



Les Ingram

January 17, 2019

Lester Charles Ingram was born on February 15, 1949 to Earl and the late Georgia Ingram in Warren, AR. Lester was the first born son and second child of 12 children born in the Ingram family. The Ingram's, like most Blacks from the South, migrated to Milwaukee in 1953 seeking better employment opportunities. Lester received his education beginning at Lee Elementary School, Garfield Grammar School, and later attended and graduated from Roosevelt Jr. High School, and from North Division High School. He attended Platteville University and later attended and graduated from National-Louis University with a BS in Business Management. While attending Lee School, in the second grade, Lester was noticed by his teacher as a brilliant student, excelling in all subjects, including beautiful cursive writing. He was skipped to third grade, excelling in that grade also. We moved and he started attending Garfield Avenue School. By the 5th grade, teachers at Garfield recommended he be nominated for Rhodes Scholar Scholarship. Mama did not want him to be that far away from home, so after College, Lester continued his habit of excelling. This time in employment, holding positions such as teaching Adult Basic Education, Supervisor, Buyer, and finally the prestigious position of EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT at Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC). Lester had a bigger than life personality and made friends easily, and he had a terrific sense of humor. He was a brilliant human being who loved to sing and he sang in many church choirs. He loved Motown music, especially the Temptations. He lived life to the fullest, he lived life on his own

terms and he was his own man. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren, and he loved the Lord. Lester was a devoted husband of 46 years, marrying Brenda Jackson on August 8, 1973 for 46 years. Les loved to cook which was evident each holiday having a large spread of food that he learned from his mother. His speciality was turkey, dressing and candied yams and his famous sweet potato pie. He loved to take care of his grandchild, Brenden taking him back and forth to school everyday. Lester Charles Ingram departed this life on January 17, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Ingram, daughter, Cheron Ingram, Son, James Staples, grandson Brenden Charles Allen, and granddaughter Promise Staples. He is further survived by (sisters) Linda Jackson, Patricia (Isaac) Cephus, Pamela Ingram, Mary (Lafayette), (brothers) Jackie Ingram, Earl (Alberta) Ingram, Jr., Gary Ingram, James Ingram, and Michael (Charlotte) Ingram He is preceded in death by. Mother, Georgia Ingram, brothers, Donald Ray Ingram, Ricky Darnell Ingram, grandmother, Josie B. Ingram. Uncle, Argie Ingram, aunt, Pearl Collins, aunt Delois Wesley, and cousin Carol Collins. The family of the late Lester Ingram acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, your understanding, your prayers, and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement. SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019 Plymouth Church 2717 E. Hampshire Street Milwaukee, WI Family and Friends 10am - 11am Memorial Service 11am - 12am REPASS 12pm - 1:30pm Service & Reception InfoSATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019, Plymouth Church, 2717 E. Hampshire Street, Milwaukee, WI Family and Friends 10am - 11am, Memorial Service 11am - 12am, REPASS 12pm - 1:30pm

Tribute Wall

EH

“Cheron and Ms. Brenda Cheron I was thinking of you a week ago, and thought I would look you up to reach out and make sure everything was okay. Then I read about your dad. I am so sorry for you loss! My fondest memory of your dad is when we were kids, you wanted me to spend the night and your dad said I can. Then Ms. Brenda told your dad to call my dad and ask. Your dad said, "Brenda I can't call her dad and ask him is she can spend the night...how's that gonna look!" in his Lester voice. Your father and mother provided us with so many childhood memories. They both were so loving to us. Ms. Brenda and your family, I pray for your strength! Love

Elizabeth Harrell - February 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SG

“Dear Brenda and family What a beautiful service for Les. He shall be missed very much. Especially the times he and I had a chance to sing a duet together. Loved his laughter and his love for people. God Bless you all. Love

Sue and Gary Giese - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RW

“My heart goes out to You and the family at this time. And may the Peace of GOD CONTINUES to be with you. ROSCOE AND LOIS WEAVER

ROSCOE WEAVER - January 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My sincere condolences to Lester wife Brenda and his children and beloved grandchildren as well as the entire Ingram family. Les was a great man he will be dearly missed. I pray that the family feels God comforting spirit during this time.

