

Pallbearers

David French
Ian French
Shawn Reeves

Rudolph French, Jr.
Charles Smith
Desmond French

A Celebration Of The Life and Legacy of

Sterling Baldwin French

August 13, 1953 – June 11, 2022

Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. Sterling French would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for your presence here today, and for all your kind expressions of sympathy and kindness.

May God continue to bless each of you.

- The Family

INTERMENT

Oak Lawn Cemetery
427 Cummins Highway
Roslindale, MA 02131



RA Service of Loving Memory Entrusted To:

Riley-Antoine Funeral Home
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SERVICES

Saturday – June 25, 2022
10:00 a.m. Viewing 11:00 a.m. Funeral Service

Riley-Antoine Funeral Home
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OBITUARY

Sterling Baldwin French

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Sterling Baldwin French transitioned from this life Saturday, June 11, 2022 after a lengthy illness. Sterling (aka *Kool Breeze*) was born August 13, 1953. He was the first of ten children born to the late Rudolph French, Sr. and Constance (Hoyt) French in Norfolk, Virginia. The family moved to Boston in 1957. It was there that Sterling received his education through the Boston Public school system, and the Massachusetts Department of Education. Sterling received his Culinary Arts certificate through a Pine Street Inn program, and became an extraordinary chef because of it.

Sterling worked as chef in some of Boston's best colleges including Boston University, Emerson College, Simmons College and Katharine Gibbs. His skills also allowed him to work as head chef in other Boston establishments such as Saint Anthony's Parish, Black Friars Club, the Lenox Hotel and the Pine Street Inn. He won "*Chef of the Month*" while working at Rosie's Place – which was his last place of employment before his illness.

He won many awards and citations for his dishes. If you didn't know it, he could cook up some mean chicken, and let's not forget to mention those desserts! As a testament to his culinary skills, the late Mayor Menino both loved and commended Sterling on his soups. Also, Susan Wornick of





TV Channel 4, and the Boston Herald, produced an article on soups, cakes and dishes, and they chose Sterling to be featured in that segment.

Outside of cooking, Sterling loved to play pool, read his Alfred Hitchcock novels, watch the History Channel, and listen to his all time favorite, *The Persuaders*. He loved the real oldies but goodies! Sterling was a funny guy when he wanted to be – always ready to laugh. Sterling was protective of his family. If he saw you walking by yourself down Dudley, he would stop what he was doing to make sure you made it to your destination. You knew if you needed him, he had your back – especially with his brothers.

Whenever Sterling needed to fix his computer or television, he never hesitated to call on his brother, Andre (*PeeWee*), because if no one else could fix it, he knew *PeeWee* could!

Sterling leaves to mourn him: his mother, Mrs. Constance French; brothers: David (Sharon) French of Beverly, MA; Rudolph French Jr., and Ian French; sisters: Viveca French, Debra French-Green (Henry), Constance French, and Felicia French. (all of Boston, MA); a son: Sterling Garrison; daughter, Gloria Garrison; companion of 25 years: Jacqueline Smith; two stepsons: Joseph and Charles Smith; an uncle, Essex Wilson; one grandson, Jamin Smith; god-daughter, Simone Coren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Sterling was preceded in death by his father, Rudolph French, Sr., and his brothers, Andre and Carlton French.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Elder Charlie Robinson – Officiating



INVOCATION	Elder Charlie Robinson
SCRIPTURE	Minister Joseph L. Smith
PRAYER OF COMFORT	Elder Charlie Robinson
POEM	Image French, Gabrielle French and Giana French
Musical Selection	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Carol Allen
READING OF THE OBITUARY	Minister Joseph L. Smith
Musical Selection	Dominic French
EULOGY	Elder Charlie Robinson

