



Mr. Paul L. Combs Jr.

August 31, 1947 - November 14, 2018

Paul Lawrence Combs, Jr. was born August 31, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois, to the union of Paul L. Combs, Sr. and Lucille E. King Combs, who both departed this life in the early 1960's and 1970's respectively. Paul Jr. had no sisters or brothers.

Paul Jr. grew up on the South Side of Chicago and attended Howalton, Bennett Elementary, and Harlan High School. He was a great athlete in football, and track and field where he won a championship in Shot Put in high school. He attended and graduated from Chicago State University earning his degree in Physical Education. He spent his entire professional life serving children as a Physical Education Teacher for the Chicago Board of Education in Chicago, Illinois. Paul Jr. enjoyed teaching health and sports, and involving his students in sports activities at their level. He also encouraged and helped his students and nephews) get involved with the Jackie Robinson Baseball League. Paul retired in June, 2005 after 35 years of service as a Physical Education Teacher and Drivers Education Instructor. Personally, Paul Jr. enjoyed jogging along the lakeshore of beautiful Lake Michigan, neighborhood parks, and working out five days a week at the local gym. Paul was an avid health advocate watching his diet and using vitamins and natural juices and foods for good health. He also enjoyed dancing the many dances Chicago is known for, music, both secular (Old School), and gospel, and was a member of community based singing groups, including the Chicago District Choir, and InPraise Ensemble under the direction of Dorothy, his wife, where he sang

bass.

Paul Jr. and Dorothy Sample were married June 14th, 1975. Their love, respect, and support for each other led to a life of happiness and rewards. It was once said, "When you saw one, you saw the other." Paul was an awesome father to Michelle, and wonderful grandfather to Cedric. Paul and his family joined and attended St. Paul CME Church and Carter Temple CME Church where he served as Trustee. Steward, and active member of the Male Music Ministry, Church Choir, and Wednesday night Bible Classes. In 2011 Paul and Dorothy joined Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, where he remained a member until his death. Paul Jr., after a long illness, departed this life Wednesday morning, 12:30am at Merit/River Oaks Hospital. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, daughter Michelle (Kenny)grandson Cedric, two first cousins, Sylvia & Debbie Thompson of San Diego California, and his entire Sample family of Sister-in-laws, Brother-in-laws, nieces and nephews, all of whom were loved by him, as well as his very close buddies and friends in Chicago, and others whose lives touched and blessed him. Though an only child, Paul Jr. had a great love for family and always looked forward to family gatherings and reunions knowing that Family Is Forever.

Cemetery Details

Billingsley Hill Cemetery

Lena, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ God bless the family of Paul. My name is George Lynch and I'm so sorry I'm just finding out about Paul. Paul and I became friends at Harlan High in Chgo. . We participated in Track together. We. Graduated College together. We also taught school . Paul was always a friend , smooth dancer and spiffy dresser. We grew apart in the early 90's. I often wondered where he went and today did a Google search. The sad news hit my eyes. My prayers are two years late but God hears me and will tell Paul that George Nick Lynch remembers his friend.

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