

Celebration of Life
for
Leo Griffin

Sunrise
September 23, 1937

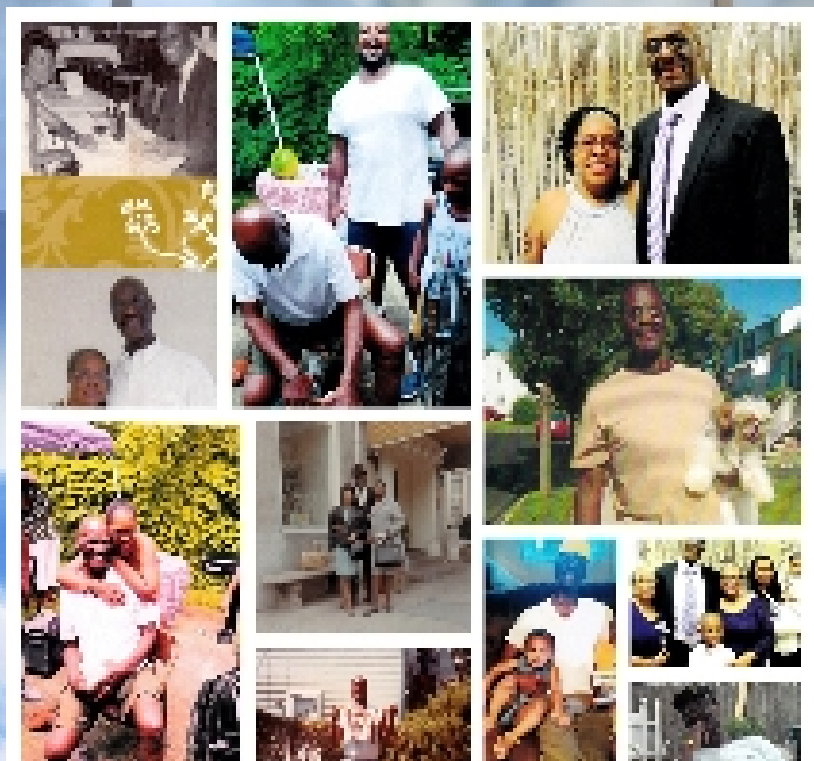
Sunset
January 8, 2019



Service:

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 - 12:00 Noon

CLEAR VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
314 Hobson Street • Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Curtis W. Belle, Jr., Officiating



Lasting Memories



Obituary

Leo Griffin

A Time To Be Born

Leo Griffin was born September 23, 1937 in Panama City, Florida to the late Priscilla Markland. Leo moved to Youngstown, Ohio at an early age where he was nurtured by his godparents, the late JC and Dora Cox. While in Ohio, he met Henry Stubbs who became his life long friend.

Leo entered eternal rest on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

A Time To Sow

At the age of 12, Leo moved to New Haven, Connecticut to be with his mother. While there, he attended the New Haven School system and graduated from Hill House High School.

Leo began his career at the United States Postal Service and Armstrong Rubber Company where he worked for several years.

His desire to help others reach their full potential inspired him to further his education. Subsequently, Leo enrolled in Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts and graduated as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor.

Leo was employed by the Veteran's Administration Hospital in West Haven, Connecticut. During his tenure as a counselor, he received many awards and recognitions and was also promoted to Director of Admissions of the department where he had served so faithfully.

Leo was also recognized as an active member of the American Federation of Government Employees AFL-CIO Local 1674. There he met his very good friend, Peter Grossi.

On July 11, 1964, Leo married the love of his life, Gladys. She was truly the apple of his eye. They shared fifty-four years of marriage together with a blended family of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

A Time To Worship

Leo was one of the original founders of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in New Haven, Connecticut under the leadership of Reverend William Hall. Leo served faithfully as a Treasurer, Sexton and Chairman of the Trustee Board.

In 2004, Leo and Gladys relocated to Hillside, New Jersey where they joined Clear View Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey under the leadership of Reverend Eric Beckham. Leo and Gladys continued their Christian Stewardship under their present pastor Reverend Curtis W. Belle, Jr.

A Time To Rejoice

Leo enjoyed fishing with his wife, listening to music, gardening, making preserves, and homemade ice cream which he shared with his community. He adored his family and friends and was always willing to freely give advice whether you asked for it or not. Leo had a bright and friendly personality and everyone tended to gravitate toward him. And let's not forget his love for his Pepsi, Lays potato chips, and his CD's.

A Time To Cherish

He leaves to celebrate his life; his loving wife, Gladys; children, Carolyn Campbell, Barry Griffin, Lisa Griffin; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and a host of family members and friends. He will be especially missed by Jahad, Jasmine (Conroy), Shavonne, CJ and his "Little Mama" Avery, Anthony, Hilery, Kai, Charelle and Helena and his beloved dog, Mackie.

We will all miss you so much.

Order of Service

Call to Worship

The Invocation

Opening Hymn

Reading of the Holy Scripture

Old Testament..... Reverend Raymond Wallace

New Testament Reverend Shawn Wallace

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Brian Odem Bellamy

Musical Selection

Reflections

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

The Obituary Elder Shirley Melvin

Musical Selection

Eulogy Reverend Curtis W. Belle, Jr.

Recessional

INTERMENT

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.
-Author unknown*

Acknowledgement

The family of **Leo Griffin** acknowledges with the deepest appreciation every expression of love and support that we have received in this, our time of bereavement.

May God continue to richly bless you.

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