

Eulogy

Desi Art Hamilton, Sr. was born on Monday, January 12, 1959 on one of the coldest days of the New Year in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Desi is the ninth child and fourth son of Hurlon E. Hamilton, Sr., of Luther, Oklahoma and Irene N. Nichols Hamilton of Arcadia, Oklahoma. He is married to the former Marjorie Peoples, of Spencer, Oklahoma and has one son, Desi Art Hamilton, II. His life began much like his death, he entered this life much earlier than expected and had to remain in the hospital several days before the doctors released him to go home. When he arrived home, his other siblings were shocked that a new baby had been added to the family. Desi grew up in a Christian family and professed his belief in Christ and was baptized at an early age. As a child, Desi united with Antioch Baptist Church and soon after he united with the Holy Temple Baptist Church under the pastorage of Reverend Reginald M. Leffall. He served faithfully in the Youth Ministry, Usher Ministry and was a member of the R.M.L. Singers. He started the Holy Temple's Youth Baseball Team for the young boys in the community. Desi was not only a coach but a mentor, holding weekly dinners for his players, giving them something to look forward to each week as well as someone to look up to. Desi loved to have fun, and was really just a kid at heart.

In his formative years, Desi attended Oklahoma City Public Schools. Being the ninth child and fourth son, had many advantages as well as disadvantages. He had three older brothers that he looked up to, five sisters that tried to tell him what to do, and a younger brother that did everything he tried to do. Desi loved becoming a John Marshall Bear; he played football and was a wrestler. He was a great dancer and was a member of the modern dance team. Desi surrounded himself with all types of friends (male and female). He listened to all types of music, especially music by his favorite artist, Prince. Desi was just a joy to be around. After graduating in 1978 from John Marshall High School, Desi attended Langston University for one year where he studied Culinary Arts. He realized that college was not for him, so he moved back home and lived with his father. In 1984, Desi bought a house and finally moved out to live on his own. His door was always opened to his friends and family members that needed a temporary place to stay. During this time, Desi always worked several jobs until his neighbor; Mary Lewis helped him get a job at the Oklahoma County Senior Nutrition Program. Desi started as a driver and later became a driver/cook. Desi was promoted to Kitchen Manager and he loved visiting the different elderly centers and homes throughout the city. He was a dedicated employee, enjoyed going to work each day, and treated his coworkers as family.

Desi met the love of his life; Marjorie Peoples in 1989 at one of his niece's wedding and reconnected in 1992. They exchanged numbers and after dating for about two years, they had an elegant wedding and were married on November 11, 1995. Desi and Marjorie were inseparable. They were always together with their son, Desi II, ("D" II). He loved to travel and have a good time. Marjorie was an only child, but little did she know that when you marry a Hamilton, you marry the whole family. Desi did not stop planning birthday parties, holiday's celebrations and most of all The Hamilton's Thanksgiving Dinner (a tradition that is dated back over fifty years). Desi would do all the shopping, prepare all the food for about two-hundred people, decorate, plan all the games and prepare a program with little or no help. He would always have prizes and honor his aunts and uncles and all the college and high school graduates. Desi would pay for most of the expenses out of his own pocket. Sometime Desi would get all his money back and sometime he wouldn't. He never complained because he loved his family and had a giving heart.

On Thursday, October 8, 2014, after hearing the prognosis from the doctors, an unselfish decision was made by his immediate family to honor Desi's last request and that was to donate his organs to help the lives of others. His son had the honor to raise the flag that was flown at OU Medical Center for his unselfish generosity. On Friday morning, October 9, 2014, Desi departed this life much like he entered and now he is resting safe in the arms of Jesus.

He leaves to cherish his memories: He beloved wife, Marjorie Hamilton and his son, Desi Hamilton, II. His loving father, Hurlon Hamilton, Sr., His mother-in-law, Troja Peoples, His sisters: Narris Ford, Kercena Reed, Kindred (Harold) Miles, Herlena Leggins, Irene Turner and Safiyyah Shabazz. His brothers: Hurlon Hamilton Jr., Kevin (Devoria) Hamilton, Sr., Luetrail Hamilton, Sr., and Ozzie Hamilton, Sr., Three aunts: Edith Hamilton, Dorothy Evans and Pearl Williams, (36) nieces and nephews, (84) great nieces and nephews, (11) Great-Great nieces and nephews, the Oklahoma County Senior Nutrition Program family, and a host of relatives and friends who loved him and will miss him dearly.



"May The Work That I've Done Speak for Me"