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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024, 10:00 AM-12 PM, WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 12 PM, FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1204 CHEATHAM STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172; INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL CEMETERY.

Mr. Kenneth Lee Sherrod, the fourth of five children, was born on August 22, 1951 to Reuben E. (R.E.) and Annie Mai Sherrod in Springfield, TN. During various times of his life, Kenneth was affectionately known as Kenny (all of his life), Booster (during childhood), and Shank (in adulthood). Kenny was a loving husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, and friend. Kenny was baptized by Rev. Walter J. Speed at First Missionary Baptist Church and was a faithful member until his health failed. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1969 and, shortly afterwards, he was employed by Unarco Industries in Springfield for many years but eventually retired due to failing health.

Kenny was active in his community and loved to serve. During his childhood, he loved to play baseball where he was a catcher for his team. After he became an adult, he was a youth league baseball coach for many years and subsequently passed his knowledge of coaching on to his son Gary. In addition, he was a past President of the Springfield chapter of the NAACP, a member of the Bransford High School Alumni Association, and a member of a gospel singing group called the Ambassadors for Christ. He was also an avid biker and was the founder of the Soul Express MC (Motorcycle Club) which eventually grew to around 25 members. He loved to golf with close friends Bobby Trotter, James Ivory Thomas, and Robert Taylor. They often took golf trips to Myrtle Beach and, during one of his many golf excursions, hit a hole-in-one. Kenny was also a gun enthusiast, a hobby and love he shared with his nephew Andre.

Kenny loved to cook and barbeque and he became a well-known pitmaster. Every Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day he laid out a spread that would make the best pitmaster in Memphis jealous. He fed people from Springfield, Nashville, Kentucky, Indianapolis, and other places near and far. In more recent years he had an annual fish fry to celebrate his birthday and two of his friends who attended (Connell Garrett and Jerrell Jones) shared the same birthday. At Thanksgiving, the spread was just as elaborate.

Kenny used to say "this house has fed many a people!"

Another love of Kenny's was sports. Until he was unable to attend, he and Brenda had season tickets to TSU's football games and he often said that the Sophisticated Ladies were worth the price of the ticket. His favorite pro teams were the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Atlanta Braves and he cherished a picture that he took with the late great Franco Harris.

Kenny loved and spoiled his family and had a special relationship with each of them. He was a rock for Sandra and supported her in her career. He taught Kendall how to manage money and repair cars. Jermaine was the family comedian and Kenny was his biggest fan as well as his protector. He coached Gary in baseball and taught him how to barbeque. He spoiled Shanika and gave her the desires of her heart. Eli was his delight and Eli loved his "Pop Pop" in return. For Brenda, he was her Mr. Fix-it and for Paulette he was an all-around good big brother and often her source of a good meal. In return, Kenny loved her fried whole chicken wings.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Robert (Bobby) and Gary, son Jermaine, nephew-son Andre Barbee, and sister-in-law Andrea Satchell and her husband Cornelius. He was also pre-deceased by three close friends, Robert Taylor, Lovie Johnson, and Vera Taylor.

Kenny leaves to cherish is memory his loving wife of 52 years Sandra Juarice Sherrod; sons, Kendall Stone and Gary Sherrod, grandchildren Shanika (Joshua) Watkins and Elijah Sherrod; sisters Brenda (Ted) Jamison and Paulette (Michael) Adams; sister-in-law, Carolyn Sherrod; close friends, Angela Shelton, Paul West, Charles Gardner, Bobby Trotter, Cornell Garrett, Curtis Payne, and James McKissack; cousins-in-law, nieces, nephews, and other friends too numerous to name.