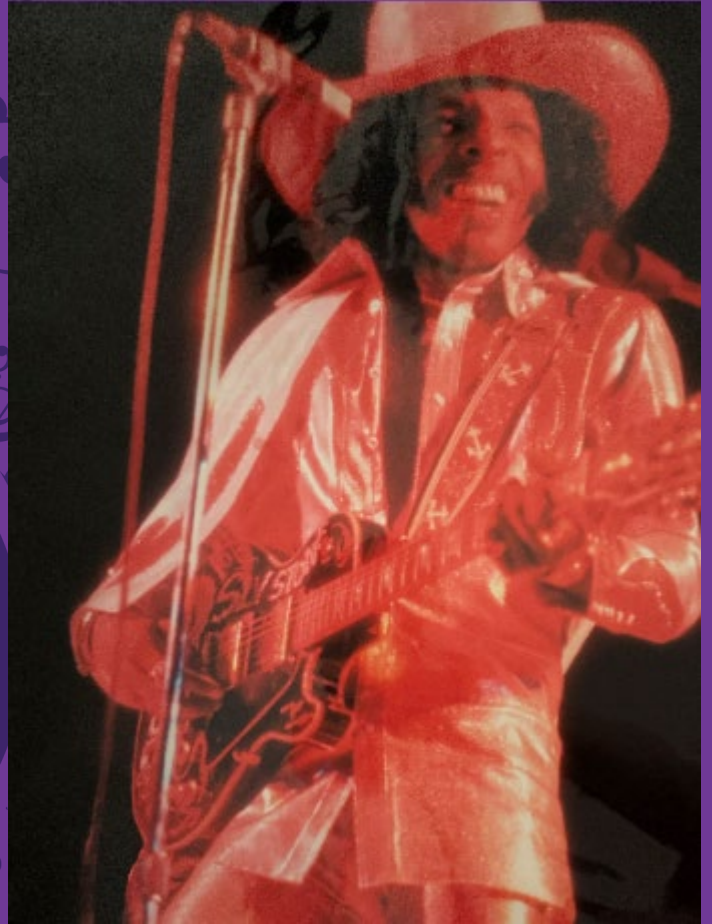


WANNA TAKE YOU HIGHER



SYLVESTER STEWART (SLY STONE)  
MARCH 15, 1943 – JUNE 9, 2025

OBITUARY

## *“Wanna Take You Higher”*

*Sylvester Stewart was born in Denton, Texas on March 15, 1943 to K.C. and Alpha Stewart. Shortly, thereafter, Sylvester's parents moved the family to Vallejo, California. During his tenure in high school at Sacramento High for a short stint, he would stay at his eldest sister Loretta's home and play at Shiloh Baptist Church in Sacramento.*



*Sly accepted the Lord Jesus during the 1990's while living at the Oakwood Apartments in Burbank, CA, his sister Rose led him to his pronunciation of salvation.*

*He grew up under the tutelage of his parents at All Nations Church of God in Christ, pastored by his Uncle Richard and Aunt Rosalie Garrett. During this time, they formed the Stewart Four, which consisted of, eldest sister, the late Loretta Saffold who played the piano, sister Rose, brother Freddie, as is noted in the famous picture with their baby sister, Vet. As a child prodigy, this is where Sylvester would hone his skills on guitar, drums, and singing; subsequently to also include, bass, keyboard, and & harmonica.*

*After graduating from Vallejo Senior High School with honors, Sylvester studied music at Solano Community College. The late Professor Froehlich stated, "he was an original musician, an original thinker." While still in college, Sylvester worked at KDIA (a San*

*Francisco radio station) as a disc jockey, and later joined and became very influential at KSOL-AM (dubbed as K-SOUL); as well as its affiliate 107.7 FM (now KSAN).*



*Sylvester's career in the music industry spanned 50+ years, from the first album, "A Whole New Thing" (1967), and several more albums from which came timeless hits such as "Stand", "Everyday People", "Hot Fun In The Summertime", Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin), and "Everybody Is A Star". These became top five singles. Sly and his family appeared at Woodstock in 1969, performing for over 460,000 attendees (making it one of the largest music festivals in history).*



*The late Dave Kapralik brought Sly & the Family Stone to Epic records, and Sly co-formed Stone Flower Productions. Baby Sister Vet then sought out her brother Sly about endeavoring in music, which led him to form the group "Little Sister". The group charted three hit singles, "You're The One", "Somebody's Watching You" and "Stanga".*



*Sly Stone's influence was felt domestically and internationally. While Sly & the Family Stone were presented with many gold and platinum records over the years, there were also numerous accolades when they were inducted into the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame in 1993 and when they received an honorable tribute at the Grammy's in 2006.*

*Throughout his career, Sly's roots always gave way to his calling that was prophesied to him as a child and over him as an adult. His music resounded throughout the world while the lyrics of his songs continue to resonate for the conditions of the world today.*



*Sly's father - K.C. Stewart (Bigdaddy, Uncle K.C., Deacon Stewart), his mother - Alpha Stewart (Little Love, Bigmama, aint' Alfie, Missionary Stewart), and his eldest sister - Loretta Saffold precedes him in death.*

*He is survived by his ex-wife, Kathy Silva of their beautifully famous Madison Square Garden wedding ceremony on June 5, 1974, sister Rose Marie Stone, brother Frederick Jerome Stewart Stone (Freddie), Vaetta Stewart Stone (Vet), his children--Sylvester, Jr, Sylviette Phunne, Novena Carmel, progenitor, Laura Cook, 5 grandchildren, 13 nieces and nephews, and a host of great nieces & great nephews, and Urbano-engrafted family and friends.*

