

A portrait of an older Black man with a grey mustache and goatee, wearing a blue shirt and a silver chain. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and sun rays in the top left corner.

*Celebration*  
OF LIFE FOR

*Sidney*  
**WALLACE LEGRAND, JR.**  
JANUARY 2, 1950 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 – 11:00 AM**

**Churchman Funeral Services  
at Smith Funeral Home**

455 N. Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208

# Obituary

***“I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course.  
I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7***

With profound sorrow, yet with abiding faith we celebrate the life and legacy of Sidney Wallace LeGrand, Jr. Affectionately known by his family as “Sid,” “Silk,” or “Uncle Sid.”

Sidney quietly departed this life on Wednesday September 2, 2026, at Runnells Care Center in Berkely Heights, NJ. He was 76 years old.

Sidney’s life was distinguished by perseverance, compassion, intelligence and a wonderful sense of humor. Throughout his journey, he served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam War working as a maintenance mechanic. He loved sharing his musical gifts with his melodious voice and his great cooking skills. Sidney made the best potato salad. He learned the best tricks from his beloved mother Charlotte. He was a jack of all trades and a master of few.

Although his passing leaves an irreplaceable void, his family and friends find comfort in knowing that Sidney lived purposefully, served honorably, loved deeply and did it “his way.”

## **HIS BEGINNING AND FAMILY HERITAGE**

Sidney Wallace LeGrand, Jr. was born on January 2, 1950 to Charlotte Porter LeGrand and Sidney Wallace LeGrand, Sr. in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Sidney attended the Elizabeth Public School System and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1967.

Sidney was a devoted son to his mother and took great pride in taking care of her until the very end. He will be remembered as a smooth dude. When you ask, how are you? He would reply  
“Brother is always GOOD!!!!!!”

Sidney is predeceased by his parents, Charlotte and Sidney LeGrand; and his siblings, Stacy, Lorin and John Robert LeGrand.

***“Until Then!”***

## **THOSE WHO CHERISH HIS MEMORY**

Sidney leaves to cherish his life, love, and memory: His wife, Ernestine Westbrook LeGrand of Elizabeth, NJ; and his siblings, Margaret LeGrand Saxton (Michael, deceased) of Elizabeth, NJ, Deborah (Cookie) LeGrand of Montclair, NJ, Ahmad Abdul-Majid (Jamillah) of Spring Hills, FL, Sylvia L. (Nancy) LeGrand of Altoona, PA, Patricia LeGrand of Caldwell, NJ, Terrance (Yasin) LeGrand of Elizabeth, NJ, Patricia McCrae (Fred) of Rahway, NJ, Sylvia LeGrand- Saxton of Brooklyn, NY, Phyllis LeGrand of Woodbridge, NJ, and Deborah LeGrand (John Robert LeGrand, deceased) of Landover, MD. Sidney is also survived by a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, adopted family members, and cherished friends.

# Order of Service

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|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Musical Prelude</i> .....             | <i>Minister of Music</i>     |
| <i>Opening Prayer</i> .....              | <i>Minister Keith Oden</i>   |
| <i>Musical Selection</i> .....           | <i>Minister of Music</i>     |
| <i>Scripture Reading</i> .....           | <i>Evangelist Anna Brown</i> |
| <i>Old Testament</i> .....               | <i>Psalm 23</i>              |
| <i>New Testament</i> .....               | <i>John 14:1-6</i>           |
| <i>Prayer of Comfort</i> .....           | <i>Minister Keith Oden</i>   |
| <i>Musical Selection</i> .....           | <i>Minister of Music</i>     |
| <i>Reflections</i> .....                 | <i>Friends and Family</i>    |
| <i>Acknowledgments</i> .....             | <i>Patricia LeGrand</i>      |
| <i>Obituary Reading</i> .....            | <i>Patricia LeGrand</i>      |
| <i>Musical Selection</i> .....           | <i>Minister of Music</i>     |
| <i>Eulogy</i> .....                      | <i>Minister Keith Oden</i>   |
| <i>Benediction &amp; Committal</i> ..... | <i>Minister Keith Oden</i>   |

## ***Dissolution***

Evergreen Cemetery & Crematory  
1137 N Broad St  
Hillside, New Jersey 07205



*I needed the quiet so he drew me aside  
 Into the shadows where we could confide,  
 Away from the bustle where all the day long  
 I hurried and worried when active and strong.  
 I needed the quiet tho at first I rebelled,  
 But gently, so gently my cross he upheld,  
 And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things,  
 Tho weakened in body, my spirit took wings  
 To heights never heard of when active and bright,  
 He loved me so greatly he drew me away.  
 I needed the quiet, no prison my bed,  
 But a beautiful valley of blessings instead —  
 A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide  
 I needed the quiet so he drew me aside.*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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