

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

A. Junior Coleman  
Reginald Coleman  
Solomon Coleman  
Sidney Dukes  
Keith Loftis  
Dwight Terrell  
William Walker

### HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Christi Coleman  
Laurie Coleman  
Sylvia Coleman  
Shaunte Crawford-Britt  
Pam Walker  
KaShondra Young  
Meals on Wheels Ministry

### FLOWER BEARERS

### *Acknowledgment*

The Family of Leon Vernon Barnett is grateful for your expression of love and kindness. We thank you for your prayers that continue to guide and support us during this difficult time. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtful expressions of sympathy through your thoughts, deeds, and attendance during this Celebration of Life. They've been a source of great comfort and will always be remembered.

Special Thanks to Frontier Hospice, Temple Funeral Home, Rose Hill Burial Park - Kimberly Jackson, Lion Printing - Tahrae Brothers-Patton, John Fluker, Brad Leali, Keith Loftis, Sylvia Coleman, Sam Ferguson, Genesis Event Center - Jeremy and Jaleesa Sims, Tee's Eats and Smoked Meats - Tanesha Hooks. May God richly bless you.

### *Repast*

#### Location

Genesis Event Center: 820 Irish LN, Edmond, OK 73003

**Catered by:** Tee's Eats and Smoked Meats

### *Interment*

#### Rose Hill Burial Park

6001 NW Grand Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Professional Services Entrusted to  
**Temple & Son Funeral Services**  
2801 N. Kelley Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
"We Care"

## *In Loving Memory of*



## Leon V. Barnett

April 18, 1939 — August 2, 2022



**SAT**



August 13  
11:00 am

Officiating  
Rev. Gregory Newhouse, Pastor  
Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church,  
Milo, OK

Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
3721 Staton Dr.  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Dr. George E. Young Sr., Pastor





## THE WAY I FEEL -

Author Unknown

They say there is a reason,  
They say that time will heal,  
But neither time nor reason,  
Will change the way I feel,  
No-one knows the heartache,  
That lies behind my smile,  
No-one knows how many times,  
I have broken down and cried,  
I want to tell you something,  
So there won't be any doubt,  
You're so wonderful to think of,  
But so hard to be without.

~ with Love, Marilyn ~



Leon worked hard so that he could play hard. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends every chance he got. He was a grill master, cooking everything from country-style ribs to smoking turkeys for Christmas dinner. He also enjoyed driving across the country with family, classic cars, and watching football and baseball.

Leon accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior on August 7, 1949 at New Bethel Baptist Church in Manly, Iowa. He was a faithful and devoted member at Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK, where he served on the Board of Trustees, Couple's Ministry, Meals on Wheels Ministry, Men's Choir, Men's Ministry, Usher Ministry, was a faithful attendee in the Adult Sunday School class and contributor to the Youth Ministry until his health began to fail.

Leon had a passion for serving older adults in his community from a very young age. Through the church's Meals on Wheels Ministry, he developed ongoing and impactful relationships with the residents of the Jeltz Senior Center. Going above and beyond, he not only delivered meals but began transporting residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, church, and more.

Leon is preceded in death by his parents, Pearlie and William Barnett, Father, Louis Barnett, Mother, Marguerite (Taylor) Furlough, Aunt Flossie (Cecil) Douglas, sisters, Pearl Reeves and Yvonne Summers, brother, Willard Furlough, father and mother-in-law, Abram Coleman, Sr., and Nellie Coleman.

Leon leaves to cherish his memory his dedicated and loving wife, Marilyn; six children, Lisa Barnett Dukes (Sidney), Kimberly Barnett Terrell (Dwight), Brigitte Barnett Loftis (Keith), LeSondra Barnett, DeAndre Barnett, and DeNikka Pearl Barnett; twelve grandchildren, Glenisha Barnett, Kiana Forbush Smith (John), Kristen Forbush, Jamille Smith, Rhaigan Barnett, Decorion Barnett, Jeremiah Barnett, Taylor Barnett, Christopher Barnett, Danielle Bolden, Bria Hollowell, and Andrhia Barnett; seven great-grandchildren, Destane Jackson Baker (Aaron), Teandre Gevon Forbush, Donovan Oliver, Cayton Forbush, Hea'vyn Ewing, Khairo Smith, and King Smith; and two great, great-grandchildren, Dai-kash Oliver and Ashtyn Baker and a host of relatives, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



# *Order of Service*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Rev. Gregory Newhouse, Pastor  
Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, Milo, OK

## **SELECTION**

Min. KaShondra Young

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **Old Testament**

Rev. Mark Burden

### **New Testament**

Min. Marquis Foster

## **PRAYER**

Rev. Michael Cooper

## **SELECTION**

John 17:3 "Cooling Water"

## **RESOLUTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Sis. Ruby Cooper

# *Order of Service (cont.)*

## **SELECTION**

Apostle Rickey TL Hunt, Pastor  
Dominion and Glory International Ministries,  
Oklahoma City, OK

