

In Loving Memory of



Leon F. Pitts, Jr.

Sunrise

January 3, 1931

Sunset

August 1, 2014

Service

Wednesday, August 6, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

GREATER HOOD AME ZION CHURCH

160 West 146th Street • New York, NY

Rev. Freeman Y. Perry, Pastor

Obituary

Born, **Leon Franks Pitts, Jr.** on January 3, 1931 in Macon, GA. The only child of Willie Mae Goosby and Leon Frank Pitts, Sr.

Leon graduated from Ballard High School in Macon, where he excelled at his various studies. After high school, Leon joined the Armed Forces and served his country during the Korean War through 1953. During his service, he earned the Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, the United Nations Service Medal, as well as a combat infantry badge. Once discharged, Leon returned to Macon where he met his future wife Sara, a former “Miss Macon” pageant winner.

Lon-Lon, as he was affectionately known to his many grands and great-grands, retired from the US Postal Service after thirty-five years of dedicated service. He had an affectionate name for all his kids and grandkids. These nicknames are still with us today. Names like “Baby Faye” for Faye, Boo-Boo for Lynn, Who-ma for Tiffany, Pretty Sugar for Ebony, Lady for Tamia, Ma for Gia, Tam-Tam for Tamara, Bo-Peep for Corey, Poppy for Chason, Go-Go for Gloria, Pookie for Stany and Love Ma for Granny. He was known for his exploits on the dance floor which earned him the nickname “SugarFoot”. He was also known for his unique style and fashion sense. He was always impeccably dressed from head to toe whenever he stepped out of his front door.

Leon was an active member of Greater Hood AME Zion Church for over ten years.

Lon-Lon is preceded in death by his mother, Willie Mae Goosby, his father, Leon Frank Pitts, Sr., his mother-in-law, Rosa Lee Davis and his wife, Sara Lee Pitts. He leaves to mourn: his four daughters, Gloria, Debra, Faye, Cherie; three sons, Lynn Sr., Stephan, Kenneth; one daughter-in-law, Michelle; ten grandchildren, Gerald Jr., Tamara, Tiffany, Devon, Chason, Corey, Lynn Jr., Ebony, Bryant Jr. and Stany; and seven great grandchildren, Whitney, Jordan, Gia, Tamia, Janae, Julian, Bryant II; as well as a uncle, James Goosby; cousin, Julius Ussery; one best friend, David Johnson and many friends.

Lon-Lon will be missed by all who knew him.

We Love you “Lon-Lon”. May you rest in peace, your loving family.

Order of Service

Processional.....Family & Friends

Invocation.....Pastor

Hymn

Scriptures

Old Testament - 23rd Psalm

New Testament - John 14

Prayer of Comfort

Solo.....Sis. Erma Lewis..... “Have A Little Talk With Jesus”

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Solo.....Sis. Joyce Bryan..... “I Surrender”

Eulogy.....Rev. Freeman Y. Perry

Song.....Greater Hood AME Zion Church Choir

Benediction

Recessional.....Bro. Dennis Kaden, Musician

Interment
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".

-Mary Stevenson

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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