

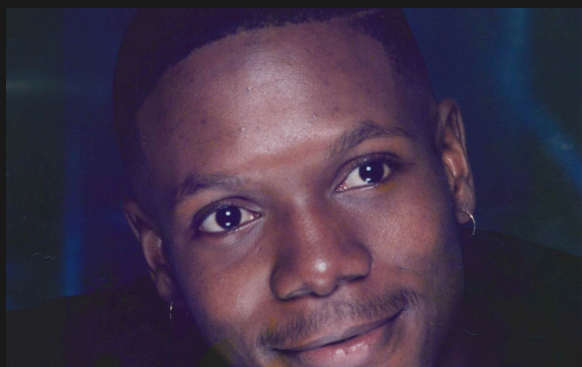
A black and white portrait of a man with short, dark, curly hair and a light beard. He is wearing a plaid shirt over a white t-shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with trees and a body of water. The text is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

Celebration of life

Sylvester Milus  
McCord, SR

FEBRUARY 23, 1973- APRIL 28, 2025

# Life Sketch



## O B I T U A R Y

### Early Life

Sylvester Milus McCord was born Sylvester Ellis Carter, Jr. on February 23, 1973 in San Leandro California to his birth mother Annette Owsley. In his birth family he was the fourth of seven children. He spent his early years in Oakland California. On December 22, 1979 Sylvester was adopted into the McCord family. He was embraced by the family and thrived in his new environment.

Sylvester's nickname was "Boo." The name was given to him by his birth family and followed him throughout his life. He was an active fun loving person growing up. Among his greatest joys were escaping his sisters and playing outside with friends. As a young child he also loved to play jokes on his sisters. Sylvester enjoyed playing outside with his Canvasback Drive buddies. They rode bicycles together, explored the local creeks and parks. He enjoyed watching sports and playing ping pong with his grandfather Milus as a child. They were 49er's and Oakland A's fans. Sylvester would later become an avid Raider's Fan! No matter where he lived, he always represented the Bay Area! Sylvester was a champion pool player and also enjoyed roller skating.

# O B I T U A R Y

## Education

Sylvester was educated in the Fairfield/Suisun Unified School District Schools. He graduated from Armijo High School in 1991 after attending Grange Middle School and H Glenn Richardson, Suisun and Crystal Elementary Schools. Sylvester loved sports and he was a very versatile athlete. He played high school football and was on the school's wrestling team. Sylvester was also a very talented musician. He was able to play most wind instruments and played the drums in the Armijo High School Band. While in high school Sylvester was a member of the Junior ROTC.

## Military Service

Sylvester enlisted in the United States Marines Corps as a Traffic Management Specialist and left for boot camp one week after he graduated from high school on June 17, 1991. During his time in the Marines he earned the following accolades: Rifle Expert Badge Awarded four (4) times; Pistol Expert Badge; National Defense Service Medal; Certificate of Achievement, Meritorious Mast and the Overseas Service Ribbon. Sylvester was honorably discharged on June 22, 1994. His final duty assignment was Marine Corp Barracks (MCB) Cambut Okinawa Japan.

## Life After Service Continues

Upon his separation from the military, Sylvester continued his education at Solano Community College where he completed two years of college courses. After completing his courses at Solano, Sylvester worked a variety of jobs locally and then decided to relocate to North Carolina where his sister Songhai and her family were living in 2001. He continued his education in North Carolina Majoring in Criminal Justice at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Not long after his arrival in North Carolina, Sylvester met his wife Tia Nicole Lowrimore. Together they had five children. Sylvester Milus Jr, Amaya Nicole, Isaiah Allen, Noah William and Kaliyah Noelle. Sylvester was a devoted father and loved spending time with his children. The children state that their favorite thing to do with their Dad was skating, playing pool, basketball, chess, lifting weights and boxing with him. Tia also recalls the special nights out where they would dine at a local Japanese restaurant, reminiscent of his time spent in Japan where he acquired a taste for Japanese Cuisine. As a family they also enjoyed celebrating birthdays together! The children also recall the joy experienced in their family trip to California during the summer of 2024 to attend the McCord Family and Friends Reunion. Their Dad was excited to show them where he grew up, his favorite sites and they were able to meet many family members and friends.

Sylvester was adept at fixing almost anything! He was also an excellent painter. He was truly gifted and without formal training he became an expert handyman, painter and mechanic. At the time of his death, Sylvester most recently worked in the Delivery and Trucking Industry.

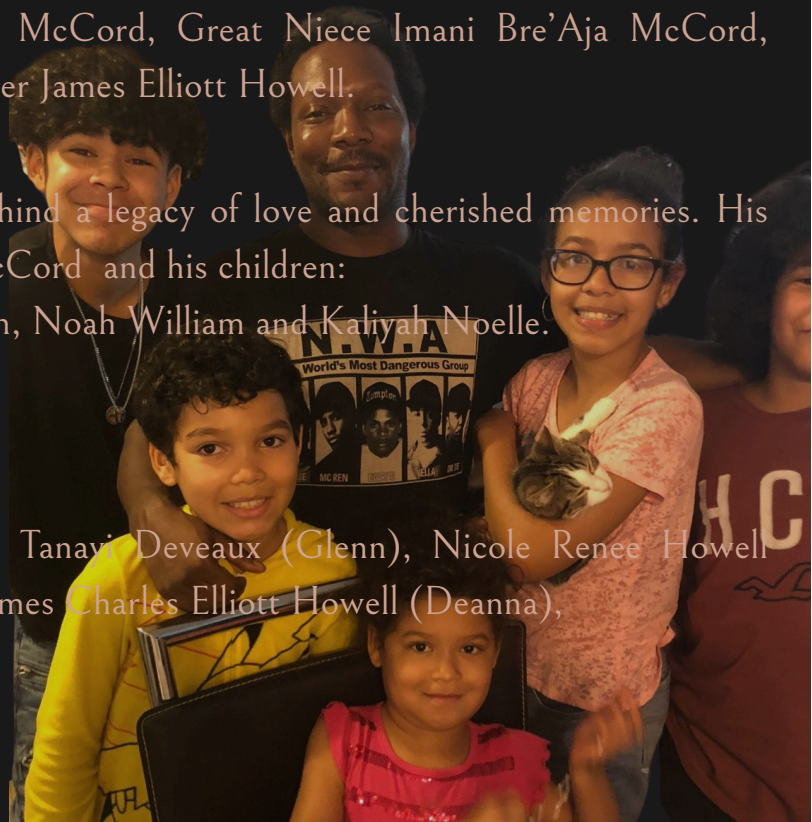
Sylvester departed this life on Monday, April 28, 2025.

