



Mr. Elmo Burns

October 26, 1956 - December 30, 2021

Mr Elmo Burns Jr. was born to Elmo and Luevator Burns Sr. on October 26, 1956, in Chicago, Illinois. He attended George Manierre Elementary School and Robert A.

Waller High School.

Elmo pursued many interests. He was a fashion icon, who wore tailored clothing and performed his own alterations. Only a handful of young men were able to afford custom clothing in high school, and Elmo was among that number. His initials were embroidered on a lapel of the shirt and a rear trouser pocket of every walking suit-he wore. Walking suits consisted of a shirt with matching trousers and the style originated in the Caribbean Islands.

Elmo loved various genres of music and enjoyed stepping to nearly every beat. He was fond of R & B, funk, smooth jazz and disco music.

Elmo was not a "jack" of all trades ... that would be an understatement of his many abilities. He was a prolific, productive and skilled master tradesman. He was

extremely

gifted in auto repair. I don't believe there was a vehicle that he couldn't repair.

For

example, he performed scheduled maintenance such as motor and transmission oil

changes, installed brakes, serviced radiators and even was able to drop an engine

or transmission for repair.

Elmo performed masterfully in the construction trades, being proficient in plumbing

and electrical wiring, installation of drywall/mudding, taping and finishing, installation

of floor and wall tile, painting, pane and glass block window installation and more.

Some of his children learned a specific trade from him.

Elmo was an excellent cook. For example, he cooked a perfectly seasoned, flavorful

pot of greens, chitlins, rice and pinto beans, in which the gravy had to be just right. He

and his wife recently held a competition over who cooked the best tasting chitlins.

When Elmo grilled meat, it was so tender it would fall off the bones. He was always the

one chosen to grill food at family picnics and bbq's.

Elmo was so resourceful that he formed butterfly stitches out of panty liners, to close

facial wounds that Jordan had on his chin and Aaron had above his eye. He had so

many skills that they cannot all be listed here.

His parents and sister Charlotte Burns preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish

his memory: loving wife and life partner, L'Tanya Luster Burns of Milwaukee, Wisconsin;

his children, Tawanda Hall, Marquis and Kentoria Lampley, Aaron and Shecori Burns,

Kent and Tiffany Thomas, Aaron and Jordan Silas of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Keisha

and Terrence Burns, Elmo and Calliea Gideon, Rodney Flukes and Monique Luster

of Chicago, Illinois; Antonio, Brian and Taylor Silas of Richmond, Virginia; three sisters,

Georgia Patterson, Carolyn Alexander, Julia Burns; and a brother, Lawndale Burns of

Chicago, Illinois; two aunts, Mae and Jessie Sample of Chicago, Illinois; an uncle, Eddie

Sample of West Memphis, Arkansas; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren;

and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Mr. Elmo Burns Jr. - a man full of love and compassion who loved life and family, who

touched the lives of many, and who will be missed and cherished by all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Northwest Cremation Services

6630 W. Hampton Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



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