



LeRoy Glover Jr. - Class of 1980

Most of my activities involved the drama department; I was voted Best Actor on the Senior Ballot.

The Early Years

We moved to 5701 Bales in 1961 or 1962. We were one of the first black families on the block. I remember that the next door neighbor would not speak to me, but I did not understand why. I was not aware of racial bias or discrimination until kindergarten. My first girlfriend, Suzanne, was a cute little blond girl with bouncy curls. The way she talked, she called me "Wewoy." When my mother asked me to point her out, she said, "She can't be your girlfriend. She's white, and you are a colored boy." That was the first time I heard that skin color made a difference.

I attended Mark Twain grade school and Southeast Junior. Mark Twain is no longer standing. I remember that a student burned down the school sometime between 1974 and 1980.

My sister, Roxanne Glover, is a year younger, but because of the way our birthdays fell, we were in the same class.

Southeast Memories

I ran cross country and indoor and outdoor track.

I was involved in all types of performances and plays, and I was the MC of Knightlites. It was the most popular school talent show in the city. Even non-Southeast students would audition. There were all types of acts of a professional level. Popular bands from around the city performed. I had a dance group, The Dancing Machine.

Here are a few of the teachers I remember:

- Reggie James was the track coach.
- Duke Howze was the drama coach.
- Mr. Herron was the King of the Castle - one of a kind.

I really can't name favorites; all our teachers were extremely dedicated.

I remember Operation Freeze. You did not want to get caught in the hall during Operation Freeze! And I remember what has become our class slogan, "We will have school, with or without you."

There is a photo of me dressed as the Southeast Knight in the 1979 Crusader. Valerie Carter is sitting next to me, dressed as the Southeast Lady.

I don't remember a lot about the current events while I was at Southeast. I was busy with life.

I was President of COE, and I worked at Research Medical Center in food service beginning in 1977. By 1979, I was working in radiology as a film librarian. I remember leaving school mid-day and walking down Meyer Boulevard to Research wearing my lab coat.

After school, I spent time practicing and performing with my dance group. We also performed and had dance competitions in a building at 67th and Cleveland.

After Graduation

I now capitalize the R in Leroy to separate myself from my father.

I graduated in January of 1980 and then worked at Research full time. I also took night classes in journalism at UMKC. I joined the Air Force in April 1981.

Much of my life was involved in entertainment. I was a Prince impersonator. I have written and recorded over 400 songs and appeared in 5 movies. I have made hundreds of TV appearances in commercials and news coverage.

I have worked in a number of areas of the medical field, including as a clinic office manager.

I was involved with my classmates and our 35th reunion earlier this year.

Currently, my calling has been to the ministry. I am a licensed pastor. My ministry is on the internet, on the streets, and in churches. I have been homeless twice, and have a message for that community. God speaks to me, and He has worked to restore my relationships with my ex-wife, my daughter, my son, and my four grandchildren.