



## Rev. Dr. Lance O'Neal

January 22, 1956 - February 28, 2020

Reverend Dr. Lance R. O'Neal Sr, age 64, was born on January 22, 1956 to Lonnie G. O'Neal and Betty R. Jackson. As an infant, he was adopted and raised to adulthood by his paternal grandparents Lonnie and Susie O'Neal. He was a native of Centralia, IL and a long-time St. Louis resident.

He was a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. In 1993, he met and married Janet Brinson. During their twelve-year marriage, they were blessed with four children.

For the majority of his work career, Lance worked as a Psychiatric Social Worker, but because he was a lifelong learner, his educational pursuits earned him: a PhD in Philosophy, Masters in Social Work and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) designation.

Lance was a man of strong faith and cherished life. He was very active in the church ministry and, oftentimes, drove the church bus for Sunday worship. He was the leader of several men's group, adored his children, french fries and his miniature schnauzer named Ochoa.

On February 28, 2020, Lance transitioned from this life to be with his heavenly father. He was preceded in death by his father, Lonnie Gerald, his adoptive parents Lonnie and Susie O'Neal, brothers Ronald O'Neal, Sr., Sears Barnett,

Paul Jackson, and sister, Jacqueline Rivers.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a blended family heritage:

Three Sons: Robert O'Neal, James O'Neal, and Lance O'Neal Jr.

Daughter: Anaye O'Neal

Mother: Betty R. Jackson

Brother: Charles O'Neal

Five Sisters; Alva Johnson, Lana O'Neal, Lisa Allen, Lonnae O'Neal and  
Serena Barnett

Special adopted son: Derek Hornaday

Special adopted brother: Travis Allen

Best Friend: James Evans

and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road  
St Louis, MO 63133

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Valhalla Chapel of Memories  
7600 St Charles Rock Road  
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## Funeral Ceremony

MAR 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Big brother you will be missed and remembered always!*



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**Reenie Moon** - March 10, 2020 at 04:09 PM

SJ

“ *Serena my condolences to you & your family. May God continue to give comfort to your entire family.*

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**Shelly Jackson** - March 08, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Always sat by Lance at assembly and Polly Peterson's English class, since we were alphabetically arranged then. A top 10% classmate and student! Great man missed by all! Condolences and prayer for all his family. Much love.*  
*Jan Neabuhr*

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**Jan Neabuhr** - March 07, 2020 at 12:46 PM

SJ

“ *Serena*  
*Sending my deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. May the precious memories you have of your brother bring you comfort and the Everlasting Love of our heavenly father provide strength and solace. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
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**Stacie James-Grant** - March 07, 2020 at 12:04 AM

CJ

“ *May The Lord bring comfort and healing to the family during this very difficult time. Serena, I am saddened to hear of the loss of your brother. You are in my prayers.*

Cookie Jackson - March 06, 2020 at 11:27 AM

WS

*May the peace of God rest upon this family*

Wendy A Smith - March 06, 2020 at 11:45 AM

LF

“ *Lance, you fought a good fight. You finish your course. You kept the faith. Your prayers have been answered. You are healed and at home. I have been told Heaven is a glorious place.*

Linda Flagg - March 05, 2020 at 08:30 PM

PJ

“ *Paul Jay David Cheryl Elizabeth Emily and Jennifer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Dr. Lance O'Neal.*



Paul Jay David Cheryl Elizabeth Emily and Jennifer - March 05, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Lance O'Neal.*



March 05, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Lance O'Neal.*



March 05, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Lance O'Neal.*



March 05, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *From Lisa O'Neal Allen and Lonnae O'Neal purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rev. Dr. Lance O'Neal.*



**From Lisa O'Neal Allen and Lonnae O'Neal - March 05, 2020 at 10:02 AM**



“ *James Evans purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Rev. Dr. Lance O'Neal.*



**James Evans - March 05, 2020 at 05:59 AM**

JE

“ 5 files added to the album Friends



James Evans - March 05, 2020 at 05:31 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Lance O'Neal.



March 04, 2020 at 06:59 PM

CH

“ I went to high school with Lance and he was one of the most caring individuals. He was always there with an encouraging word.

Carole Hughes-Kerr. - March 04, 2020 at 06:43 PM

DF

“ Lance was a friend of mine. We were in band together. Lance was such a sweet guy. He was fun to hang around with. Condolences to your family, Lance. They've lost a strong man.

Dawn Forrest - March 04, 2020 at 12:11 PM

EF

“ Lance was such a loving, caring, and encouraging and uplifting man of God. He was greatly loved and he will be greatly missed.

Encourager Linda Flagg - March 04, 2020 at 11:48 AM

MW

Everyone from our graduating class at Centralia High School agrees, Linda. Lance was one of the most highly respected and well loved members of our class. He had a smile and a handshake for everyone. Continued condolences and best regards. Your friend, Mary Daniels Walker, CHS Class of 1974

Mary Daniels Walker - March 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM

JB

“ It's been a long time since high school-but Lance was a caring smart guy. Truly loved sharing classed with him. To his family, I am so sorry for your loss. Class of 74 friend, Jeanne Shelton Berger

Jeanne Berger - March 04, 2020 at 11:06 AM

OW

“ To the Family of Lance O'Neal my prayers are with you all during the difficult time just keep y'all hand in God's hand he will see y'all through Love you all 🙏🙏🙏



Otis Wallace - March 04, 2020 at 10:38 AM

Anaye O'Neal

“ I love you daddy and you always be the light in my life. I love u Nd miss u ❤️



Anaye O'Neal - March 04, 2020 at 09:11 AM

LF

“ Linda Flagg sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Dr. Lance O'Neal



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Linda Flagg - March 04, 2020 at 08:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Lance O'Neal.



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March 03, 2020 at 09:08 PM

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Travis - March 03, 2020 at 07:15 PM