



In Loving
Memory
of

Simon Louis Leggett

Sunrise
September 29, 1941

Sunset
February 24, 2011

Friday, March 4, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Rev. Bennett Johnson, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Simon Louis Leggett was born in Washington, North Carolina, the third child of Rosa and Louis Leggett. He attended school in North Carolina. As a teenager he drove the school bus over a narrow rickety bridge (the requirement for bus driver it seems was youth and courage).

He later moved to New Jersey where, in addition to other jobs, he was employed by New Jersey Transit as a bus driver. (Here the age and job requirements were considerably higher). He maintained a stellar record and retired from the company after years of admirable service.

Shortly after moving to New Jersey, Simon met and married Willa Robertson. Four beautiful children were born to them, sons, Dabrell and Tige and daughters, Michelene and Chantee. He also had two loving stepsons, Glen and Michael.

Simon was a natural born diplomat with a warm pleasing personality and an infectious sense of humor. He was someone you were proud to know whether you called him Simon, Louis, Junior or Pie. Pie or Cherry Pie is a nickname given to him by a fellow bowler and friend who said he was sweet as cherry pie, especially when he bowled one of his perfect 300 games. He was an avid bowler who rivaled the professionals and earned the respect and friendship of others in the sport who looked to him for bowling and life lessons, including his youngest son, Tige, who he would often take to the alley with him. He was an old school gentleman who, even as a young man, would ask other men to watch their language when in the company of women. He was a leader and peacemaker and could reason with others to maintain calm.

Most importantly, He heard the good news of the gospel, and when asked if he wanted to give his heart to Jesus, responded affirmatively and with conviction prayed and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Simon will live on in the hearts of his children, Michelene, Chantee and Dabrell of New Jersey; sisters, Betty, Nellie, Hattie and JoAnn of Massachusetts, and Jesse and Ann of North Carolina; brothers, Jesse and Daniel of New Jersey and Larry, Bonnie and James of Massachusetts; his dear grandchildren, great grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Bennett Johnson

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Repast

The Garden State Grand Lodge
883 Sandford Avenue • Irvington, NJ

*Lord, you just received Simon, your special child
As soon as he saw your face, he looked up and smiled
All cares of this world instantly disappeared
No more pain, no worry, no sadness, no fears
Tell him we miss him and
are better because he was here
And since he can't be with us,
we're so happy he's there
Unimaginably beautiful, joyful
and wonderfully at peace
In a world with no end where life will never cease*

~Lovingly written by Louvenia



Acknowledgement

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.*

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