



*Pallbearers*

Nephews and Great Nephews

*Flower Bearers*

Women's Missionary Union (WMU)  
Tabernacle Baptist Church

*Honorary Flower Bearers*

Nieces and Great Nieces

*Interment*

Arlington Memory Gardens  
3400 N Midwest Blvd.  
Midwest City, OK 73141

*Family Repast*

Will be served at the Dunbar Commons Apartments (formerly  
Dunbar Elementary School)  
1432 N E 7th St. - Oklahoma City, OK 73117

*Special Thanks and Acknowledgments*

The family of Lee E. Fleming gratefully acknowledges the overwhelming outpouring of love, acts of kindness, prayer and support throughout the life and homegoing of our husband, brother and uncle. We extend special thanks to Drs. Jesse Campbell, Richard Herlihy, Robert Tyndall, Lillian Ehiemua-Pope and staff, Mercy Hospitalists and staff, Lifeline Home Health staff and the caring aids and staff of Care Plus and Firstlight Home Health Care. We also thank the Tabernacle Baptist Church members and Sister Loretta Greene for blessing us in song. The voices of a million angels could not begin to express our gratitude.

May God Grant You Blessings and Peace

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*"We Care"*  
*II Timothy 4:8*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
*Rev. Lee Edward Fleming*

**SUNRISE**  
July 10, 1943

**SUNSET**  
January 20, 2022

**SERVICES**  
Monday, January 23, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

**Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.**  
**Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel**  
2801 North Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rev. Johnnie Reed III - Officiating

## Celebrating the Life of Lee Edward Fleming

Lee Edward accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Holdenville, OK. Instead of playing the youthful games of cops and robbers or cowboys and Indians, he and his young group of friends (very young children) evangelized throughout the neighborhood. Lee preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his friends were deacons. As a result of this street ministry, his next door neighbor and bootlegger, Ms. Ida Cope, decided to join Mt. Olive and dedicated her life to Christ. She and Lee maintained a close relationship the remainder of her life.

Lee received his primary and secondary education in the Holdenville Public Schools. When he began junior high school, the schools in Holdenville were integrated. His older brother, Joe, suggested he join the choir, which was under the direction of Ms. Jo Davis. Later, "a star is born" and Lee was featured weekly on television (KTEN-Ada), accompanied by Ms. Davis on piano. Lee received superior ratings for vocal performance every year in high school, graduating in 1962 and was chosen "Most Talented Male." He was awarded a scholarship and attended Oklahoma City University (OCU) where he received further vocal training.

Lee became the first African-American to sing at a Gubernatorial Inauguration that of Henry Bellmon, which was subsequently featured in Jet Magazine. Lee also sang at an Oklahoma presidential campaign visit of Vice President Richard M. Nixon by invitation of Governor Bellmon. He graduated from OCU, receiving a BA in Secondary Education. He then enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Altus, OK, where he met and married Ms. Daisy Richmond. To this union, a son, the joy of his life, Michael Edward, was born. Lee served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. After he was honorably discharged from the Air Force, he began employment with the Oklahoma City Public Schools as a middle school social studies teacher. A few years later, he and Daisy divorced. While he worked for the school system, he took advantage of the G.I. bill and received his Master's Degree in School Administration and several hours in Public Administration from Central State University (currently known as the University of Central Oklahoma).

