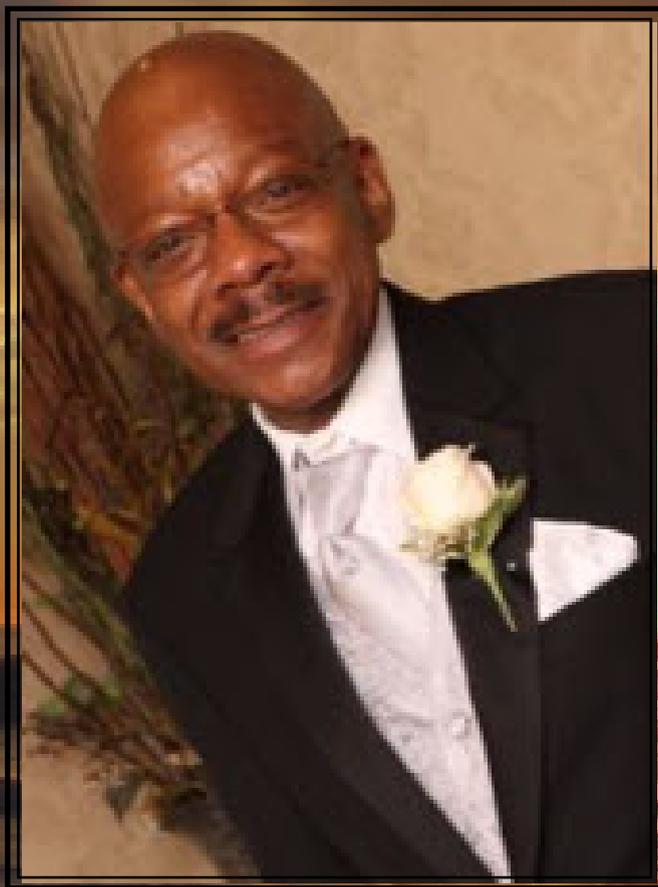


A Celebration of Life



Leon James Shay

Sunrise
May 24, 1948

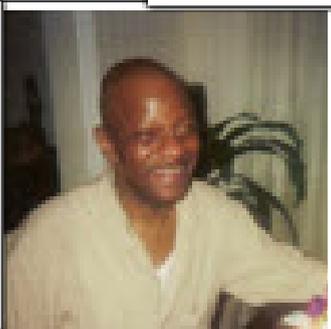
Sunset
January 31, 2011

Service
Tuesday, February 8, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Englewood

351 Englewood Avenue • Englewood, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. John H. Spencer, Jr., Pastor



Obituary

Leon James Shay, known to his friends as "Wee-A" was born on May 24, 1948 in New York City to the late James Brook and Leona Feebie Shay. Leon was the second oldest of four children. He was preceded in death by his older brother, Johnny.

Leon was educated in the New York Public School system. After graduating from Art & Design High School, Leon attended Herbert H. Lehman College where he majored in Psychology and Speech.

On April 9, 1973, Leon married his best friend and the true love of his life, Lucinda Carolyn "Carol" Lawrence and to this union three children were born, Kurella Lucinda, Myon Carolyn, and Leon Lawrence. Leon was a family oriented man and always wanted the best for them. He raised his family in Englewood, NJ and then later in Teaneck, NJ. Leon was married to Carol for 34 years until she departed this life and ascended to GOD's arms on February 14, 2007.

Leon's career began as a Postal Worker for the United States Postal Office in New York. Upon moving to New Jersey, he became interested in financial services and spent many years working in various positions within the Banking and Insurance industry for companies such as Prudential, PNC, Washington Mutual, and most recently MetLife. Leon was also a licensed real estate agent and held various insurance and financial licenses. He was also a member of the Bergen Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, Planning Board of Englewood, NJ, and Social Service Federation of Bergen County.

Throughout his life, Leon attended church but after Carol's passing, Leon took Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior and was baptized at First Baptist Church of Englewood.

Leon loved to travel and he was true to his roots. Some of his favorite past times were attending family reunions in the South and enjoying quality time with his family on vacations. Leon also loved the outdoors and one could find him enjoying the sun while sitting on the deck of his home. He was a very outspoken individual who would engage in good conversation while openly expressing his opinion. Leon enjoyed hosting cookouts and parties at his home which were always well attended with family and friends. Leon's sense of humor and personality often made him the life of the party. His laugh was unique and he knew how to make others laugh by saying the simplest things. Leon had a passion for being creative as an artist through his drawings and his cooking by preparing some of his favorite dishes.

Leon departed this life on Monday, January 31, 2011 with his children at his side in the comfort of his home.

Memories of Leon will be cherished by: his three children, Kurella Shay, Myon Shay, and Leon (Keisha) Shay; his grandchildren, Victoria Carolyn Booker and Amir Brycen James Booker; his sisters, Sandra Shay and Yvette Shay; his aunt, Alma Graves; his niece, Annette Corbyn Inis; his nephew, Michael (Michelle) Lawrence, his cousin, Donald Graves, Jr.; his godsons, Reggie Green and Christopher Gill; his sister-in-law, Sharon Lawrence; and a host of other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Organ Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Hymn of Assurance “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading Lemuel Brown

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament John 14: 1-6

Prayer of Comfort Lemuel Brown

Selection “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Acknowledgements

Obituary Lemuel Brown

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Dr. John H. Spencer, Jr.

Benediction

Recessional “When We All Get To Heaven”



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Don't Grieve For Me For Now I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that place at the close of day.
If my partings has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Ah yes, these things I, too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undo grief.
Lift up your hearts in peace to thee,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

*Precious
Memories*

