

# Obituary

**JAMES WARREN ROSS** (Honk) was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on June 29, 1939, to the late James and Barbara Ross. Warren graduated from Wiley High School in 1957 where he excelled in basketball. He received a basketball scholarship to Indiana State University and was inducted into the ISU Hall of Fame. He was a member of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity at ISU.

**Warren** was an avid sportsman who loved basketball, bowling, cycling, and jogging. After graduating from ISU, Warren moved to Detroit, Michigan with his family to pursue a career with the Detroit Public Schools and earned his Master's degree in education from the University of Michigan in 1971.

**Warren** taught science, coached basketball, and later became a guidance counselor for DPS. Warren later returned to Indiana, and was united in marriage to Ruth (Churchill). Warren continued his career in education working for Washington and Wayne Township school districts. He loved to mentor his students by helping them pursue their college and future dreams and remained lifelong friends with all his students.

**Warren** was a devoted member of N. E. C. Church for almost 29 years under the leadership of Pastor C.C. Moore. Warren also served as a trustee and coached the church's basketball team.

**Warren** received his heavenly wings to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 11, 2020, at home under the loving care of his wife and her son (Ralph). Warren was preceded in death by his parents, James and Barbara Ross and two brothers Donald and Lester.

**Warren** leaves cherished memories to his loving and devoted wife of 36 years Ruth Ross of Indianapolis, Indiana; Children Myra (Robert) Richardson of Pontiac, Michigan, Brian (Charla) Ross of Farmington Hills, Michigan, Celeste (Chris) Forsythe of Ocala, Florida, Deneen Bledsoe of Terre Haute, Indiana, Ralph (Gina) Churchill, Jr. of Houston, Texas, DeLona Churchill of Terre Haute, Indiana, and bonus family Tongsung (Jason) Shriner of Noblesville, Indiana; Brother Louis (Lucia) Ross of Indianapolis, Indiana; Sister Susan (Akinsanya) Kambon of Long Beach, California; Sisters-in-law Hazel Ross of Terre Haute, Indiana and Joan Ross of Atlanta, Georgia. 15 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.