In Loving Memory of Lucius (Leon) Columbus Banks Sunrise: January 29, 1945 ~ Sunset: August 4, 2016

Services: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE 1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey Darrell Robinson - Officiating

<u>Lucius (Leon) Columbus Banks</u>

<u>Obituary</u>

On August 4, 2016, Lucius Columbus Banks passed away at the VA Medical Center in Lyons, NJ.

Lucius Columbus Banks, affectionately known as *"Leon"* was born on January 29, 1945 to the late Roosevelt Banks and Sarah Mae Reid in Eatonton, Georgia. He departed this life on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at the age of 71.

Lucius attended and graduated from the Putnam County - Butler Baker High School in 1963. He served in the United States Army in combat from 1968–1970 and re-enlisted from 1979–1983. He worked at the US Department of Veterans Affairs in Lyons, NJ from 1991~2012 retiring being credited with 27 years of service combined receiving a number of medals, ribbons, and awards.

Lucius loved his family and close friends. He was warm, caring, giving and had a heart of gold.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter Natasha Nicholson, his grandson, Tamaj A. Nicholson and his two granddaughters, Tiara A. Nicholson and Tiana A. Nicholson. Lucius also leaves his two sisters, Onnie Quattlebaum of San Mateo, CA; Annie Banks of East Orange, NJ; his brother, Roosevelt Banks, Jr. of Signal Hill, CA; and brother-in-law Frank Quattlebaum of San Mateo, CA. He is also survived by a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lucius was preceded in death by his daughter, Angela Lawson of Eatonton, GA; his parents and siblings Joel Banks; Henry Banks; Charlie Banks; Fannie Pearl Farley and Rose Dennis.

Lucius lived a full life and was loved by many. He will be missed by all.

Orde<u>r of Service</u>

Scripture Reading (Revelations 21:4, John 13:34-35) Tiara Nicholson

> Reading of Obituary Tamaj Nicholson

Reflections From Family and Close Friends

Acknowledgment Tiana Nicholson

Reading: "Keep Your Eyes On The Prize" Kimberly Nicholson

> Eulogy Darrel Robinson

> > Recessional

CREMATION

Rosedale Crematory Orange, New Jersey

Repast for family and close friends will immediately follow from 11:30am ~ 1:30pm Arlington House Community Room 55-57 Munn Avenue, East Orange Parking is limited on Munn Avenue Please enter on Arlington & Carnegie Ave (walk up driveway)

Keep Your Eyes On The Prize

When eyes of blind ones see again And ears of deaf ones hear again, When deserts blossom as the rose And from parched ground fresh water flows, When lame ones leap just like the hart, When loved ones never have to part, Such blessed times you'll realize, If you keep your eyes on the prize. When tongues of mute ones speak again, When old ones will be young again, When earth will vield her rich increase And all good things will never cease, When songs of children fill the air, When joy and peace are ev'rywhere, Then, too, you'll see the dead arise, If you keep your eyes on the prize. When wolves and lambs will feed as one. When bears and calves bask in the sun. A mere young boy will lead them all, And they will heed his childish call. When tears belong to yesterday, When fears and pain have passed away, You'll see how God these things supplies, If you keep your eyes on the prize.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone for your comforting words and your many kind deeds during this time. Your calls, visits, flowers and every act of kindness shown is appreciated. A special thank you to Kimberly Nicholson and his close friends and healing team at the VANJ Healthcare System in both East Orange and Lyons, NJ.

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