



Horace Stephen Gordon

July 18, 1956 - July 5, 2017

Horace Stephen Gordon died at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Birmingham, on July 5, 2017 due to complications from COPD. He was 60 years of age. He was born on July 18th, 1956 to parents Dr. Horace and Nadine Gordon while they lived in the Birmingham suburb of Pratt City. Very soon thereafter, they moved to Hueytown where Stephen grew up and went to school, graduating from Hueytown High School in 1974. Stephen went on to attend the University of Alabama where he studied music. He played a trumpet and piano in his formative years and took that musical start and crafter those skills and passion into a career as a professional musician. He joined the Army and attended the Army School of Music before he was assigned to the Army Band in New York, New York where the band regularly preformed for musical functions at the United Nations. After his enlistment in the military, he returned to the Birmingham area to begin his musical career in earnest. He has functioned as a sideman and band leader in various locations in Birmingham including extended years of engagement at Jake's Grill, Elaine's, A.J.'s and then as a solo pianist at The Blue Monkey on Southside. Stephen Gordon was for many years one of the hardest working musicians in the Birmingham area, preforming three or four different gigs at different locations for different events on the same day., seven days a week. HE maintained that pace for over 30 years. He mentored many young musicians who went on to have significant musical careers as professionals. He is preceded in death by his parents, and his niece, Anna E. Gordon of

Tuscaloosa. He is survived by his brother, Christopher P. Gordon, a sister-in-law, Pamela G. Gordon, and a niece Victoria K. Gordon. Graveside service will be on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 2:45 p.m. at Alabama National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Chaplain Service (125), mail to VA Medical Center Chaplain Service (125) 700 S. 19th Street, Birmingham 35233

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“ So sorry to read about Steve's passing. Many fond memories of listening to his music. Went to church with his parents and would listen to their stories about him. Not many musicians with his drive around anymore.

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