



Mr. Maurice Vance

February 12, 1937 - June 1, 2019

Maurice Vance, 82 years old, died peacefully in the early morning of June 1 after battling several health issues. Though recently a resident of Generations at Riverview in East Peoria, he was a longtime resident of Dayton, Ohio. Maurice was born on February 12, 1937 in East St. Louis, Illinois to Wesley and Charlean (Kelley) Vance. A Lincoln High School alum, Maurice received his bachelor's degree from Illinois State University (ISU) and master's degree in art from The Ohio State University. It was at ISU where Maurice met the love of his life, Rosalind Hammonds. They remained inseparable throughout their 56 years of marriage until her passing in August 2018. Maurice was an accomplished artist whose work ranged from abstract pieces to beautiful sketches of family and famous black leaders. The former Marine taught art on both the high school and college level, including being one of the first black art professors at the University of Michigan. In addition to his skilled artistry and creativity, he will be remembered for his quick wit, sound advice, and friendly manner. He is survived by his daughter Margot Vance; son-in-law Alec Morris; grandsons Daelen and Aaron Morris; sisters Helen (Maurice) Sharp and Marcelene Caldwell; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members. As requested, no services will be held, but please remember him in your own way. Arrangements entrusted to Simons Mortuary. Online condolences may be made to SimonsMortuary.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Maurice Vance*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Maurice Vance*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Dear Vance family and friends, I have known about Maurice Vance since the sixties. He went to Illinois State (Normal) University with my cousin Gilbert Rose and my sister Sylvia Jones. Some 30 years later, his daughter Margot met my son Alec Morris at Northwestern University. After some time they married. I am Alec's mother, Cecilia Jordan. I had come to know Maurice and Rosalind. They were very lovely couple. My condolences to this family and my prayers will be for all remaining members. My family loves Margot and Alec of course and their two great great sons Daelen and Aaron. I will always have fond memories of Maurice and Rosalind. May God bless you all.*

CC Jordan

Cecilia Jordan - June 15, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ *Uncle Maurice was a kind and caring soul who will be missed. I send you love and pray for peace during this difficult time.*

*Love,
Jeffrey*

Jeffrey Williams - June 07, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ *Evelyn Tate-Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Maurice Vance*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - June 04, 2019 at 11:25 PM



“ *Collette Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Maurice Vance*



Collette Taylor - June 04, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ *It is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to my Uncle Maurice. He was one of the main anchors of our family. His smile, his laughter, his calm artistic spirit will always be with me. To Margot and my family, I pray for sweet peace, We got us another angel watching over the Wessons and the Kelley's. May his life and spirit inspire and guide us forever. Love Collette*

Collette Taylor - June 03, 2019 at 08:08 PM

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“ Maurice was my hero since I was ten years old. I am now a Senior. A group of us children were running and playing one summer. A Dragonfly got tangled in my hair and I ran screaming and crying. Maurice chased and caught me and took it out. I loved him even more because I felt he saved me like a Super Hero. I always reminded him he was Special. He will always have a place in my heart. ❤️😊

Gloria Simmons - June 03, 2019 at 06:06 PM