

OBITUARY

LeRoy (Lee) Martin Clinkscale was born on September 23, 1941, in Abington, Pennsylvania. He was the youngest of five children, born to Hilton and Helen Massey-Clinkscale of Willow Grove, (Crestmont) Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his parents, and three older siblings Hilton James Clinkscale, Rita Clinkscale Jackson and Ronald Joseph Clinkscale. His sole surviving sibling is Alfred Clinkscales. LeRoy's faith in God served as the foundation of every aspect of his life. Baptized at an early age into the Catholic Church, LeRoy enjoyed spending his Sundays attending mass with his wife.

LeRoy began his education at Saint David's Catholic Elementary School and later attended Abington High School in Abington, Pennsylvania where he lettered in track and field. After graduating from high school in 1959, LeRoy briefly worked in construction and developed an appreciation for hard work. In the early 1960's he enrolled at Howard University in Washington D.C. where he majored in business and also participated in the Air Force ROTC program. As a lifelong learner, education (both formal and informal) would continue to play a prominent role throughout LeRoy's life. This passion for learning was manifested through his continuous pursuit of knowledge for its own sake and he always encouraged others to do the same.

After graduating from Howard University with a Bachelor of Arts in business administration in 1965, LeRoy was commissioned into the United States Air Force as Second Lieutenant. He was originally stationed at Lockbourne Air Force base outside of Columbus, Ohio. Throughout his time in the Air Force, LeRoy was able to serve in various capacities throughout the country. LeRoy was honorably discharged as a Captain from the United States Air Force on August 2, 1974.

In 1965, LeRoy met the love of his life, Rosemary (Candy) Peal in Columbus, Ohio. They were married October 8, 1966 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and renewal of their vows in Columbus, Ohio amongst hundreds of adoring family and friends. From their union three sons were born: Aaron, Darren and Jason. Two additional children were received with love into this family: Duane and Jamie. LeRoy was a phenomenal father, grandfather and dedicated family man who cherished every opportunity to spend quality time with his wife, children and grandchildren. Whether going on family vacations, attending his children's numerous sporting events or attending to his wife's needs and desires, LeRoy embodied the essence of a good husband and a loving, supportive father and grandfather.