



Primus J. Mootry Jr.

March 31, 2022

Primus J. Mootry Jr., 76, of Anderson, passed away on March 31, 2022, at the Community Hospital Anderson.

Primus graduated from Northern Illinois University and Chicago State University.

He was a retired Teacher for Anderson Community Schools and had also been a columnist for The Anderson Herald Bulletin.

Primus became an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc on October 26, 1964. His life's work carried out the Mission Statement to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities. He also served as the Executive Director of the Better Boys Foundation.

Indeed, Primus was a career educator. Additionally, in the family we remember him lovingly as a self-taught pianist, a witty and mesmerizing storyteller who loved a good joke, a gifted speaker and dedicated writer, and an avid sports aficionado who in his later years enjoyed watching tennis, playing golf, and listening to Jazz.

From his youth, he was a treasured member of the Church of the Living God

(CLGPT).

Primus loved literature. Paul Laurence Dunbar as well as William Shakespeare were among his favorites. His life journey, ironically, is reflected in poems like "If" and "When Earth's Last Picture Is Painted" by Rudyard Kipling. Three poems by the 17th-century poet, John Donne captured for him sentiments for the 21st century. The poems are "No Man Is an Island", "Death Be Not Proud" and "Batter My Heart."

Most recently, Primus watched old westerns for both enjoyment and with curiosity about how this film genre has shaped our current cultural values. Thus, the arc of his life was consistent. He would frequently say how important it was to keep learning, to be curious, and to practice the seemingly lost art of asking questions.

Primus is survived by his loving spouse of 25 years, Carolyn Mootry; his children, Angela Mootry Fisher and Martin Thompson; grandchildren, Gregory Scott Rhone-Mootry and Jordan Raquella Fisher, a great-grandson, Gregory Scott Rhone-Mootry, Jr.; siblings, Constance (Kevin) Yokley, Beverly Ware, Janice (Dr. Leif) Nolan Sorensen; brothers-in-law, R. Kenneth. (Joycelyn) Johnson, Jeffery A. (Janet) Johnson, Bruce A. (Daphne) Johnson; several nieces and nephews.

Primus was preceded in death by his father, Primus J. Mootry, Sr., mother, Helen M. Rushing, son, Benjamin Gregory Mootry, sister, Dr. Maria K. Mootry.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, Anderson, IN.

Services will follow at 1:00 pm Saturday at the funeral home. The eulogy will

be offered by Rev. Dr. Edward L. Foggs.

The service may be viewed on the Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory YouTube channel..

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Primus J. Mootry Jr.*



Loose Funeral Home - April 13, 2022 at 03:23 PM

MR

*I will miss you Primus (Brother).
YOU taught me how to say MY name: MARGUERITE! I discovered a
new appreciation for it!*

Marguerite L. Redding - April 15, 2022 at 09:30 PM

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*Cousin Carolyn my love and prayers are with you.
Annette*

Annette Lartigue - April 16, 2022 at 11:51 AM

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*God bless the Mootry family!
You have our heartfelt sympathy and prayers. Please know that your
greatest comfort and consolation will come through our Lord and
Saviour, Jesus Christ! He knows how to help you through the days
ahead. "But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter
up of my head (Ps. 3:3 KJV).*

Sister M. Magee

Sister M. Magee - April 16, 2022 at 05:29 PM

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“ I met Primus as a freshman at Chicago Teacher's College, eg. Chicago State University. Primus and I started the Afro American Organization in 1967. The organization was instrumental in getting the college to create a Black Studies Department. Primus was instrumental in introducing me to the Better Boys Foundation. Warner Saunders, Useni Eugene Perkins and Primus were the directors of BBF, which is still thriving today.

After college, Primus and I loved to play billiards and we joined a group of 30 people and played golf every weekend at various courses around Chicago and Indiana. Primus was always a jazz enthusiast and loved the written word. I am sad to hear of his passing, but I'm encouraged that he is now praising the Lord Jesus, eternally.

I remember when he left Chicago, to go to Anderson and reunite with his beautiful wife. Today, I was just curious to see how he was faring, by placing his name in my browser. God Bless the Mootry Family. ~ Bro. Ted Evans 02-04-2025

Ted Evans - April 02, 2025 at 01:48 PM



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“ We met Mr. Mootry in 1990 during the 2020 Program with Mayor Mark Lawyer. We met several weeks to try and improve the future of our dear city. Primus was a brilliant man! We were all in awe of his intelligent ideas! We also enjoyed his column in the paper! He will be missed! You will all be in our prayers!

God Bless!

Marllon "Wayne" & Emily Carter

Emily Carter - April 11, 2022 at 08:20 PM