



David Lee Payne

November 1, 1958 - January 13, 2021

David Lee Payne, son of Vernetta Eliza Murray and the late Charles Edward Murray, was born on November 1, 1958, in Washington, DC. He departed this life on January 13, 2021, at his home, in Pacifica, California.

David attended Queen Anne's County and Caroline County Public Schools. He received his Maryland High School Diploma.

David joined the United States Army and received an honorable discharge.

David attended the Old Dominion Job Corps Center in Monroe, Virginia. He held various jobs over the years.

David enjoyed traveling and visiting different places. He would send pictures and letters detailing his experiences to his family.

David and his mother had a strong bond. He would call his mother regularly to check on her and to tell her about his latest adventure. He sent her the most beautiful cards and letters, and was most recently preparing to send Valentine's cards. He enjoyed sending her pictures and she loved receiving them. His mother would always happily tell the family, "David called," or "David sent a package." Once he sent a beautiful set of china.

David enjoyed his life in California. He had recently moved into a new apartment near the ocean where he felt he was “movin’ on up” like the Jeffersons. He enjoyed riding his bike, swimming and spending time with friends.

While in California, David worked closely with the Veterans Administration. He was involved with different organizations connected with the VA. He made friends while in those programs.

David was preceded in death by his daughter, Myya Thompson and his father, Charles Murray.

David leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted mother, Vernetta Murray; brother, Donnie Payne and his wife Sara; sisters, Gilbrina Payne and Carol Murray Lambert; niece and nephew, Cayla and Xavier Lambert; and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

Lovingly submitted by The Family