

Dennis Washburn Passed on May 22

Was member of prominent Omaha family

Dennis Washburn was born on January 28, 1947, in St. Louis, Mo. to Kermit and Blanch Washburn. He is preceded in death by his parents and son Dennis Evans.

Dennis attended Howard Kennedy Elementary and graduated from Central High School. He was a member of the U.S. Air Force and later was employed at Union Pacific Railroad.

Dennis later moved to Los Angeles, Calif. where he married and was blessed with two beautiful daughters. He was employed at Rapids Transit Division (R.T.D.) for 16 years.

Dennis accepted Jesus Christ as Savior under the ministry of the Rev. Lonnie Dawson in 1997 at New Mt. Calvary Mission Baptist Church, where he served as an activist member on the Bus Ministry.

In spite of his illness, Dennis was always a cheerful, upbeat man who loved life. Dennis has touched many, many lives and developed several lifelong friends. His honesty and empathy toward people



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will never be forgotten.

Dennis was a devoted son, brother, husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed his family immensely. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by aunt, Mother Henner Richardson of Omaha;

wife, Ava Washburn of Los Angeles, Calif.; four sisters, Norman L. Washburn of Omaha, Lalomie Washburn of Los Angeles, Thelma L. Bennett of Omaha, and Shirley A. Deramus of Los Angeles; four children, Denise (Marvin) McNeal, LaShawn, Charisma and Jontia; six grandchildren; a host of nieces of nephews; and special friend, Grenoda Shannon.

By Preston Love

Dennis' sister, Lalomie Washburn, now of Los Angeles, is a noted singer and songwriter who sang with such as Ray Charles and other famous artists. Her songs were recorded by numerous stars such as Chaka Khan, Ray Charles and others. Lalomie also did things for Motown and its artists in addition to being under contract to several major recording labels.

For some years, Dennis operated a popular recording studio in Los Angeles-Hollywood, while catering to such artists as Andre Lewis, Richie Love, Stymie Hunter and Rich McCain.

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