

Distinguished local attorney, Luke George Conley III, passed away April 23, 2017 from complications of Cancer. Mr. Conley, son of Luke George Conley Sr. and Ruby Estelle Foster, was born in Phoenix, Arizona on March 6, 1938. Mr. Conley's family relocated to Los Angeles, CA where he graduated from Fremont High School. Upon graduation he joined the Air Force and was trained as a radar specialist overseeing the testing of airborne radar and missiles. This expertise was instrumental in his first civilian job at Hughes Aircraft Company in El Segundo CA. Mr. Conley transitioned to a position at North American Aviation, NASA's Autonetics Division. At Autonetics, in Downey, CA, Mr. Conley completed the Activator A main control panel necessary for the Minuteman Ground Control Computer System to be delivered to the Air Force. Mr. Conley's reputation as an electronic technician made it possible for him to secure a position at North American Aviation's Space and Information Systems Division to work on the Apollo Space program. Mr. Conley worked on the preparation and launch of the Apollo Space Capsule in Florida. His love of all things Space and Science continued throughout his lifetime.

Mr. Conley left Southern CA to attend McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento CA and graduated in 1969. Howard University in Washington D.C. sponsored Mr. Conley to work as a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow for the Legal Aid Society of Sacramento County. After passing the State Bar in 1971, Mr. Conley maintained a private practice as a litigator for many years specializing in Criminal and Fraud cases, although qualified for eight specialties. Mr. Conley's love of NCAA Men's March Madness resulted in him being a guest sports writer for the Sacramento Observer for many years. Since 1982, Mr. Conley attended every NCAA Regional and Final Four game, with the exception of the year his Mother passed away.

Mr. Conley approached his business and personal life with passion and purpose, and developed many close and loyal friendships throughout his lifetime. His love of Jazz and Sports provided many an adventure throughout his time here on earth, including a solo trip at age 62 to the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney Australia. His goal was to live life to the fullest and in such a manner as to have no regrets. Luke was at peace and felt that he accomplished his goal.

Luke George Conley III is survived by his wife, Regina (Reggie) Conley, as well as children Brian Aubrey Conley, Lamont Gregory Conley, Carla McCue, stepdaughters Gina Smith and Jenny Smith, daughter in law Susan Bell, sons in law Lawrence McCue and Kalin Jenkins, grandchildren Aubrey Conley, Ariel Conley, Laine Jenkins, Ivory Conley, Olusheyi Banjo, Olubunmi Banjo, Lawrence Douglas McCue, nephew Peter Martin and cousins Sybil Harris, Joe Harper, David Bagley, Dawne Bagley, and DeShawna Solomon. John and Rebecca Turner are dear friends along with many other adopted family members who call him Uncle Luke.