Lorraine Tyler - January 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ So sad that another NDSH classmate has passed. My condolences to the wife and family. May God comfort you with His love and bring you peace. Be Blessed Family

Ruby Williams - January 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ was saddened to hear about Les' unexpected passing. Les and I worked together at MATC for eighteen years..During his tenure at MATC ,he had the veneration and admiration of the employees ,particularly minority employees .He was instrumental in the promotion of many minority employees who otherwise would have been overlooked. He would take the time to visit and encourage the building service staff, they had a friend in Les.and he had a friend in them. Finally, my wife and I encourage the family to lean on to God's unchanging hand. We pray for God to strengthen the family in the coming days , weeks and years.

Cleo Fluker - January 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Brenda and family, Please accept my prayer for all of you at this time in your lives and that God will continue to take care of you if you believe in Him. You were blessed to have share your lives with a wonderful husband and father. Continue to be strong.

Gertrude Payton - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ To the Ingram Family: I was saddened to hear of the passing of my friend, Les. I'll always cherish our many memories, including meeting at our favorite "watering hole". We always laughed and sometimes cussed reflecting on some crazy workplace events. Les will be missed; now he will have a chance to always laugh and sometimes cuss with the Angels above..

Al Crusoe - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Blessings to the family of Lester Ingram. Lester will be greatly missed. Lester has been a part of our lives since childhood. Lester, with his shining personality brought so much joy to all of us. We have such great memories God bless the entire family Willestine Daniels-Riley & Family

Willestine Daniels-Riley Family & the Tolivers - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dearest Brenda, sending you & the family a blanket of peace to surround you on this difficult journey. Remember the footprints in the sand, God is always with you.

Denise Smith--Wilson - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I can hear Les, "I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free," knowing God's eye is on him as he leaves our sight and we say goodbye. Though our eyes well now, "there will be joy in the morning" when we join in harmony again in the Higher Choir, as we did in the lower lofts in Faith, Bethel-Bethany, and combined choirs, and at the karaoke bar at the UCC Wisconsin Conference Meeting when Les was our best Moderator. Un-Faith-ful "churches" will leave and die, but priceless gems like Les rise up to shine and sing on.

Tom Bentz - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Les was our Witnessing Steward for our stewardship program at Emmanuel UCC, Dousman, WI, in the 90's. His witness was so powerful. At the end of the morning, after we took him out for dinner, Les said, "May our friendship continue!" I have never forgotten that. On several occasions when I was invited to preach at Bethel-Bethany, Bethany being my home church, I happily saw Les in the BB Choir. We visited briefly each time. Please know that Les touched my life. He will be remembered at a follower of Jesus

Ralph Schultz - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ God bless. Peace to you all. Lester will definitely live in our memories.

Ruth Ingram-Calvin - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I am very sorry to hear of Lester's passing. I hope that the love of family and friends will comfort and strengthen you in the days to come. Lester and I were classmates at North Division High School.

Mary Alexander Austin - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Brenda and Family Our very heart felt sympathies to you, Brenda, Cheron & James and your entire family and relatives!! Les always has been a very dear friend of ours and we, too, will miss him very deeply!! Our Sincere Love to You!! Lory & Bob

Lory & Bob Van Eerden - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dear Brenda, I was saddened upon hearing of the passing of my NDHS classmate, Lester Ingram. His Aunt Lois Wesley was a dear friend of my mother. I remember Lester as a remarkable person. I pray that you find comfort in your memories and know that you will meet him again. May God bless you and the family. Lakeland, FL

Tanya Matthews-Bell - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My sincere condolences to Brenda Ingram, Linda Ingram and the entire Ingram family. Lester will truly be missed. Sincerely,
Cassandra Brooks

Cassandra L. Brooks - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM