



Dale Henry Lyons

February 15, 1961 - May 8, 2021

Dale Henry Lyons was born on February 15th, 1961 at US Air Force Hospital, Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, IL to the late Henry Lyons Jr. and Elvira Campbell Lyons.

As an “Army Brat,” Dale grew accustomed to traveling throughout his childhood years, as he lived in Illinois, Ohio, California, Indiana and even in Germany for some time.

Dale returned to his family’s hometown in Gary, IN where he attended Roosevelt High School before enlisting in the United States Army where he served for 5 years and was ranked as a Specialist working as a heavy vehicle mechanic.

It was also during this time, Dale met Phyllis Dixon-Simmons and the couple were blessed with his first son Turnell Donta Lyons on September 19th, 1978. A few years later, Dale met Mary Hare, and with this relationship was blessed with his second son Jeremy Jeremiah Andrew Lyons on November 2nd, 1983. Dale was honorably discharged from the army in 1983 and ready for a new change of scenery.

In the late 1980s, his sister Joyce convinced him to relocate to Minneapolis, MN where he held various positions including a Furniture Mover, Construction Worker, and 10 years working as a Security Guard in downtown Minneapolis. Dale accepted Jesus as his savior at an early age, and later studied and explored other faiths. It was during this season, he began exploring the Muslim faith, researching his roots and earned his X from the Nation of Islam.

In the early 2000s, Dale became a member of the Masonic Temple where he received many awards including the 33rd and last Degree on June 28th, 2004. Most notably in 2010, he was honored as the Noble Dale H. Lyons Potentate from 2010 – 2013 at Fezzan Temple #26.

Around 2010, Dale joined the Johnnie Baker Post # 291 and held many positions including Commander of his Post, which was the position he held until his transition.

Dale was a lifelong learner; he was fascinated with books of all kinds. He was a history buff, with a special interest in Black History. He was a music enthusiast with an openness to many genres, at the top was jazz and R&B soul! Dale enjoyed spending time with family & friends, his fellow vets and brother & sisters at the Lodge. Dale, was loyal and generous, and once he made a friend, he would stand closer than a brother.

Dale was dedicated to taking care of his spiritual, mental and physical health. He took vitamins faithfully, and would send you some too. He had a new found love for cooking (he loved his air-fryer) and often shared recipes. Not to mention he would readily boast pictures of his plated dishes. Make no mistake about it, at his prime he was dedicated to his workout regimen and the occasional glass of Glen Leavitt.

Dale Henry Lyons, 60, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, May 8, 2021. He is preceded in death by his parents Henry Lyons Jr. and Elvira Campbell Lyons.

To cherish his memory and celebrate his life Dale leaves his sons Turnell Jeremy Lyons, Bonus Daughter: Dana (Leonard) King-Wiley and God-Daughter LaToya King. Bonus Mom: Grace Spates (Aunt), Bonus Sisters: Bonita Worthman, Joyce (Lawrence) McNutt, 5 Grandchildren: Ta'Nayia Lyons, Ne'Yomi James-Lyons, Kahlil Vaughn-Lyons, Keyauri Lyons, Nehemiah Lyons, 4 Nephews: LeVar Roberts, JaCory (Tanesha) Shipp, Jamal (NiPre) McNutt, Jamel (Zaria) McNutt, 2 Nieces: Janay (Miles) Moore, Staci Worthman, Special friends Robert (Boogie) Evans, Geri & Fred and many other special family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling Cemetery

7601 34th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel
2201 Plymouth Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
(612) 521-6744
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Patricia Reedus, Miguel and Tracy Reedus Spencer, Tony and Ryan Reedus sent the Strength and Solace Spray in honor of Dale!



Tracy Spencer - May 27, 2021 at 02:07 PM

TS

“ Dale is my Sweetheart and we texted and called frequently! He is my brother and I know he will still be looking down and protecting us! He will be with me in my heart until we meet in heaven! 🥺❤️🙏

Tracy Spencer - May 27, 2021 at 01:49 PM

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“ Tracy Spencer lit a candle in memory of Dale Henry Lyons



Tracy Spencer - May 27, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dale Henry Lyons.



May 26, 2021 at 12:36 PM

BJ

“ Bonnie and Joyce purchased the Bountiful Memories Casket Spray for the family of Dale Henry Lyons.



Bonnie and Joyce - May 25, 2021 at 08:04 PM

MG

“ Moma Grace purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dale Henry Lyons.



Moma Grace - May 25, 2021 at 07:31 PM

DF

“ Darnell & Johnny Walker and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dale Henry Lyons.



Darnell & Johnny Walker and Family - May 18, 2021 at 11:35 AM