and the eldest of four children.



A TIME TO LIVE: Tony attended Oakland public schools and received his GED from Stockton Unified School District. He had a knack for taking things apart and establishing a new purpose for them. It often left some things rendered brand new according to his design. He was known as an avid concert lover, and he loved to dress to the nine. He had the biggest heart anyone could have. He loved fun and games like pitching pennies, playing pool, shooting marbles and dice. He was a real jokester and played with his nephews and nieces on a regular basis. He found great joy in talking frequently with his sisters Dell Shaw and Tanya Burton. It was the highlight of his day when he shared his concerns and love with them. He was a great family protector. Tony did warehouse work for several years and had the pleasure of doing janitorial work in Reno, Nevada. He loved to work with his hands.

A TIME TO LOVE: On October 19, 1980, his son Lavell was born, whom he adored. In 1983, he married his loving wife Diane. Tony loved concerts. He enjoyed hanging out with his adult son Lavell. He absolutely loved and adored his weekly family talks with sisters Dell and Tanya. He had the biggest heart, never holding a grudge and always forgiving.

A TIME TO DIE & BE AT PEACE: Tony departed this life on the evening of April 17 after enjoying a day of bowling with friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Ben and Dorothy Burton, grandparents Willie and Cora Turner and Mose and Mattie Burton, four aunts (Irma Ritchie, Albertine Hatter, Gloria Johnson, Hazel Castleberry), two uncles (Timothy Lewis Burton, Donald Burton) and three nephews (Ricardo Lavender, Wesley Grayson and Leroy Payne Jr.). Memories are left to be cherished by his wife Diane Burton; son Lavell Burton; siblings Arthur, Kathy, Tanya, Ronnie, Terrence, Angela, Terry, Vincent, Juanita, Steven, Andre and LaTina; sisters-in-law Shelly and Dorothy; uncle David Burton (Jean); his other mother Yvonne Hopkins, sixteen nephews, twelve nieces, thirty-three great nephews, eighteen great nieces and a host of cousins and friends.