

Sunrise: April 10, 1942 - Sunset: September 7, 2021



Thursday, September 16, 2021 - 5PM

Travelers Rest Baptist Church 1650 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10031

## <u>Obituary</u>

**Mr. Leonard Ligon (Mike)** was born on April 10th, 1942, in Tuskegee, Alabama to the late Eddie and Queen Elizabeth Ligon. On Tuesday, September 07, 2021, he departed this precious life.

Mike was educated in the Tuskegee, Alabama public school system.

In the early 60's, Mike moved from Alabama to New York. In 1968, he worked as a construction worker where he met Curtis Dunbar who introduced him to the woman who would become his future wife. Mike had one daughter Michelle Ligon before his marriage. Mike and Inez were married in 1970. Their union produced two daughters, Delisha Ligon and Takisha Ligon-Reynolds.

Mike worked as a cook in George Washington HS for 20 years before he retired.

Mike loved to sing. In 1969, he, Charles Lewis and Robert Holmes formed the gospel group The Mighty New Tones whom he sang with for five decades. They recorded several albums and performed in countless gospel shows.

Mike was a member of The New Washington Heights Baptist Church.

Mike was a strong quiet man. He loved his wife and his girls. He especially loved his two grandchildren. He loved sports. His favorite teams were the Mets, his beloved Dallas Cowboys, and the bootleg NY Knickerbockers. They could get a rise out of him every time they played.

Mike had an easy-going spirit and was loved by all. He was always willing to help when needed.

Mike was one of twelve children, seven of whom preceded him in death, his three brothers, Pete Ligon, Eddie Ligon, and Frank Ligon; and his four sisters, Bessie Ligon-Scott (Doll), Mary Phelps (Peaches), Queen Elizabeth Reynolds (Missy), Esther White and Estelle Young.

Those left to cherish his loving memory and celebrate his life are: his loving wife of 51 years, Inez Ligon (NY); his three daughters, Michelle Ligon (NY), Delisha Ligon (NY), and Takisha Ligon-Reynolds (Middle Town, NY); his two grandchildren, Kayla (NY) and Jalen Ligon-Clark (Middle Town, NY); his brother, James Ligon (Tuskegee, AL); his sisters, Virginia Houston (Vicksburg, MS) and Rosilyn (Larry) Jeter (Tuskegee, AL); his son-in-law, Antonio Reynolds (Middle Town, NY); his daughters in love, Carla Rose, Julean Clark, Kendell Burroughs, and Marilynn Winn; a host of nieces and nephews whom he loved; and other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

Processional	
Solo: "Walk Around Heaven"	1st Lady, Diane Faison
Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalm 23	Barry Scott
Prayer	
Solo: "Amazing Grace"	Sister Wanda Jackson
Acknowledgements	
Family Tributes	
Remarks	
Obituary	
Audio Selection	"Lord I'm On My Way"
Eulogy	
Committal	
Viewing	
Recessional	

INTERMENT: Rosedale Cemetery Linden, New Jersey



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 his call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. 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 savoured much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

## 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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