

Obituary

Brother Marlon "Uncle Luke" was born April 30, 1960 to the late Herschel W. El and Willie Mae El.

Marlon attended Clintondale High School and later went on to pursue his profession in H & O Construction. He was a "Jack of all trades"; if it needed to be fixed, he could do it.

Brother Marlon was one of a kind. He was handsome, loving and, most of all, charming. Marlon had the complete ability to speak easily and confidently in a way that made people want to listen and believe him. He had the "gift of gab".

He truly enjoyed family gatherings and big cookouts. He loved fishing, working on cars, talking loud and, most importantly, he was a loving father and grandfather. He will forever be known worldwide for his last motor vehicle stunt. You know... The one where he recently thought he was Evel Knievel.

Brother Marlon made his transition on Friday, June 18, 2021. He leaves to continue in his life and cherish his memory: daughter, Marlisa Willis; stepsons, Raphael (Jewell) Bethea, Terrence Stephens and James Bethea; brothers, Herschel El, III (Belinda) and Marvin Stepney; sisters, Celinda Harris and Durina Banks; sister-in-law Madelene El and LaShae Shell; special brother and sister, Myrick El and Meshia El; god siblings, Sharon Johnson and Caesar Johnson (who were raised with him); grandchildren Ma'Kayla Hawkins, Cameron Monroe, Raphael Bethea, Jr., Ramari Bethea, Ralante Bethea, Railyn Bethea, Raina Bethea, Roman Bethea, Major Bethea, Mason Brown and Juelz Sherrell; aunts Nellie Martin and Vivastine Stewart; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Marlon was preceded in death by his loving wife, Nichelle Bethea El; brothers, Omar El and Juan El; and sister, Sheri El Thacker.

