

## Reflections of Anthony Bernard's Life

Bundle of joy was born to Rosa Mae Halstied, and Frank Mathis on June 21, 1960 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by the name of Anthony Bernard Halstied.

Anthony was known to family as Bernard, he had a special bond with his Grandmother Rosie Lee Halstied.

Anthony accepted Christ at an early age with Mount Carmel Baptist Church where he attended church with his grandmother and mom.

Anthony went to Dewey Elementary and Harding Middle School; Classen High School, and graduated from Northeast High School in 1978.

Anthony enlisted in the United States Navy in 1986, and served three years.

Anthony work for Lucent Technology for several years, and went on to work for the City of Oklahoma Sanitation Department for 23 years until his health retired him.

Anthony hobbies were playing basketball on Lucent Technology team called the Lakers; playing dominoes as a youngster with his grandmother, aunt, uncles and friends, he also mastered the dance floor whether it was his dancing or his dressing attire.

Anthony married Venice Hutchinson in 1993, along with her son, Bennie West, Jr. and daughter, Sheree West. Their marriage was dissolved a few years later.

Bernard enjoyed escorting his mom to special occasions, games, and family outings; he was an excellent son who took good care of his mom.

Anthony's life would seem short to many, but those who were touched by him understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. His tender smile, kind heart and loving spirit brought so much joy to his family, friends and coworkers.

Anthony was preceded in death by his father, Frank Mathis; grandparents, James Halstied, Sr. and Rosie Hopkins-Halstied; and uncle, Kenneth Ray Halstied; cousin, Tarekuo Fisher; and best friend, Anthony (A.J.) Barkley.

Cherish his loving memories: his daughter, Sherita Tucker; his loving mother/best friend, Rosa Mae Halstied; a host of aunties, uncles, cousins, friends, and special uncle, Raymond Halstied; special niece, Barbara Hopkins-Grabow.