Sylvester was preceded in death by great grandmother Dove Timberlake Early, grandparents: Margaret Augusta Wallace McCord and Milus Moddis McCord, Uncles Joseph Andre' McCord, Winston Howell, Eric Michael Clare, great aunt Mattie Sledge, Nephew Anthony Ray Hamilton (Pooda), Niece Saniyah Danielle McCord, Great Niece Imani Bre'Aja McCord, Cousin Sacory Marquis Knight and Step-Father James Elliott Howell.

Sylvester will be deeply missed, he leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. His passing is mourned by his wife Tia Nicole McCord and his children: Sylvester Milus Jr, Amaya Nicole, Isaiah Allen, Noah William and Kaliyah Noelle.

Mother: Karen Maria McCord

Siblings: Sylvia LaShawn McCord, Songhai Tanavi Deveau (Glenn), Nicole Renee Howell (Marc McConney), Lisa Monique Howell, James Charles Elliott Howell (Deanna),





Justin James Nathaniel Howell (Brenda), Peggy Williams, Anthony Ray Hamilton and Deborah “Nay Nay” Scarbrough.

Aunts and Uncles: Milus Moddis “Charles” McCord (Donna), William Curtis McCord, Margaret Juanita Fleming (Allen), Jacquelin Salvatto McCord Harris, Ruth Fortson Bailey, Rheuhama Porter-Alaman(Don), Richard Howell, Steven Howell, Valerie Howell

Cousins: Tesha Joy McCord Poe, Tovah Andrea McCord, Kendall Jamar McCord, Charles Ryan Milus McCord, Satrice Augusta Ann McCord, Marcus Allen Fleming, Sebriah Monet Porter Clare, Emiah Chardon Gardner, Nicole Buggs, Tonya Hauert, Melissa Stroud, Joshua Ethan Best, Jabari Jenkins

Life Long Friend: Steven Karsten

And a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

INVOCATION

MUSICAL SELECTION

"I Won't Complain"

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-39

REMEMBERING SYLVESTER

Mr. Steven Karsten, Childhood Friend

Mr. Kendall McCord, Cousin

Mr. Caleb Deveau, Nephew

Miss Kaliyah McCord, Daughter

Dr. Karen McCord, Mother

READING OF THE OBITUARY

Rev. Christopher Wallace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr. Nicole Howell, Sister

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Optimistic"

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Y. Trevor Beauford

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

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*You will be missed but never forgotten.  
You have captured a place in our hearts.*

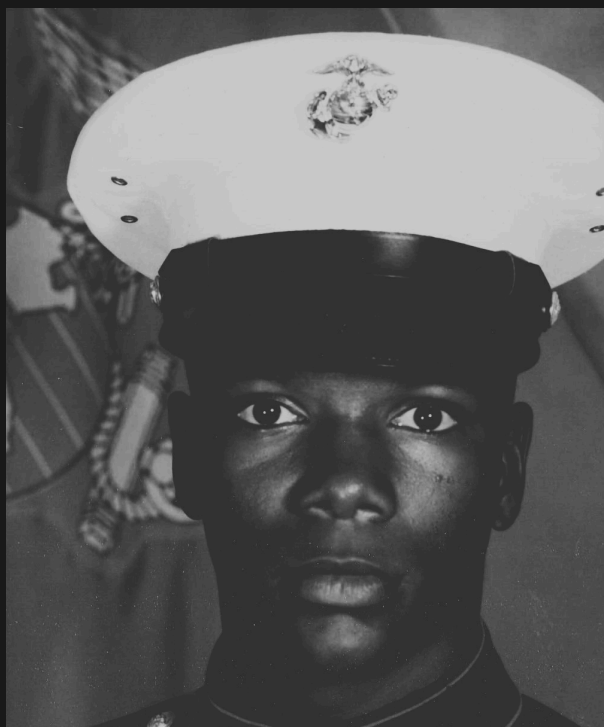






QUOTE  
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TUPAC SHAKUR

I'M NOT PERFECT BUT I'LL  
ALWAYS BE REAL.



PALLBEARERS

ELIJAH KALIF DEVEAUX  
KENDALL MCCORD  
STEVEN MARK KARSTEN  
JAMES HOWELL  
ISAIAH MCCORD  
NOAH MCCORD  
CHRISTOPHER WALLACE

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

STEVEN HARRY KARSTEN  
JOSEPH MILUS MCCORD  
ALLEN LOWRY

SINCERE  
THANKS

Thank you for your kind expression of  
sympathy and thoughtfulness. It is  
deeply appreciated and will always be  
remembered.

FINAL RESTING PLACE  
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