

Mr. Earnest Session, Jr. age 50 died Wednesday, April 3, 2002. He was born November 3, 1951 in Mart, Texas. He was the fifth child of the late Earnest Sr. and Dessie Lee Session. After attending Mart High School, Earnest went to East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas (Texas A&M Commerce). He moved to Austin in 1971 and joined the Texas Department of Public Safety for a short period of time. He completed his undergraduate studies at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas where he earned his bachelors degree in Criminal Justice.

On September 4, 1976, Earnest married Ardelia Williams of Smithville. To this union two children were born, Christina and Quinton Session.

Earnest lived a full life. He served as a police officer for the Austin Police Department starting his law enforcement career in 1971. Earnest was also a member of the APD Honor Guard and was commander of the rifle squad. Earnest had a passion for teaching and was an instructor at the APD Academy for five years and taught at Austin Community College for 15 years, teaching criminal justice. He retired from the Austin Police Dept. in 1998 after 25 years of service as a Sergeant-Investigator. Upon retiring in November 1998, he began working for the Attorney General's office (1999-2000). He then began substitute teaching at various schools in the Austin, Pflugerville, and Round Rock school districts. He was a deacon in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, previously serving as a deacon with the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church. His favorite teaching was Sunday school and bible study. Upon his death he was an investigator for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Survivors include his wife, Ardelia Session; son, Quinton; and daughter Christina Session all of Pflugerville, Texas; three sisters: Jean Gabriel of Richmond, California; Ruby Robinson and her husband Melvin of Dallas; and Patricia Chappell and husband Jesse of Austin; one brother, Richard Session and his wife Betty of Houston; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Earnest was a very loving husband, father, brother, and friend. He loved people and never met a stranger.

Earnest was preceded in death by his parents, Earnest and Dessie Session.

The family will receive friends at Capital Park Funeral Home on Saturday, April 6, 2002 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2938 E 13th, Austin, Texas with Rev. George Clark officiating.

Interment will follow in the Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Cemetery, 14501 N. IH35, Pflugerville, Texas with graveside honors being provided by the Austin Police Department Honor Guard.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.