



Frederick Alfonso Lester Sr.

July 19, 1948 - June 21, 2025

Frederick Alfonso Lester Sr., affectionately known as “Fats,” was born on July 19, 1948, in River Rouge, Michigan, to the late Johnny and Willie Eva Lester. He peacefully departed this life on June 21, 2025, at UK Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

At an early age, Frederick accepted Christ and was baptized at Union Second Baptist Church in River Rouge, Michigan. He graduated from River Rouge High School in 1966 and later earned degrees in Electrical and Electronics from Jackson Community College in 1972 and 1973.

Frederick was joined in marriage to the late Jane Black Lester, and from this union, one son was born.

Fats was a quiet man of few words, but his gentle spirit and expressive face spoke volumes. He found deep fulfillment in his role as a mentor and counselor at the Hope Center, where he selflessly poured into others the same compassion and wisdom that had been poured into him. After 17 devoted years of service, he retired from the Hope Center, leaving behind a legacy of encouragement, strength, and support for all those he guided.

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 37 years, Jane Black Lester, who passed away in 2021; his brothers Willie Edward “Tot,” Andrew Patton of Memphis, Tennessee, Joe W. Lester, and James M. Lester; his sister Sheila Woodgett of Detroit, Michigan; and a sister-in-law, Janice Sydney of Lexington, Kentucky.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted son, Frederick Jr. (Chelsea); three loving sisters, A. Lynette Wilson of Elida, Ohio, Phyllis D. Johnson of Detroit, Michigan, and Fay M. Henry of College Park, Georgia; a host of grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews, cousins, caregivers, and cherished loved ones.

Previous Events

FUNERAL

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Smith and Smith Funeral Home

340 East Third Street

Lexington, KY 40508

(859) 255-6273

<https://www.smithandsmithfuneralhome.com>

Visitation Saturday 10 am until time of service.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Fred for many years at the Hope Center. He was definitely a man of few words and a very expressive face. I will always remember his kind, gentle spirit. My heartfelt condolences to his family.

Dinah Johnson - July 01, 2025 at 07:53 PM