African American Business Directory Commemoration



In
Loving
Memory
of Gloria
Olive

Gloria Olive of the Portland-Vancouver area, a staunch supporter and advocate of the regional African American Business Directory for over 10 years with her husband John Olive, succumbed to cancer and passed on Nov. 18, 2019. Their union produced three sons, Absalom (40), Johntai(36) and Justin (33).

Both Gloria and John worked diligently to try to get African American business owners, non-profit organizations, churches, etc. to advertise in this annual directory. The directory is produced in conjunction with the Seattle chapter Black Dollar Day Taskforce organized by Dr. Jeffrey's and Lottie Cross.

You can commemorate Gloria by getting a listing/ad in the next African American Business Directory that will be coming out in 2020 by calling Lottie Cross at 206-271-0311. A four line listing is less than \$40 for the whole year, so don't delay and call today.

Any questions, please contact John Olive at 503-358-9655

Sincerely, thanks and God bless.

Obituary

In Loving Memory

Samuel Dean Sunrise: April 8, 1969 Sunset: Dec. 7, 2019

Samuel David Dean was born April 8, 1969 and died Dec 7, 2019. He was a gentle giant, a man of few words whose presence spoke louder than words. He attended Holy Redeemer Elementary and graduated from Jefferson High School, where he won many track and field metals. He attended Central Oregon Community College in Bend and majored in psychology.

During school breaks, he would work at the family business, Doris' Café and after graduating he worked full time at Doris' for 20 years in many capacities: manager, cook and waiter, whatever was needed. After the restaurant closed in 2002, Sam continued to run the Doris' Café food carts at the Rose Garden and Memorial Coliseum during Blazers and Winterhawks games. He then began working as a courier at Federal Express where he remained for 18 years. Sam finally pursued his dream and started his own business Dean's Custom Tees. He worked with many corporations, fundraisers, sporting events and with multiple community members.

Sam also enjoyed his quiet time and would take long drives "just to clear his head." He once took a drive to Hermiston in eastern Oregon to get a single watermelon, "Just to clear his head." On Dec. 1, 2003 Sam became a founding member and then later became president of the Full Tilt Riders Motorcycle Club, "The Parent Chapter." His true passion was bowling. He rolled many perfect 300 games and won a ring for an 800 series from the USBC.

Little did Sam know 18 years ago Bug would introduce him to the love of his life, Pep, better known as Asia. Which is a name he kept calling her and it stuck. They shared a special relationship admired by so many, but to them it was the love they shared every day. Sam enjoyed traveling with Asia. They visited Jamaica, Mexico, and



the Bahamas. For his big 50th birthday this year they travelled to Cabo, and spent two weeks in Cambodia where he made a huge impact and where they made him feel like a celebrity (not because he was big and black, wink).

Sam leaves to celebrate his legacy, his mother, Rosie Dean of Portland; in-laws Sokphy and Bunthan Po, and Jeff and Penny Wickum; siblings Ronnie and Phyllis Dean, Keith and Shawn Dean, Kevin Fuller, Heath "Bug" Fuller, Jason Deanm Deshavian Deanm Dominique Dean, Sabrina Dean, Jamaal and Sokphair Winchester, Silong and Sokpha Chhun, Casey and Rosshell Neibert; godson Samuel Bidney, honorary granddaughter, Kennedi Armstrong; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and so many friends in Portland. Welcoming him to "Tha Uppa Room" is his father Harry Lee Dean, and a heavenly host of others.

Services will be held Thursday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. at Highland Christian Center, 7600 N.E. Glisan with viewing prior to service from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.; and a repass celebration following the service from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., all at Highland. In addition, a celebration of life event for those 21 and older will be held Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at Club Vegas, 12424 S.E. Division. All are welcome to wear one of Dean's custom tees to celebrate his life



