



**Northeast High School
Class of '73 - 20 Yr. Reunion**



Honorary Pallbearers

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| Karl Lofton | Tyrone Lofton |
| Barry Lofton | Kris Lofton |
| John (Joe) Lofton | Erik Lofton |
| Hefner Cutliff | JC Anderson |
| William (Bill) Oakes | Orland (Bird) Cruse |
| Donald Edwards, Jr. | Dale Edwards |
| Dwayne Edwards | Don R. Baker II |
- Erik Jackson

Flower Bearers

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| Starla Montgomery | Margaret Lofton-Anderson |
| Janelle Lofton | Sheri Lofton |
| Avis Lofton | Leslie Lofton |
- Eboni Lofton

Honorary Flower Bearers

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| Irene Cutliff | Christy Cutliff-Perkins |
| Jheri Cutliff | Janice Stallworth |
| Stephny Smith | Renita McKinney |
| Bonita Williams | Karen Sturdivant |
| Denise Jordan | Antoinette Roach |
- Bernice Sturdivant

Acknowledgement

The family and extended families of Rolland Lofton would like to express our sincere thanks for all acts of kindness and expressions of love during our time of bereavement. A special thanks to St. John Missionary Baptist Church Family, Bishop Donald Woody, Sr./Judah Christian Assembly, Inc., the Northeast High School Class of 1973 and the staff of Temple & Sons Funeral Directors.

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"We Care"
II Timothy 4:8

*Celebrating The
Life Of*

**Rolland
Dean Lofton**

Sunrise January 8, 1955 *Sunset* May 3, 2021

SERVICES
 SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021 - 2:00 P.M.
TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.
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 OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73111
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Obituary

Rolland Dean Lofton was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on January 8, 1955 to John and Jeanette Lofton.

Rolland was baptized at an early age at St. John Missionary Baptist Church (SJMBC) in Oklahoma City, OK and he was a 'St. John Brat'. Which means he was raised under the guidance of renowned Pastor, Dr. W.K. Jackson and the SJMBC family. He later joined Judah Christian Assembly, Inc. under the leadership of Bishop Donald Woody, Sr.

As a child, Rolland enjoyed building homemade go carts, box cars, baseballs, and bicycles. He loved taking care of pets, such as, snakes, frogs, chickens, rabbits, dogs, cats and turtles. Rolland was an adventurous young man. He, along with his brothers and friends, would often walk the underground tunnels of OKC (manholes) for fun and excitement. They also would bravely wander in the woods for regular daring adventures. Rolland loved all sports, baseball in particular. He had a passion for collecting and reading comic books, watching science-fiction movies and winning the Annual 4th of July Fireworks Battle with friends that lived around the corner on Madison Avenue.

Rolland attended Harmony Elementary School, Harding Middle School and graduated from Northeast High School in 1973. He was a true 'Mighty Viking' and excelled in baseball where he was offered a collegiate scholarship. His love of music was obvious and his favorite group, without question, was Parliament-Funkadelic. Rolland was definitely a soul brother and he was proud to be a baby boomer who grew up in that era. He definitely cherished the fond memories of his brothers and sisters from Northeast High School Class of 1973.

Rolland enjoyed collecting albums, listening to music, maintaining an immaculate lawn, grilling/smoking and watching his beloved football teams which were the Green Bay Packers and the OU Sooners. He was an avid baseball fan and loved watching Major League Baseball Playoffs and the World Series.

Rolland's professional careers were in the restaurant business and trucking industry.

He enjoyed cooking and was well known for his famous omelets, smoked ribs, chicken and briskets. He also smoked turkeys and hams during the holidays for family and friends.

During his long tenure in the trucking industry, Rolland maintained a spotless driving record as a professional commercial truck driver - '18 wheeler'. He loved being on the road and traveling to different states. He would often take time out to visit relatives if they happened to live along his route.

Rolland was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jeanette Lofton and his wife, Debra Lofton.

Rolland leaves to cherish his memories a devoted partner, Karen Baker, his daughter, Starla Montgomery, beautiful granddaughter, Ariana Marie, his brothers, Karl Lofton (Sharon), Tyrone Lofton, Barry Lofton; his sisters, Margaret Lofton-Anderson (JC), Janelle Lofton, Avis Lofton, Sherri Lofton, Leslie Lofton; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Tribute to Dad

My father was a great man to me, the best one in my life. We had a bond time and space couldn't break.

I'll miss his smile, his LAUGH, him holding me in his arms and calling me his babygirl. That's really what I want from him one more time.

Daddy, I love you and I'll miss you every day; I'll keep your memory alive. I know you're happier and in a better place, and no longer in pain. You're my favorite man in the world, no one will ever compare to you. Until we laugh together again. Seeee yaaaaa!

Starla Montgomery



Order of Service

Organist - Dr. Terry Spigner
St. John Missionary Baptist Church

- Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Old Testament Scripture Dr. Lawrence Kirk
St. John Missionary Baptist Church
- New Testament Scripture Dr. Lawrence Kirk
St. John Missionary Baptist Church
- Prayer Pastor Trish Woody
Judah Christian Assembly, Inc.
- Music Selection Dr. Fred Hammond
University of Central Oklahoma
- Resolutions/Acknowledgements Janice Stallworth,
NEHS Class of 1973
- Reflections Family and Friends
(two minutes please)
- Music Selection Stepheny Smith
St. John Missionary Baptist Church
- Eulogy Bishop Donald Woody, Sr.
Judah Christian Assembly, Inc.
- Video Tribute Temple and Sons Funeral Directors
- Parting View Temple and Sons Funeral Directors
- Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family