



Lester George Escoffery

February 20, 1958 - October 5, 2008

Lester George Escoffery, 50, of Syracuse, New York, died Sunday, October 5, 2008 at University Hospital in Syracuse.

Lester was born February 20, 1958 in Jamaica. He was a graduate of Louis Brandeis High School in New York City, New York. He was an Army veteran serving during the Korean Conflict. Lester was a Ministry Pastor at Universal Life Church and a member of Twelve Tribes of Israel in New York City. He was committed to his belief of Rastafari! He was a great cook and he loved music, art and lively conversations. He was predeceased by his father, Leroy Esquire Escoffery and brother, Erwin "Vin" Escoffery.

Lester is survived by his six children, Jonathan and Nyanibah Escoffery of New York City, New York, Abdiel, LeShem, Eshan and Maresh Escoffery all of Syracuse, New York; one grandson, Rashad Newton of New York City, New York; his mother, Hazel Louise Reid; two sisters, Joylett Davis of Florida and Jennifer Rattray of Massachusetts; two brothers, Stanfford Escoffery of Rochester, New York and John Escoffery of New York City, New York; the mother of his children, Valerie Escoffery of Syracuse, New York. Lester was also loved by a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial Service: Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 2:30 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York

13205.

Tribute Wall



“ I love my uncle dearly. I remember when I was a little girl, he hugged me tightly and picked me up. Whenever Uncle came around there would always be laughter and music and good food. Fishing with him and learning history from him were among my favorite activities. He was such an intelligent and charming man that the world was blessed to have. Uncle Lester will be missed, but remembered by his loved ones with nothing but fond memories.

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“ Your Family is in my Prayers.Love Theresa and Christopher

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“ Lester was a Good Man. He was a kind, loving, generous man. He always shared with everyone. He loved his family very much. He was very proud of all his children, and also of his nieces and nephews. There was always joy in our house when he came to visit. A TRUE RASTAFARIAN always enlighting me when He'd reason about Rastafari and the world. I will miss Lester, but not forget him cause I know HE'S FORWARD.JAH RASTAFARI SELASSIE I BLESS YOUR SOUL MAY YOU REST IN JESUS PEACE JAH BLESS I will keep you in my prayers.ONELOVE

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“ My dear brother Lester was well loved by me and my two children and wife. We had good times together, toasting on the mic, practicing Kung-Fu, fishing and cooking. We are both Rastafarian and love to reason about life together. One thing that I can say that he was passionate about, was the love he had for all his children. As kids in Jamaica west indies, where we grew up, he had to do lots of heavy chores and still managed to do well in school. I admired my brother for his skills as an artist. He drew pictures that until this day I still remember. I have on my computer a picture of me, John and Lester when he was about 13 years old. I see him as being handsome and kind of a pretty boy, as he was always dressed well. He was dignified and out spoken. He was above average in intelligence. I loved him and know that he loved me. I will always carry him in my thoughts, RASTAFARI!

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“ Eshan -Please accept my sympathy to you and your family. I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Please know you are all in my thoughts.Regards,Mrs. AshleyNottingham Health Teacher

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“ I will forever love and cherish every moment we spent together as brothers and Rastafarians. To my wonderful sister-in-law, thank you for being so loving and kind. To my niece and nephews, I love you all, please! be strong and remember this truth, your father loved you and only wanted the best for you all. Life is a continual struggle, but we are defined by the way we handle the rough moments. Keep on loving and hugging each other. Jah is with you all. I want to also thank Margie for her kindness and being there for my brother. To all of his close friends and family, thank you all for being there for him. Rasta Live!

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“ Uncle Lester, the best an uncle can get. Always trying to bring the family together and have a good time. Always bringing uplifting spirits when things don't seem too great, overjoyed to see his niece and nephew when visiting us, and giving a warm loving hug every time he'd depart. Power punches or fist bumps were what he'd give me, and my face would light up when we greeted like that. These are the some of the things I remember about my beloved uncle that put a smile on my face. I love you so much, and know you love me no less. Jah Bless. Rastafari!

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“ We want you to know that we care. Let the memories be your source of comfort. And the sympathy of those who Love you, make the pain in your Heart less difficult to bear. Peace Be With The Escoffery Family.

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“ I will keep you all in my prayers.

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“ Jah! Rastafari! Selassie I. Greetings Family, May Jah keep you and comfort you during this time of greif! Brother Lester will be truly missed but his spirit will live on in you all and in the hearts and minds of us that loved him. Selassie !!

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“ Valerie and family you have my sympathies during your time of grief.

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“ I know there are no words at this time to comfort. May God be with you and your family at this grief stricken time. You are loved by many at the school district. Time masters all.

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