




*In Loving
Memory of*



*Sunrise
April 9, 1952*



*Sunset
November 29, 2010*



Leon W. Mitchell

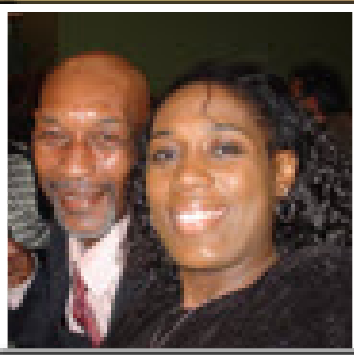
*Tuesday, December 7, 2010
11:00 a.m.*

Pilgrim Baptist Church

*34 Hudson Street
Newark, New Jersey 07103*

Rev. Clarence B. Thomas, Officiating





Reflections of Life

Leon Whitaker Mitchell was born on April 9, 1952 in Jackson, North Carolina to the late Major Mitchell, Sr. and Roxanna (Jacobs) Mitchell. Leon moved to Newark, NJ in 1963, where he attended Central Avenue School. He graduated from Newark Tech, where he acquired the trade of brick masonry. After a long career as a Brick Mason in 1996, he retired.

In 1972, Leon became the proud father of Maisha Mitchell-Beasley. Twenty years later, he became a father to another daughter, Nyvia Mitchell. He was sincerely devoted to his "girls" and to his children he was the BEST father any little girl could ask for. Leon loved his mother, Roxanna, dearly. He knew he could always count on her for unconditional love and support.

To his family, Leon will always be remembered as the man with "9 Lives". He lived a full and eventful life, on his own terms. He can be defined by his independence and desire to live life to the fullest. Many times, people have stated, "he marched to the beat of his own drum." However, Leon "created the entire band and all the beats" giving us more reasons to laugh and love him.

Leon was baptized in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in 2006 at Pilgrim Baptist Church under the leadership of Clarence B. Thomas.

On November 29, 2010, at New Community Extended Care, Our Heavenly Father called Leon

home to his final resting place to join his father Major Mitchell, Sr. and three brothers, Martin Grant, Jr., Earl Thomas Mitchell and Wayne Vincent Mitchell.

Leon leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Roxanna Mitchell; two daughters, Maisha Mitchell-Beasley and Nyvia Mitchell; two grandchildren, Marcel Brissett and MaKayla Beasley; son-in-law, Kenneth Beasley; two brothers, Major Mitchell, Jr. and Waverly (Kris) Mitchell; four sisters, Esther Lee Battle, Mary Parker, Minnie (Carl) Hatcher and Diane Mitchell along with the mother of his children, Diane Davis and Roslyn "Michelle" Cray; and a special acknowledgement to his God-brother, Tyrone Corbin. He will be missed by a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Your Children:

Maisha:

Daddy words can not express the love I have for you. It never mattered to me what others thought you were. All that did and ever will matter is What & Who you were to me . A Beloved Father with a HUGE heart. I'm so very proud to call you my dad. As a child, there wasn't a need or want I had you didn't fill. You gave it all.

The best father I know is you.

I Love you Daddy

Your Daughter Pooh.

Nyvia

To my beloved who I love so dearly. I will miss you until we meet again.

Order of Service

Prelude

Scripture

Psalm 23

Song of Worship

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptures:

Old Testament

New Testament

Song of Praise

Tributes/Remarks (2 minutes)

Reading of the Obituary

Choral Selection

Eulogy

Final Reviewing/Benediction



<p><u><i>Interment</i></u> <i>Evergreen Cemetery</i> <i>Hillside, New Jersey</i></p>
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*Please join us at the church for the re-past immediately
following the entombment.*

Reflections

From Mom:

Leon, your life was full of loving deeds,
Forever thoughtful of my special needs,
Today and tomorrow, my whole life through,
I will always love and cherish you

From Family:

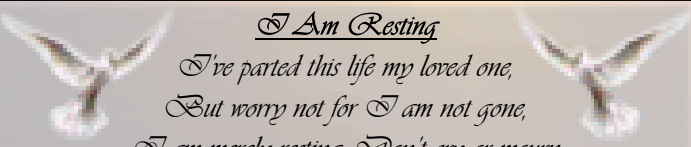
Marcel: Grandpa Lee was a good man. Although I didn't get to see him as much as I wanted to but when I did we had fun and I will miss what we did and didn't get the chance to do.

Mary: Leon I fussed at you cause you're my brother & I love you.

Nina: My uncle Leon was a warrior. He was a man who stayed true to himself. Whether those around him agreed or accepted his choices in life, he never wavered in his decision to do and be whom he desired. I hold a unique connection with him that I could not begin to verbalize. I will forever cherish the moments "My Lord Most High" allowed me to spend with you during your last days. Uncle Leon you are in another place but we shall meet again. I will always love & remember you dearly. In my heart you will be truly missed.

Michele, Terence, Malcom & Alanna: Uncle Leon, you were a great example of what it means for one to be true to ourselves. You never wavered in your independence and ability to "do your own thing". You'll always be remembered for your "swagger" and your humor!

I Am Resting



*I've parted this life my loved one,
But worry not for I am not gone,
I am merely resting. Don't cry or mourn
For God is with you and in your hearts.
Carry on. We will miss each other,
But remember God is with us all.*

Be strong my loved one, for I am not gone, but merely resting.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgments

The family of **Leon W. Mitchell** acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you.

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