Honorary Pallbearers

Abu Sherif Jason Purifie
John Kinney Robert Forest

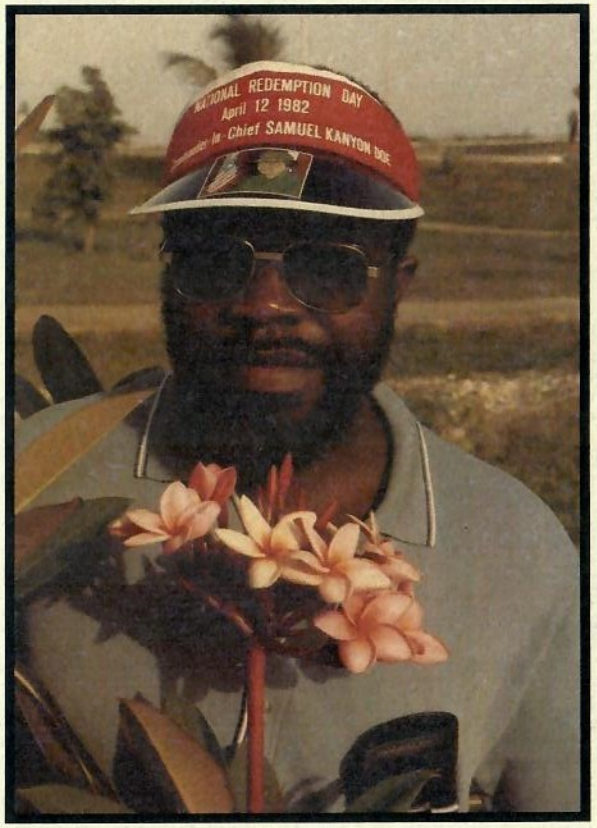
INTERMENT - PRIVATE

REPASS immediately following service at
The African American Legacy Project
1326 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43604

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of George Sherife-Kekulah acknowledges with sincere appreciation, all of the many kind expressions of love shown to the family during their time of sorrow. A special thank you to the staff at Promedica Hospice, at Promedica Hematology/Oncology Association and at the Promedica Hickman Cancer Center. Thank you and God bless you all.

Celebration of Life



George Sherife-Kekulah

Sunrise: December 5, 1943 **Sunset:** April 24, 2019

House of Day Funeral Services
Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 1:00 PM

OBITUARY

George Sherife-Kekulah, 75 was born in Careysburg, Liberia to Munsa and Lorpu Kekulah and passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday April 24, 2019. George traveled all over the world in his early twenties as part of his work for the Vatican Embassy in Liberia. He immigrated to the United States from West Africa in the early 1970s and eventually settled in North West Ohio where he met and married Lottie Purifie. He became father to Lottie's two children, Crystal and Jason at that time. George and Lottie added to their family a few years later when Jamila Laupu and Mandisa Georgette were born.

George was a hard worker and an excellent provider. He loved working more than taking vacations, relaxing and even sleeping. George worked for Lucas County and Portside as a maintenance supervisor and owned SL&K Construction. He had connections in the building trades, unions, nonprofit, government and community sectors and as a result was well known and respected all around the city. Many of these connections became lifelong friends of the family. His desire to help others carried through his working years into retirement, culminating in his work as Founder of the Lighthouse Daycare and Community Center.

George was preceded in death by his parents, and eight of his nine siblings. He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Lottie; daughters Crystal, Jamila, Mandisa (Robert), son Jason, brother Abu, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren; as well as a host of friends and extended family.

PROGRAM

Selection......"This little Light of Mine"

Scripture.....Ryan Christman

Prayer.....Jimmy Dillon

Remarks.....Please keep remarks to 3 minutes

Acknowledgments, Condolences and Obituary.....Crystal Taylor

Poem.....Mary Hawkins

Selection.....Dinah Henderson

Eulogy.....Bishop John L. Jenkins

Musical Postlude....."I'll Fly Away"

Pianist.....Arthur Johnson

Dear George,

God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be
So he put His arms around you, and whispered "Come to me"
With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away
And although we love you dearly, we could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Your Loving Wife Lottie