



Thomas Austin Jr.

February 23, 1938 - March 5, 2014

Thomas Austin Jr. (Honey Bunch) was 76 years old and the only son of Thomas Sr. & Eunice (Austin) McNeal, who preceded him in death. He was the only brother of Bernice Steward (Auston Sr.) and Janice Jackson (Leon) who also preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his oldest sister Vivian Thomas (George). Thomas Austin Jr., departed this life peacefully falling asleep at his home. His accomplishments in life were honorably serving in the US Armed Forces. He later attended the Chicago City Colleges receiving a degree in chemistry and a Chicago School of Cosmetology Certification later becoming a renowned Southside of Chicago hair stylist. He also competed in many hair shows at the Sheraton Downtown, Las Vegas, Detroit, New York and other cities each year during the 1960's & 1970's. Thomas later created his very own hair products starting his LaFrance Laboratory business. In addition Thomas had the opportunity to work with the famous stylist known as Mr. T of Chicago. He styled many Chicago notables such as Coco Taylor, Gerri Palmer, Muddy Waters, etc.....from the 1960's and 1970's that also included his sisters, three nieces and his great niece Maya. Although Thomas has gone home he will never be forgotten. Thomas also leaves to mourn his nieces Bernadine (Bunny), Francine, Evelyn, Michelle (Meme) and their children. His nephews Austin (Butch), Thomas (Tommy), Jeffrey, Eugene (Gene), Kenneth (Kenny), Robert Lee (Bobby), Gregory (Greg) and their children, his cousins James (Jimmy) Hampton and his children, Melvin Travis, his sister and their children, and a host of many other family and friends.

As a young man he was handsome and he always wore that tam.

As if he arrived from Paris with a Belize full of hair products and an old Polaroid-cam.

He would always use as models his sisters and nieces in a Wella hair show.

After all he was our mother's only brother and our only uncle, of course we couldn't say no.

If there was one thing about our uncle is he never charged us a fee.

Whenever we needed our hair styled it was always for free.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Austin Jr.*

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