



Rufus Hale

December 29, 1962 - August 5, 2022

Sunrise: December 29, 1962 - Sunset: August 5, 2022

Rufus “Little Joe” Hale, age 59, passed away peacefully at home after six years of health conditions.

Rufus was born in Columbus, Ohio. He was the eighth child of Nadji Ann Hale and Rufus “Big Joe” Lawrence. Joe received his education in the Columbus Public School System. Joe worked many years at Kentucky Fried Chicken, cleaning chicken, battering chicken, and dropping it in the grease. You know the rest-good juicy tasting chicken. Joe also had a love for landscaping.

Joe was a son, brother, uncle, cousin, father, friend, and cherished being a grandfather. Joe really enjoyed loving and being with his family. Joe’s favorite past time was sports-football (Dallas and The Buckeyes). Joe played a mean game of basketball. He had a 3-foot vertical leap. And to get right down to it, he would talk trash playing spades and drinking beer.

Joe is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents; maternal grandparents, Homer and Nina Hale; mother, Nadji Ann Hale; father, Rufus Lawrence; uncles, Homer (Nina) Hale Jr., Devonne (Mary) Hale and Tyrone (Minnie) Hale; aunts, Geraldine Steptoe, Cleo (Ben)Cloyd, Gladys Hale,

Fairabee (James) Johnson and Sonjia (Manning) Harlin; sisters, Tonya Hale Allen, Tracy Ruff and Joy Hale; brother, Victor Lawrence; sister-in-law, Doshella Hale; brothers-in-law, Alvin Edwards and Charles Ray George; the love of his life, Michelle Price; nephews, Steven Ramsey, Ronald Hale, Anthony Ramsey, Bruce Cloyd and Jack Ruff Jr.; and nieces, Kensley Ruff and Sad`e Lawrence.

Left to cherish memory are his daughters, Joliea Hale and Makayla Hill; uncle, Erle (Vera) Hale; aunt, Janie Williamson; sisters, Deborah Edwards, Fredricka Hale, Jackie George, Joyce Lawrence, Maya Alexander and Fairabee (John) Hale-Cladin; brothers, Anthony Hale and Ronald Hale; brother-in-law, Jack Ruff; four grandchildren; and a host of many nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Joe will truly be missed by all who had the pleasure to know and love him. Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Rufus "Little Joe" Hale.