

ISANG MARTIN ESSIEN

Mr. Isang Martin Essien, age 23, passed away July 23, 2004. Mr. Essien was born in Houston, he was the oldest son of Martin and Victoria Essien and the brother of Earlie, Sundra and Thomas Essien.

Mr. Essien graduated from the Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions in May 1998 and enlisted in the United States Navy. There, he completed his naval training programs with honors and served as an electronics technician. Mr. Essien also earned an Associate of General Studies degree, with honors, from Central Texas College in Killeen. Mr. Essien was accepted into the school of architecture at the University of Houston for the fall of 2004.

Mr. Essien was a mature Christian who blessed others with his generosity, kindness and good-natured spirit. Mr. Essien was a member of New Faith Church, where he was baptized in 1987. Mr. Essien will be greatly missed by his family in Nigeria.

Survivors include his two uncles Chief Cosmas M. Essien and Celestin U. Essien; two aunts Benedeth Afangideh and Monica Paul; cousins Dominic Afangideh, of Dallas, Candace King, of Houston, Ronnie Coleman, of Huntsville, Christopher Fisher, of College Station, Brandi Pleasant, of Houston, Margeaux Fisher, of Natchitoches, La., Crystal Fisher, of Hawkins and Destini Watson, of Spring; maternal grandmother Earlie Groves, of Crockett; aunts and uncles Dr. Helen King and husband George, of Huntsville, Billy "Hollywood" Groves, of Crockett, Brenda Atchison and husband Rev. Delvin Atchison, of Waco, Dr. Ianthia Fisher and husband Jimmy, of Crockett; Dr. Ruth Groves-Watson, of Spring and Rev. Oscar Henderson and wife Rhonda, of Crockett.

Funeral services for Mr. Isang Martin Essien were held July 31, at 11:00 a.m. at New Faith Church in Houston with Dr. T.R. Williams Sr., officiating. Interment followed in Houston Memorial Gardens in Pearland.

Active and Honorary Pallbearers were Dominic Afangideh, Christopher Fisher, Elijah Udom, Ronnie Coleman, Shannon Brown, Adetoye Olurin and Carol Udokah.

Barkley Mortuary