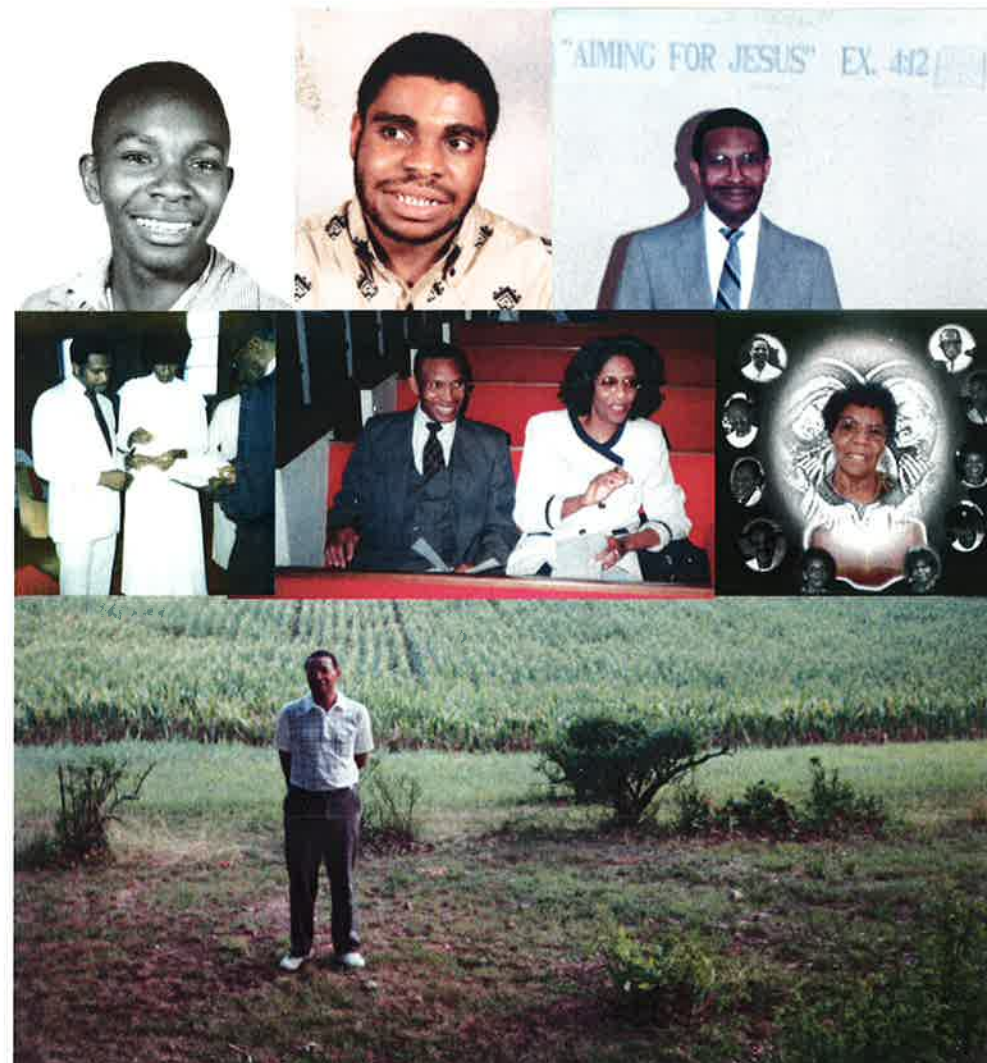
Lee was chosen to play Martin Luther King in "Freedom Child," a production written and produced by Ms. Evelyn LaRue Pittman. They traveled and appeared throughout the United States, the United Kingdom and Japan. Lee was also a sports enthusiast. His favorite sport was major league baseball; his favorite team, the Los Angeles Dodgers; his favorite player, Jackie Robinson. He also enjoyed OU sports, especially football and basketball. His favorite professional football team was the Cleveland Browns and Jim Brown was his favorite player. Lee also enjoyed tennis and golf.

On December 18, 1982, Lee married Ms. Robbie House of Okmulgee, OK at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Holdenville, OK. They were founding members of Northeast Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, during a period of church turmoil in the early '80s at Tabernacle Baptist Church. In the mid '80s, Lee reunited with Tabernacle Baptist Church and Robbie, who was not previously a member, joined the church. Lee continued to use his God-given talents to sing at various church events throughout Oklahoma and was president of the Tabernacle Baptist Church Chancel Choir.