## **REFLECTIONS**

Sis. Marchetta Berry  
Cleophis "Beau" Jones  
Bro. Reginald Coleman

## **SPECIAL TRIBUTE**

Leon's Children  
Lisa, Kimberly, Brigitte, LeSondra, DeAndre, and  
DeNikka Pearl

## **SELECTION**

Evangelist Kimberly Jackson

## **WORDS OF COMFORT**

**Dr. George E. Young Sr., Pastor**  
Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
Oklahoma City, OK

## **RECESSIONAL**

Rev. Gregory Newhouse





## *Celebration of Life*

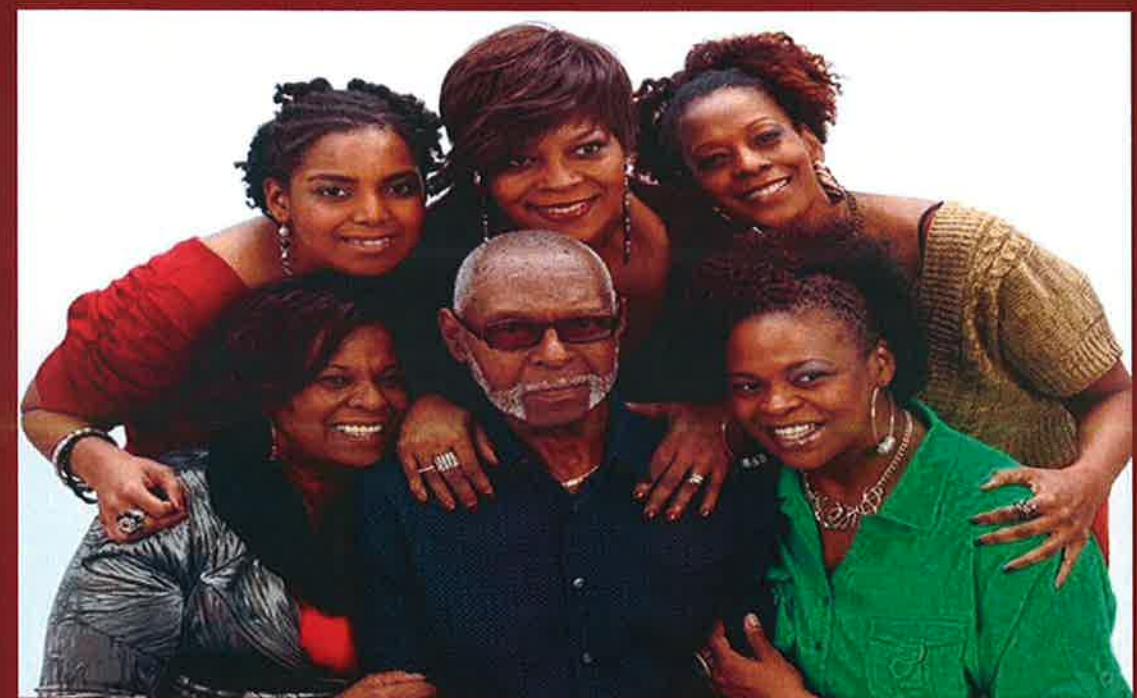
Leon Vernon Barnett was born April 18, 1939, to Louis Barnett and Marguerite (Taylor) Furlough in Denver, Colorado. Within weeks of his birth, he moved to Manly, Iowa, where he lived with his parents, William and Pearlie Barnett. In his growing years, he spent most of his time working on the family farm with his Aunt

Flossie and Uncle Cecil Douglas while attending school. Leon graduated from Manly High School, where he excelled as a track and field athlete. After High School, Leon attended Midland Linotype School in Charles City, Iowa where he studied to be a Linotype Operator.

Leon moved to Minnesota, where he met and married Sandra Mooney in 1959. From that union, they had four beautiful daughters. The family relocated to Kansas City, Missouri, where they lived until he later moved to Oklahoma City. Because of his dedication and untiring love for family, he would travel faithfully back to Manly, Iowa, and then Kansas City for Thanksgiving and birthdays until his health failed.

Leon held various occupations, including Printing Press, Railroad Waiter, Sales Associate at Snyder's Drugstore in Minneapolis, Sears Roebuck, and Co. in Kansas City, B & P (Barnett & Palmer) Janitorial Service owner/partner, and Target in Oklahoma City. While working at Target, Leon caught the eye of a beautiful young lady, Marilyn Coleman, who he fell in love with and married. Their union of over 40 years produced his only son and his final daughter.

Leon's tenacious spirit, led him to his career path where he served over 25 years at Firestone/Bridgestone/Dayton Tire, he later retired in December 2006. During these 25 years, Leon gave leadership to the United Steelworkers of America as a union representative, where he worked with other union leaders to stage multiple walkouts resulting in multi-month strikes to advocate for the factory workers and assure fair and equitable pay and treatment.



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:17

