



LESTER'S STORY

Lester Lionel Collins, Jr. went to his eternal rest on June 19, 2025. He began life on November 4, 1960, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the eldest son in a close-knit family of six siblings to Lester Lionel Collins Sr., and Beatrice Daisy Collins. From the start, he had an abundance of energy—a trait that remained with him throughout his life.

In his youth, Lester channeled that energy into athletics. He enjoyed weight training, swimming, gymnastics, basketball, and playing football, first at West Philadelphia High School and later at Temple University. Though he loved playing sports, nothing quite rivaled his lifelong devotion to cheering on Philadelphia's professional teams—especially his beloved Eagles.

Yet, even greater than his passion for sports was Lester's unwavering love for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Whether discipling men, teaching New Members Sunday School, singing with the male chorus, or attending men's retreats, Lester's enthusiasm for Jesus was unmistakable. His joy in serving the church never waned—not even when working overtime, fixing family cars, opening the pool for summer fun, or hosting holidays. To Lester, life was ministry. He was a Mighty Man of God who shared Christ openly—at work, at church, and in every space he entered.

The man seen in public—as a Deacon, coworker, brother, uncle, or friend—was the same man seen at home: kind, genuine, always teaching, and always loving. He was a devoted husband and father whose tireless work earned him the nickname, "The Hardest Working Man in Sicklerville." He labored not for recognition but to create a home filled with safety, laughter, and love.

Lester was preceded in death by his father, Lester, Sr. and his daughter, Jenna. He is survived by his wife, Sharone; his children: Lester III, and his wife Rachael, Sean and his wife Yuki, Kenyah, Elijah, Jasmine, and Soreya; his grandchildren: Lester IV and Elianna; his mother, Beatrice; his siblings: Pamela Allen, Shirley Lewis, Andrea Mason, Crystal Chiddickk and Phillip Collins; his uncles: Charlie, Henry Robert and Frank; and many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, friends, and acquaintances who were blessed to know him.

Lester's legacy of faith, love, and joyful service lives on in all who knew him. He is deeply missed and forever remembered.