



Gerald Lee Anderson

January 4, 1957 - June 29, 2019

Gerald Lee “Spanky” Anderson was born to the union of Betty Jean and Melvin “Sonny” Anderson in Kansas City Kansas at KU Medical Center, on a cool Friday morning on January 4, 1957.

Gerald, “Spanky”, Anderson went to rest with the Lord on Saturday June 29, 2019 in Phoenix Arizona.

Gerald attended school in Kansas City Kansas. After completing school, Gerald moved to Phoenix Arizona to attend United Beauty Academy. Upon completing the program, he was successful in obtaining his state cosmetology license. Gerald was a magician with the hot comb and curling iron for all hair types and cultures. His skill was this gift from God at an early age. He would often sneak and cut hair for boys in the neighborhood.

Gerald was multitalented, not only as a talented hairstylist, but as a cowboy. He worked on his father’s ranch/ riding stable, The Trail’s End Ranch in Kansas City Kansas. He would break and shod horses for a living. Working with horses resulted in his debilitating physical state he found himself in, because not all horses wanted to broke or shod. Gerald also worked for Arizona Labor Force, as a hair stylist at Great Clips, assistant hairstylist at Appearances Hair Design, and a telemarketer at Ace Home Services. Later in life, Gerald found that he could no longer work in the fields that he loved. To maintain a sense of worth, Gerald would volunteer cutting and styling hair for those who can not afford to get their hair done. By volunteering his time and his talent to others gave him great pleasure and a sense of pride.

Gerald found Christ at an early age along with his siblings, accepting Christ as his Lord and Savior through Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City Kansas. Recently, his church home was the Berean Bible Church in Phoenix Arizona.

Gerald enjoyed cutting and styling hair, riding horses, riding in rodeos, and having fun with his family. He loved to eat his sister cooking. He would want to go to her home to just sit, watch tv and eat. During his life, Gerald spent a lot of time away from his family, which has always haunted him. He realized how much in life he missed.

Those preceding him in death are his parents Betty Jean and Charlie Mathis (step-dad), Melvin "Sonny" Anderson, Sr, and Rosie (step- mom), brothers Melvin "Rickey" Anderson Jr., Philip C. Anderson, Sherman "Pee-wee" Anderson, a special nephew, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sister Sharon McKee (Jimmie Lee) of Litchfield Park Arizona, Half-brothers Harold Wayne Cotterill Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Marvin Bowens Kansas City Kansas, stepbrother Orlando Oakley, stepsister Delores Oakley both of Kansas City, Kansas. Daughters Telia Anderson (Evelyn Cannon) Portland Oregon, Fatima Anderson (Walter) Phoenix Arizona, Jamara Pembelton of Kansas City Kansas one son Jerald Pembelton of Kansas City, Kansas, and lifelong significant other Laletha Anderson, 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

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

Events

JUL **Pre-Viewing** 10:00AM

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Berean Church

2921 N. 33rd Ave., Phoenix, AZ, US, 85017

JUL **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCE TO THE ANDERSON FAMILY.....

Gerald was an upstanding man who lived here at Ozanam Manor. He was my friend. Gerald did everything with finesse and class. His dedication to every task was amazing.

He was meticulous and his attention to detail was incredible. He took Barbering to new heights. He helped a lot of people at St. Vincent De Paul. He was quiet, friendly and hardworking. I admired and loved G. He was an AFRICAN PRINCE. I called him CHIEF, the highest honor and title given to very few in Africa. Nelson Mandela was a chief. There was no higher tittle I could give him. May he rest in eternal peace. I miss him and I will remember him always.

Chief you left so unexpectedly. I still can't rap my head around it. Remember the day your Sister brought those delicious melons? We talked and laughed and made fruit smoothies. It seems just like yesterday. I miss you. RIP

Your BFF
Joyce Obiru

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