

In Memory Of
Larry Eugene Miller
June 15, 1949 - August 31, 2012 (Age 63)
Antioch, California

Generous, gentle, kind, loving, intelligent, athletic, family man, business man and entrepreneur are just some of the words that have been spoken to describe the character of Larry Eugene Miller. Larry was the third child born to Blanche Marie and Theodore Burton Miller on June 15, 1949 in Des Moines, Iowa. His early education was in Des Moines, Iowa where he first displayed his love and skill in sports, especially baseball at that time.

In 1961 the family relocated to Denver, Colorado. Larry attended Smiley Jr. High School and East High School in Denver before returning to Des Moines, Iowa. He resided with his Aunt Rose and Uncle Earl Hutchison in Des Moines, where he was nurtured, kept grounded and allowed to focus on his education and love for sports. This was a very close and special relationship that increased each and every year. Even his cousins considered him their brother! Larry enjoyed high school in Des Moines; he acted in plays, played sports, baseball, football and track, participating in the Drake Relays.

Upon graduating from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, Larry received a football scholarship to Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota. His running speed made him a strong member of the Mankato Football Team. He ran sprints on the track team and some of his records still stand today at Mankato. In 1971 Larry was appointed the Director of the newly opened Black Cultural Center. Larry received his Bachelor's Degree in Business and his Master's degree in Urban Studies. While at Mankato he made many lifelong friends that he enjoyed spending time with and has remained close to.

He met his first wife Gail Lewis while attending college. Their first son Lamar Toussaint was born in 1972. Larry accepted his first job opportunity with the Twin Cities Opportunity Center as a counselor and moved his family to Brooklyn Center. Gaylynn Larie, their second child and only daughter, was born in 1973. This was also the year they purchased their first home in Minneapolis. In 1977 Larry accepted his second job with the Minneapolis Housing Authority and their 3rd child Larry Jr. (Paco) was born in. In 1978 Larry moved his family to Denver, Colorado where his parents and other family members still lived. This year Larry celebrated 30 years of love with his second wife Debra Brown. They met in Colorado when his brother Teddy introduced them. Their first son Landon Thomas was born in Denver in 1983.

While working for Frontier Airlines, Larry was transferred to California and the family relocated in 1986. Larry became a Real Estate Appraiser and started his own appraisal company. He had a love for music and was part of a singing group in college calling themselves "The Maybe Nevers". He extended his love for music into managing several new, up and coming singing groups: P.R.A.Y., Left Field and Jessica.

In 1997, Larry and Debra's second son, Larrence Jefferson was born in Fremont, CA. The family, Larry, Debra, Landon, Larrence and Kchinwe (niece) live in Antioch, CA. Larry was loved and adored by many! He LOVED his family and they loved him just as much. He was not just their nephew but their son, not just their cousin but their brother and not just their uncle but their father figure! He was a passionate man who saw his purpose as to make life better for others!

Larry is survived by his wife Debra, children Lamar (Shakopee, MN), Gaylynn (Hayward, CA), Larry Jr./Betsy (Shakopee, MN), Landon (Antioch, CA), Larrence (Antioch, CA), Kchinwe (Antioch, CA). Sisters, Barbara/Willie James (Strasburg, CO), Pat/Columbus Gordon (Denver, CO), Paula Ephriam (Oklahoma City, OK), Aunt Rose and Uncle Earl Hutchinson (Des Moines, Iowa), 4 grandchildren Jaren, Jaylea, Vincenzo and Sir Brody, Uncles: Harold Jefferson (Denver), Philip Jefferson (Omaha, NE), Art/Sandra Jefferson (Des Moines), Step Mother Gloria Miller (Denver), and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins and many close friends! Larry was preceded in death by his mother Blanche Marie Miller, brother Theodore Burton Miller Jr. and father Theodore Burton Miller.

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