



## Mr. Leon "Bootsie" Warfield Jr.

March 15, 1952 - May 8, 2013

PEORIA - Leon "Bootsie" Warfield, Jr., 61, of Bloomington, IL; formerly of Peoria, IL passed away at 10:14 am on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at his residence.

Bootsie was born March 15, 1952 in Peoria, the second son of Leon & Mildred (Comer) Warfield, Sr. He married Linda B. Johnson in 1970 and to their union two sons were born. He then married Denise Callen and two daughters were born. He later married his friend and life partner, Diane (Dotson) Herron on October 19, 2012 after 22 years of life and love together in Bloomington, IL. Bootsie attended Peoria Public Schools. He had worked at Caterpillar; last working for Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Bootsie leaves to mourn and cherish his memory, his wife; Diane of Bloomington; two sons, Leon (Norena) and Laharold (Latrina) Warfield both of Peoria; daughter, Donnetta Warfield of Birmingham, AL; his mother, Mildred Smith of Norfolk, VA; four brothers, Owen (Bessie), Donnie (Gwen) Warfield both of Peoria, Victor (Sherry) Smith of Kansas City, MO and Ricardo Smith of Norfolk, VA; three sisters, Sheila Gray of Chesapeake, VA, Christine Wyatt and Billie Smith both of Kansas City, MO; 12 grandchildren, Jordan, Jasmine, Jafari, Jayla, Jaxson, Bryant, Devin, Alexis, Tayana, Romell, Jazmine and Jamari; three uncles, Gilbert (Billie) Comer, Arthur Comer and Marcus Comer all of Peoria; one Aunt, Ella Comer of Atlanta, GA; a sister-n-law, Mary L. Robinson of Chicago; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and lots of friends. He is preceded in death by his father, one daughter, Jasmine; his

uncles, Milford and Harry Warfield; and his aunt who raised him, Lena Warfield.

Bootsie loved his step children; Will & Jason Herron, LaTisha Johnson, Evergreen Dotson & Jitaun Williams all of Peoria & Love Callen of Atlanta, GA.

Bootsie loved jazz music, politics, cowboy movies, his grandchildren, basketball, football, boxing and most of all; he loved Bar-b-que. Bootsie was known for his outspoken personality. He could talk for hours. He was very opinionated and strong willed. Bootsie will be truly missed.

Funeral service will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at Simons Mortuary with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 11 am. Pastor Fredrick Latham of Ft. Wayne, IN will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.simonsmortuary.com](http://www.simonsmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Leon "Bootsie" Warfield Jr.*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Leon "Bootsie" Warfield Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Leon "Bootsie" Warfield Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *I love and miss you soooo much papa !!!!!!! from your favorite grandbaby Tayana ... :(*

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**Tayana Warfield** - April 10, 2015 at 02:21 PM



“ *I miss our talks about any and everything, an for me it still seems like yesterday. I cry all the time. I keep asking myself if I could have asked you one more question before you past..... I think your answer would have been.....*

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**Donnetta Warfield, Your Daughter** - August 09, 2013 at 09:27 PM

DD

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**Donnetta Warfield, Your Daughter** - August 09, 2013 at 09:27 PM

DT

*“ Dyan Tyler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leon "Bootsie" Warfield Jr.*



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**Dyan Tyler** - May 16, 2013 at 12:44 PM

DT

*Donnie Warfield and family ..May God comfort and keep you during this very difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find strength in the many wonderful memories you have of Leon.....*

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**Dyan Tyler** - May 16, 2013 at 12:46 PM

MA

*“ Melissa C Adams-Burdick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leon "Bootsie" Warfield Jr.*



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**Melissa C Adams-Burdick** - May 15, 2013 at 12:43 PM

MC

“ *Michelle Claudon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leon "Bootsie" Warfield Jr.*



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**Michelle Claudon** - May 14, 2013 at 10:28 PM

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*I remember well Bootsie (Leon) from 7th Street, I remember coming to play with him and Linda's kids on 7th Street. May God Grace and Mercy Embrace his love ones during this difficult time. R.I.P.*

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**Michelle Claudon** - May 14, 2013 at 10:34 PM

DB

“ *I remember you when you and my cousin Bennie Ray use to hang out on Goodwin and 7th St. in Peoria. How we use to walk to up 7th St hill to Washington School. Hadn't seen you in years, and one day at Wal-mart there you were. It was good to see you. RIP. Diana (Booker) Bond*



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**Diana Bond** - May 14, 2013 at 08:37 AM