



Lanier Ervin

March 1, 1951 - March 2, 2024

Lanier Ervin was born on March 1, 1951 to parents Vera Newson Swink and Neal Ervin, Sr in Heflin, Alabama. A dedicated individual, Lanier completed his education at Heflin Training School and pursued a successful career as a Hydraulic Mechanic at the Anniston Army Depot for an impressive 36 years. Within his tenure, he served as the supervisor of the Travel Team, showcasing his leadership and expertise in his field.

Lanier's passion for exploration extended beyond his professional life, as he was an avid traveler who had the opportunity to visit 48 states and 11 countries, enriching his life through the experiences and cultures he encountered.

A man of faith, Lanier embraced his spirituality from an early age and held a profound connection to his Christian beliefs. He found happiness and love in his marriage to his beloved wife, Shemieka Patterson Ervin. Their union was a source of strength and joy, a testament to the enduring power of love and partnership.

On March 2, 2024, Lanier Ervin peacefully departed from this world at the age of 73. He was preceded in death by his parents Neal Ervin, Sr and Vera Newson Swink, grandson, Demetrius Bradford, brothers, Felix Ervin, Neal

Ervin, III, and Marshall Ervin, a sister, Terri Ervin Rowe, a brother-in-law, Gordon McGrue and nephew, Neal Donnell Ervin.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories his beloved spouse, Shemieka Patterson Ervin; a son, Makotrick Ball of Anniston, AL; four daughters, Stacey Henson of Heflin, AL, Tammy Shears of Columbus, GA, Myeshia Patterson of Oxford, AL, and Taeja Ervin of Anniston, AL; a brother, Anthony (Gayle) Ervin of Austin, TX; four sisters, Alphelia Smith of Hobson City, AL, Vera McGrue of Anniston, Vanessa (Roderick) Williams of Hobson City, AL, and Pamela Ervin of Jacksonville, AL; four stepbrothers, Guffie Swink, Calvin Swink, Greg Swink all of Jacksonville, AL, and Steve (Eloise) Swink of Munford, AL; stepsister, Joyce Swink of Gadsden, AL; sister-in-law, Hazel Ervin of Heflin, AL; brother-in-law, Milton Rowe of Hobson City, AL and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and other family members and friends.

Lanier Ervin will be remembered for his loving and caring nature, his undisputed responsibility, and his unwavering dedication to his family.

Cemetery Details

Heflin Memorial Cemetery

387 Haley Rd
Heflin, AL 36264

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church
929 Bradford Street
Hobson City, AL 36203

Tribute Wall



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Lanier Ervin.



March 07, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ Terry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lanier Ervin.

Terry - March 07, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ My big brother it is so hard to say goodbye this way and now I see why God brought us together in November. I'm so glad we had the chance to spend time together and talk. Man I find myself now without another brother, you, my last brother. I thank God that I have and feel the love from our beautiful sisters. I remember when Neal passed we both were in Gemany needing to catch a hop to the U.S and you missed the hop. Lol I do believe you showed up 2 days later. I was so glad to see you. I do want to thank God for the years he gave us being brothers. I love you man and miss you already. Hey, when you get there do me a favor, tell Dad, Mom, Felix, Neal, Marshall and Terri I love them and miss them all. I'm saying goodbye now, but only until we meet again. Anthony

Anthony Ervin - March 04, 2024 at 10:40 PM

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“ For your grandkids (shemieka) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lanier Ervin.



For your grandkids (shemieka) - March 04, 2024 at 07:22 PM

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For your grandkids (shemieka) - March 04, 2024 at 07:22 PM