



Ronald Pitts Sr

June 13, 1949 - September 1, 2015

Ronald Pitts, Sr. was born to Charles Pitts and the late Betty Pitts-Wade on June 13, 1949. As a child, Ronald was educated through the Pittsburgh Public School System, graduating from Gladstone High School. Ronald would go on to attend the University of Pittsburgh, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. During his tenure at the University of Pittsburgh, Ron began his acting career somewhat unexpectedly, when he stepped into a read for a part in August Wilson's "Fences", directed by Wilson. He then got involved in Kuntu Repertory Theater under the direction of Dr. Vernell Lillie and shared the stage with two renowned playwrights and directors: August Wilson and Rob Penny. Some of Ron's early plays were done in Pittsburgh, including "Jitney" and "The Meeting". After schooling, Ronald became a substitute teacher for Pittsburgh Public Schools and went on to pursue a career in pharmaceutical sales working for Dupont, Bristol Meyers, and Merck. After retiring from pharmaceutical sales, Ron became the founder/CEO of Ujima Theater Company, where he spent most of his time writing and directing. The majority of his plays were performed in Columbus, Ohio. His plays included "Love and Street Corner Harmony" co-authored "God What Color Is Trouble" which he also directed, and the "Black Navity" yearly. Ronald gave his life to Christ at an early age. He is survived by his children: Melanie Pitts-Yarbough (Keith Yarbough, Sr., Keith Yarbough II, Myles Yarbough and Myranda Yarbough), Lisa Frazier (Brian Frazier, Joe and Brian), Ronald Pitts II (Rashad, Shakell and Tayler), and Brandon Pitts; his father

Charles Pitts; his siblings Robert Pitts, Lorraine Pitts-Brown, Kory Pitts, Delvin Pitts; three aunts Yvonne Taylor, Thelma Pope, Marlene Pope and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Ronald is preceded in death by his mother Betty Ransaw-Pitts-Wade; brother Kendall Pitts, Henry Pope, Lillie Shaw, Richard Pope and Delores Ransaw.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Pitts Sr*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Ronald Pitts Sr*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *GOD BLESS. THIS IS GLORIA LUTEN AND FAMILY. YOUR COUSIN AND MY BEST FRIEND. I MISS YOU. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU. AMEN*

Abdul Thompson - March 26, 2020 at 11:40 AM