



Irving R. Pierce

March 1, 1955 - November 3, 2023

Irving Rudolph Pierce, Jr, of Portsmouth, Virginia, passed away on November 3, 2023 from a long term illness. He was predeceased by his mother, Mary Lee Pierce, and his father, Irving Rudolph Pierce, Sr. In addition, left behind to grieve from his father's first union is his elder sister, Linda Pierce Greene. And, left behind to grieve from his father's second union with Marjorie Rachel White (who is now also deceased) are his three younger sisters: GiGi, Stacey, and Dolores Pierce. Irving Jr is also survived by step brothers, Elvon White Jr, Christopher and Tommy Logan, and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews... among whom, none more dear, than his beloved cousin Jeanette Brooks of Portsmouth, Virginia.

Irving R. Pierce Jr, who preferred to be called "Butch", was born on March 1, 1955 in the Bronx, New York. He was 68 years old at the time he died.

In addition to being handsome, Irving was very talented in many ways. He could sing and dance with the best. His rendition of "Reasons" by Earth, Wind, and Fire was absolutely on point. He had a falsetto that sounded almost exactly like the real thing in the song. And, his dancing. Well, let's just say he could really "cut the rug." Irving was a good athlete, too. As a young man, he more than held his own on the basketball court with players older and taller than he.

Irving had a lot of heart. He stood up to the bullies on the block in the Bronx, so the timid kids really looked up to him. And, Irving could fight. He once beat down a bull dog who was menacing a kid who was screaming and crying for help.

Irving was also bright. He won a scholarship to a fancy Preparatory High School in New England. After attending there for a year, Irving won a full scholarship to the prestigious Cornell University in upstate New York. Irving also loved to write, and his penmanship was beautiful.

Although Irving was unable to achieve the success he wanted in the entertainment industry, he did gain the lasting affection of his family in the south.

Irving will be missed.

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