Lee worked for the Oklahoma City Public School System for 30 years, retiring on October 31, 1994. In 2004, Lee was called to the ministry by God and became an ordained minister of the church. He was especially proud to sing at the first Inauguration

of his niece, Constance (Connie) Johnson in 2005. His strong baritone voice echoed throughout the Senate chamber and pierced the hearts and souls of the attendees. Connie called Lee (a strong Democrat), her most political uncle and his mother-in-law marveled at his ability to watch CSPAN for several hours each day. In fact, when he wasn't watching CSPAN, he was usually watching MSNBC or CNN. Lee had a stroke (CVA-cerebral vascular attack) in June 2008 and, due to extensive rehabilitation, he was not able to attend church regularly. However, he never "left" the church because the church was always "in him!" Lee had a second CVA in April 2015 after which he was confined to his home where he remained until his final hospitalization in January 20, 2022.

Jesus Christ called Lee into eternal life on January 20, 2022. He was preceded in death by his father, John Alfred Fleming; mother, Rosetta Mence Fleming; sister, Mary Ruth Fleming; brother, James Weldon Fleming; brother, Earl Wendell Fleming; sister, Jean Lou Moss; brother, Donald Mence Fleming; brother, John Alfred "Sonny" Fleming, Jr.; and sister, Wanda Fleming Johnson. He leaves to cherish his life and legacy: his wife, Robbie Mence Fleming; son, Michael Edward (Enid, OK); his siblings: sister, Sammye Rose Jackson (Omaha, NE); brother, Joe B. (Johnnie) Fleming (Portsmouth, VA); sister, Beebe Dell (Robert) Telfair (Virginia Beach, VA); sisters-in-law: Thelma Fleming (Midwest City, OK), Rosia Fleming (Round Rock, TX) and Gladys Fleming (Richmond, VA); dear first cousins: Ladell Brown (Upper Marlboro, MD) and Kenneth Brown (Los Angeles); mother-in-law, Charlotte Brinkley (Edmond, OK); brother-in-law, Mark House (Beverly Hills, CA); uncle, David Jones (Evanston, IL); mother-in-law, Shirley House (Silver Springs, MD) and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



## Order of Celebration

	<b>OFFICIANT - REV. JOHNNIE REED III</b> <b>Tabernacle Baptist Church</b>
<b>Organ Prelude</b> .....	<b>Rev. Herman Richmond</b>
<b>Processional</b> .....	<b>Ministers, Funeral Directors and Family</b> <b>"I'm Free" by Milton Brunson</b>
<b>Celebration of The Word</b>	
<b>Old Testament</b> .....	<b>Rev. Greg Rogers, Senior Pastor</b> <b>Gideon Baptist Church - Okla. City</b>
<b>New Testament</b> .....	<b>Rev. Joe Norman, Pastor</b> <b>Nehemiah Baptist Church - Midwest City</b>
<b>Military Honors</b>	
<b>Prayer of Comfort</b> .....	<b>Bro. Gerald Scott Fleming</b> <b>Nephew of Rev. Fleming</b>
<b>Musical Selection</b> .....	<b>"God Has Smiled On Me"</b> <b>by Rev. James Cleveland</b> <b>Bro. Wallace Johnson, Jr.</b> <b>Nephew of Rev. Fleming</b>
<b>Resolutions and Acknowledgments</b> .....	<b>Sis. Carolyn Payton</b> <b>Tabernacle Baptist Church</b>
<b>Expressions of Comfort</b> .....	<b>(Please limit to 2 minutes)</b> <b>Sis. Madeline Davis Jones</b> <b>Educational Legacy</b> <b>Bro. Robert J. Nicholson, Family Deacon</b> <b>Tabernacle Baptist Church</b> <b>Sis. Constance "Connie" Johnson, Family</b> <b>Niece of Rev. Fleming</b>
<b>Musical Selection</b> .....	<b>Sis. Loretta Greene</b>
<b>Words of Comfort</b> .....	<b>Rev. Ronnie E. Hunter, Associate. Pastor</b> <b>Atwood Baptist Church - Atwood, OK</b> <b>Cousin of Rev. Fleming</b>
<b>Video Tribute</b>	
<b>Benediction</b> .....	<b>Rev. Johnnie Reed III</b>
<b>Final Directions</b> .....	<b>Funeral Directors</b>
<b>Recessional</b> .....	<b>Funeral Directors, Ministers and Family</b>