



## Mr. Arthur Lewis Garrison

April 26, 1925 - August 4, 2015

The Life And Legacy Of Arthur Lewis Garrison:

Arthur Louis Garrison was born on April 25, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois to Louis Garrison, his deceased mother's name is unknown. Arthur accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age.

Arthur was naturally a very gifted and talented artist. When Art was in grade school in Chicago, he was asked to draw holiday scenes on the chalk boards in several classrooms in his grade school. When Art was ten years old, he won a scholarship to the Art Institute in Chicago. Arthur finished growing up in Clarksville, Tennessee with his Aunt Coreen and Uncle Henry after the death of his mother when he was ten years old.

Art realized being part of a loving mid-sized family made him very happy. One of Art's fondest childhood memories was that on your birthday you got to choose your favorite cake. Arthur always chose pineapple coconut cake. After graduation from high school in Clarksville, Tennessee, Arthur enlisted in the Navy. While in the Navy, Arthur trained to become a frogman for the U.S. Navy. Upon his discharge, Arthur moved to Bloomington, Illinois where he married Madilyn Ruth Bynum. Out of that union they had four children; one son, Arthur Louis Garrison, Jr.; three girls, Jacquelyn Marie, Charlene Anita, and Madilyn Ruth. Even though Arthur wanted to use his talent and become a Graphic Designer, he took the advice of his fraternal grandfather and became

a master plumber. Arthur broke the color barrier when he became the first black plumber to be on staff at Illinois State University in the mid 60's.

While living in Illinois, Arthur was also a boy scout leader. Arthur broke the color barrier again when he became a plumber on staff at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Arthur moved his family to Detroit, Michigan in 1970. Arthur was one of the first black plumbing inspectors for the City of Detroit. Arthur retired from the City of Detroit as a plumbing inspector supervisor, setting new standards for job integrity. Arthur took fly fishing classes in Wisconsin. Arthur taught his son how to hunt and fish, hobbies his son enjoys to this day. Arthur shared his love for nature and the outdoors with his family. As a family, they enjoyed hiking, canoeing, camping, fishing, and golfing. He took his family camping across the United States.

# Tribute Wall



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