



Leslie Arnold Ball

November 10, 1948 - September 8, 2023

Leslie Arnold Ball, 74, of Chicago's Rockwell Gardens neighborhood, retired CTA bus mechanic, passed away unexpectedly on September 8, 2023.

Born in Hampton, Virginia, Leslie moved to Illinois, where he attended a private boys' school in Chicago and then later graduated from high school in Evanston. He attended college for a short while before joining the U.S. Navy, where he served in the Philippines.

Only child of the late Mildred Pearl "Woody" Ball (nee Edwards) and James William Ball.

Leslie is survived by his friends Will Goodwin, Sidonie Gaude, and Brendan Binkley -- owners and staff at Spoken Café in Ravenswood, where he was a daily regular for over two decades. Leslie was a unique individual who, other than his cafe family, largely preferred to be by himself.

He enjoyed electronic and Chicago house music. He collected books and antiques and was known to impetuously rent a car and take off to Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, without telling anyone. He was especially fond of Louisiana.

Leslie is survived by his maternal aunt Doris E. Saunders, 98, and her

children Nancy (David) Cowan, Ann Saunders (Russell) Sage, Melvin (Sylvia) Saunders, and Calvin (Saundra) Saunders.

A celebration of our friend Leslie is being planned. Check back to this website for further information as it becomes available.

Donations may be made in his name to www.theheadstronproject.org, for veteran's mental health treatment.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care. 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

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