



Earle Mervyn Frederick

December 10, 1941 - April 21, 2024

Mr. Earle Mervyn Frederick was born on December 10, 1941 in the small fishing village of Castara, on the tiny West Indian island of Tobago. He was one of the three sons of the late Raymond and Alison Frederick. His brother Victor passed away at a young age, while Earle is survived by his older brother, Carl Frederick.

Earle's time in Trinidad was filled with fond memories. He would regale people with stories about growing up poor in a household that lived by the sayings "Don't hang your basket where your hand can't reach" and "Eat less, drink less, and get your own". Earle made kites, created carts, repaired gramophones, bicycles, and children's toys that he was given because he had a knack for technical tasks and engineering, though he struggled in school. He and his brothers hunted wild animals like iguanas, manicou, and agouti and fished in the rivers nearby. When he wasn't flying kites or fishing, he played cricket and aspired to be as good at football (soccer) as his older brother, Carl.

Earle immigrated to the US in 1966, after graduating from Bishop Highschool in Tobago. He attended RCA Technical Institute of New York. After RCA, he attended Federal City College in Washington, D.C., now known as the University of the District of Columbia. While in school, Ann, a friend of the Frederick family back in Tobago, introduced him to Opal Smith, her best

friend. After graduating and accepting his first engineering position at Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority, Earle and Opal married and welcomed Robert, their first son, in 1973. After living in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. until 1978, Earle was one of five train control engineers picked to work on the MARTA project in Atlanta, GA. He worked with General Railway Systems (GRS) and moved the family to Stone Mountain, GA. Earle and Opal welcomed their second son Jason in 1980. Earle worked for Union Switch and Signal before switching to work for MARTA fulltime until he retired in August of 2002.

Earle was always telling jokes. He loved to laugh, socialize, go to carnival events, travel, and music was a big part of his life. He tried all sorts of things in his retirement like air condition repair, small electronics repair, computer repair, television repair, and planned to use his skills in the same way he had as a child to help those less fortunate or who could not afford to pay for these services. Each time, he found that people were less interested in repairs, since the cost of parts began to become more than just buying new devices. Earle found his calling after retirement by volunteering with two non-profit organizations, an after-school program for kids, and later joined Jason's non-profit, Neo Networks (www.neonetworksinc.org) in 2006. Earle spent his extra time away from his volunteer work at 4 Senior Centers (Lou Walker Senior Center, South Dekalb Senior Center, Helena Mills Center in Atlanta, and Clarkston Community Center) and spending time with family.

Earle is survived by 3 grandchildren. Remington, 19, and Gabrielle, 15, are the son and daughter of Robert and Kimberly Frederick who live in Seattle, Washington. Jason shares a daughter, Devyn, 11, with Laryssa Frederick in Georgia. Stephen, Carl and Geraldine Frederick's son, Earle's nephew, is one of the pall bearers who has come down from Maryland. He was a role model, an innovator, a comedy club member, played Caribbean music at the Senior centers, and was an inspiration to multiple generations of family and friends

that are celebrating his life, his accomplishments, and feel blessed to have had the time they had with him.

"In lieu of flowers, the family would like consideration to be made for a donation to be made to Neo Networks, a non-profit where Earle volunteered and ran with his wife Opal and his son Jason.

The website can be found here: <https://neonetworksinc.org>

Thank you and God Bless."

Livestream link: <https://m.youtube.com/live/6c9vfoOF3Jo?feature=share>

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

5755 Mallory Rd
College Park, GA 30349

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 29. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Antioch African Methodist Episcopal Church Inc.
765 South Hairston Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30083-1901

Tribute Wall

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“ It is with heavy hearts that we learned of the passing of our dear client, Earl Fredrick. Earl was more than just a client to us; he was a cherished member of our REM-KIKS family for the past two years.

During our time providing In-Home Care for Earl, our aides reported having the most wonderful experiences with him. Earl had a remarkable sense of humor and a gift for sparking engaging conversations. His witty jokes and charming personality brightened their days and brought laughter into their hearts. They fondly remember the countless hours spent solving sudoku puzzles together, a testament to his sharp mind and love for intellectual challenges.

We are deeply grateful to Earl's devoted wife, Mrs. Frederick, for entrusting us with the privilege of caring for her beloved husband. Her unwavering support and dedication allowed us to be a part of Earl's life and journey until the very end.

Earl's presence will be greatly missed, but his legacy of kindness, humor, and love will live on in our memories forever. May he rest in peace.

-REM-KIKS Health Care Team

Beverley OJo - April 29, 2024 at 09:58 AM

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“ The loss of a dear friend , leader, and educator leaves a void that words cannot fill. Please accept my heartfelt condolences, and may you find comfort in the arms of those who care about you and the NeoNetworks team. 🙏🙏 Cicely Ross

Cicely Ross - April 27, 2024 at 10:07 PM

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“ Earle and I had a co-worker and friend relationship for decades but it was the times after Earle's retirement that I will always cherish. Those hours of the intimate discussions and laughs spent in his "basement apartment" sharing sports, politics and a little of "the meaning of life." I always left these discussions feeling much better. Earle had that characteristic; I became better, knowing Earle. And Opal, of course. I'll miss you, Earle, my "brother" as he sometimes called me.

Dick Leslie

Dick Leslie - April 27, 2024 at 12:02 PM

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Earl will not be forgotten.the sprit will always be with me.that took him back and forth in the wheel.chair. He has given me hope to tarry on.

Allana Nottingham - May 03, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earle Mervyn Frederick.



April 26, 2024 at 04:35 PM

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“ Mary Rehder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earle Mervyn Frederick.

Mary Rehder - April 26, 2024 at 04:35 PM

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“ Affiance Systems Corporation- Calvin and Wendy Roberson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Earle Mervyn Frederick.



Affiance Systems Corporation- Calvin and Wendy Roberson
- April 26, 2024 at 03:17 PM

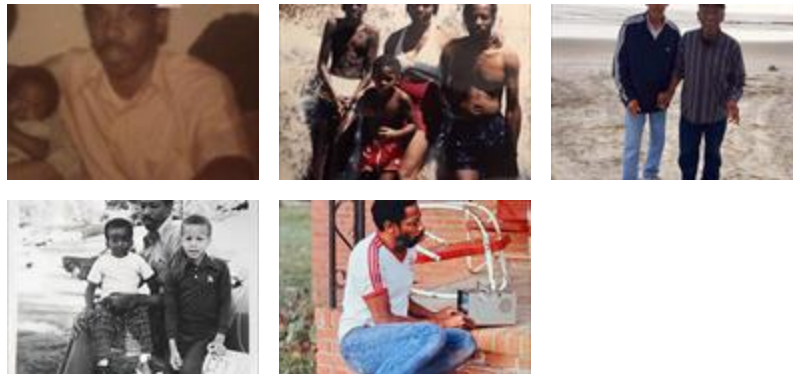
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Affiance Systems Corporation- Calvin and Wendy Roberson - April 26, 2024 at 03:17 PM

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“ 40 files added to the album Photos



Robert Frederick - April 26, 2024 at 02:07 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Videos

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Robert Frederick - April 26, 2024 at 01:35 PM

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“ Sending my love and condolences to the Frederick family - Giddens Family (neighbor)

Antonio G. - April 26, 2024 at 12:50 PM



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April 24, 2024 at 09:52 AM

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“ Ray Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earle Mervyn Frederick.

Ray Taylor - April 24, 2024 at 09:52 AM