Obituary Mr. Frank Joseph Fossie, Jr.

A time to think, a time to pray, a time to Thank God for allowing Frank to touch us in such a special way. There is no easy way to say good-bye. Yet, we must be reminded as we walk the path to the Cross that even in seeming defeat there is triumph.

Frank Joseph Fossie, Jr. was born to the late Frank Joseph Fossie Sr. and Roberta Wallace Fossie on April 16, 1943. He was the eldest of two children raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Frank graduated from Overbrook High School in 1962 where he was a member of the basketball team. He continued his education and attended Penn State University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Landscape Architecture in 1966. Frank loved basketball and football and was also a member on the basketball team at Penn State. He remained a loyal financial supporter of the Penn State Nittany Lions Football Program. Many a day, Frank could be found on the basketball courts playing pick-up ball with the likes of Wilt Chamberlain.

Upon graduation, he was employed by the City of Philadelphia as a Project Manager in the housing department.

In 1972 he relocated to Atlanta, Georgia. He became employed with MARTA, a public transit company. While at MARTA, Frank met his lovely wife Helen in 1982. The two were united in holy matrimony on August 27, 1984 and celebrated 31 wonderful years together.

He accepted a position with the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Atlanta as a Landscape Architect in 1982 where he enjoyed his passion of designing parks, playgrounds and swimming pools in the Atlanta area. He retired in 2004 after 22 years of service. Frank found great pride and joy in the home that he designed and built in 1983. Frank served a four year term as an exceptional member of the Fulton County Board of Equalization from 2010 to 2014.

He attended Jackson Memorial Baptist Church and Charles Stanley Active Church. Frank and Helen enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels to senior citizens. Frank loved jazz music especially, his favorite album was The Temptations “For Lovers Only” and his favorite thing to do was watch his favorite sports, sitting on his favorite chair and sipping his favorite beer. Whenever he traveled to Pennsylvania, his family had to go to Philly and get him his favorite cheesesteaks. He loved and enjoyed his family and was a proud and doting grandfather about his grandkids.

Some think he missed his calling in comedy. Frank enjoyed making people laugh as he certainly loved to laugh himself. He would just crack himself up! Frank was loved by many.

It is a wonderful feeling to know that Frank touched so many lives and imprinted a little of his spirit on everyone he came in contact with. He never met a stranger.

Those remaining to cherish his memories are: his devoted wife Helen Fossie; his loving sister, Gloria M. Hawkins (Rick); Four Children, son Gary Quinton Beedles (Deborah), son Frank Joseph Fossie III (Cynthia), daughter Loren Aucencia Fossie-Golden (Gregory), and daughter Sharon Lynn Smith (Fiancée Darryl); Six grandchildren: Maquellage, Armani, Laila, Olivia, Jessica and Ryan; Three great-grandchildren; Four loving nieces: Anika Hawkins, Dena Lee, Princess Lee, Nicole Alexander (Jarvis); One nephew: Robert Belcher and a host of other beloved family and friends.