



Anthony Steele Jr.

August 27, 1935 - October 15, 2018

Anthony Steele, Jr., affectionately called Tony, was born on August 27, 1935, in Sumter County, Alabama. His parents, Oretha and Anthony Steele, Sr., brother Clifford, son Marcus, and daughter Lareisa preceded him in death.

In 1954, Tony graduated from Roosevelt High School in Dayton, Ohio. Tony retired early from a supervisory position after 33 years at General Motors in Dayton. He then opened a lawn care business which he operated until they stop being snowbirds in Las Vegas and moved permanently to Las Vegas in 1999. He was an avid fisherman who looked for good fishing holes wherever he traveled. He also enjoyed a competitive game of bid whiz and would play with anyone willing to sit across from him. He could cut a rug on the dance floor until he lost his balance with Bobby Blue Bland as his favorite bluesman.

He met Anne Shearer in 1991, and she joined him in retirement in 1993. Tony and Anne married on March 22, 1997, in The Little White Chapel in Las Vegas, NV. Over the next 25 years, they traveled thousands of miles in their RV making friends all across the country. In 1994, in Belleville, Michigan, Tony helped form the National African American RVers' Association, Inc., and in 2003, he helped form The Original Las Vegas Rolling Wheels RV Club in Las Vegas.

Tony was known for his kind and compassionate spirit. Everyone who knew

him welcomed his quick smile. Tony was fixated on MSNBC. If you needed to know the latest political news you could call, Tony and he would give you a quick update.

One of his greatest pleasures was watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren thrive. On August 27, 2018, two granddaughters, Kali Block-Steele, Shashmane Wolfe-Steele, and great-granddaughter Markita Cummings traveled to Las Vegas to enjoy their college graduation gift, the trip to Las Vegas, and to celebrate his 83rd birthday.

In recent years, Tony fought bravely and survived several health issues, including his 2011 kidney transplant.

Tony is lovingly remembered by his faithful wife of 21 years, Anne Shearer Steele; daughter, Antoinette (Bruce) Curtis of Dayton, OH; son, Michael Steele of Shiprock, New Mexico; two stepsons, Alfred (Niresha) Shearer of Los Angeles; Frederick (Karis) Shearer of Los Angeles; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, two nephews, a host of other relatives, and numerous friends.

I love you. Keep your head up, your heart open, and your mind strong. God will do the rest. Son, Frederick Shearer

Grandpa Tony: I love you. I'm praying for you. Kanon Shearer