



## Lohen Geraud Ashford

February 27, 1953 - May 26, 2024

Lohen Geraud Ashford was born on February 27, 1953, in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late Simpson and Marion Ashford. He went peacefully home to be with the Lord, May 26, 2024.

Lohen was a graduate of I.C. Norcom, Class of 71, where he was a member of the Marching Greyhounds. He then went on to further his education at North Carolina A&T State University. While attending the university, he joined Groove Phi Groove Fellowship, which was an alternative to the mainstream historically black fraternities. It was at that time, in which, he would then be known as “Afro-Sheen”, and he took that name with great pride. After leaving North Carolina A&T State University, he worked with the US Postal Service and then went on to work and retired from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard after over 35 years as a Nuclear Tech.

He had a great gift of being able to turn “nothing” into “something” as he could design and build, just about anything. From home improvements, designing, landscapes, building sheds, applying new tile and/or making flyers for events, he could get the job done or tell you how to do it.

He leaves behind his loving and devoted wife of 26 years, Gloria Ashford, two sons Damian Ashford of Greensboro NC & Adrian Ashford (Christina) of Lawrenceville GA, two daughters Candra Blount (Kim) of Chesapeake VA &

Jasmine Ezell (Troy) of Ashburn Va, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and his beloved family dog, Kaito.

Additionally, he leaves his paternal uncle, Rowell Ashford (Rosemary) of Nashville TN, & Johnnie Belle A. Ross of Los Angeles, CA, cousins Edith Barfield (Beck) of Portsmouth Va and Reba England (Lee) of GA, a host of cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as, special friends Groove Phi Groove Fellowship brother, Robert Mack & Swing Phi Swing Fellowship sister, Rocky Rouse.

Lohen was preceded in death by parents Simpson and Marion Ashford, In-laws Emmett and Dora Blount, one sister Peggy Ashford-Scott, and his two beloved dogs, Bear & Hachi.

He has left a profound mark in life and will truly be missed. Lohen's presence will eternally be with us in our hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church  
928 Effingham Street  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall

FB

“ I have known Lohen since high school days. He was a fun person to know and talk to always. Besides the fond memories of him, he will truly be missed. My deepest heartfelt condolences are extended to his family with prayers of comfort, and strength.  
*Frennis (Salley) Black*

Frennis (Salley) Bkack - June 08, 2024 at 01:54 AM

MC

“ Our Condolences to the Family Brother Ash Was a Good Guy and always had a good word to share, that was very positive RIP Fellow Shipfitter



MARCUS KEITH CURETON - June 07, 2024 at 01:12 PM

RL

“ We are in prayer for the Ashford family as they feeling the pain of the passing of Mr. Lohen Ashford. " Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal ". Mr Ashford is the father of Adrian , a very good friend and Omega Psi Phi fraternity brother of myself and our son , Winfield " E " Edwards .

*Rev. Dr. James and Rev. Dee Edwards, III  
Retired Pastor*

Rev. Dr. James Edwards, III - June 07, 2024 at 07:49 AM

AH

“ Lohen was a delight to work with, he always had a story or joke to tell in addition to being a knowledgeable worker. We will all miss him...condolences to the family.

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Ansell Hollowell - June 07, 2024 at 07:47 AM

SN

“ Shana, Charity, Sable, and Nakitah purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lohen Geraud Ashford.



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Shana, Charity, Sable, and Nakitah - June 07, 2024 at 05:49 AM

SN

“ Shana, Charity, Sable, and Nakitah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lohen Geraud Ashford.

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Shana, Charity, Sable, and Nakitah - June 07, 2024 at 05:49 AM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 06, 2024 at 10:42 PM

WH

“ Sending love, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the Ashford family find comfort in the loving memories of Lohen. The laughter, love and joy brought into our lives will always be remembered.



Wanda Hatcher - June 06, 2024 at 12:15 AM

KB

“ I am very sorry to hear about the passing of my Groove Phi Groove Fellowman "Afro Sheen". He was an amazing person who was very knowledgeable on many subjects. He bled Black and White and was a Groover to the bone. I will miss his knowledge, friendship, coolness, fun, kindness and mainly him. He was a good brother and person.

RIP Fellowman

Kenneth "Brando" Brandon - June 03, 2024 at 10:15 PM

VB

“ Lohen.....it has been a pleasure being your friend and neighbor. I loved your passion for your home and the sanctity of your neighborhood. I'm so orrt I didn't come see you sooner. God Speed Lohen. Your friend, Vohn.

Vohn Busby - May 31, 2024 at 02:28 PM

DB

“ To the Ashford Family: I have been knowing Lohen many years. My thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. I wish you peace & comfort. Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. God bless your Family. Diane Burke (Virginia Beach).



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**Diane Burke** - May 31, 2024 at 05:44 AM

KP

Lohen was a faithful neighbor and friend. When his health allowed, he would often come by or call my mother to check on her. When his beloved parents passed, he made sure the Peebles family had a special section at the repast. When we had love ones to pass, he would always show nothing but kindness. The Ashford's will always be remembered fondly.

May God Bless and keep you all. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

In Christ's Love,  
Kim Peebles and Family

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**Kim Peebles** - June 04, 2024 at 06:52 AM