

Obituary

Romans 10:13-14

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”

Reverend Leroy Alexander Townsend was born May 15, 1935 in Robeson County, NC to Roy and Ettie Townsend. He was called to his heavenly reward on November 14, 2020.

A graduate of Rosenwald High School in Fairmont, NC, he later relocated to Forsyth County, NC. While he worked and retired as a machine operator from R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company after 30 years of service, his true labor was for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For many years at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, he helped spread the gospel through his participation in many activities and honored his responsibilities there as Associate Pastor.

In addition to being a “fisher of men”, he also enjoyed the sport of fishing. He took great pleasure in spending time with his family and especially cherished walks with his wife. Working in his garden and sharing the bounty of its harvest, renewed his sense of purpose and brought him joy.

Family who predeceased him include: his parents, Roy and Ettie Townsend; sisters, Marveil Leonard, Janie Love, Ernestine Walters and Helen Mitchell; brothers; David Townsend, Jimmy Townsend and Willie Townsend.

Those who remain to cherish his memory and legacy are: his wife, Willie Mae Townsend; children, Kenneth (Clarissa) Lowery of Winston-Salem, NC, Stephanie (Richard) Allen of Matthews, NC, Kim Gruber of Lithonia, GA; grandchildren, Sequoia Moon, Jessica Lowery, Bryan Carter, Brianna Lowery, Kenneth Lowery II, Keyshawn Allen, Shelley Gruber II and Jordyn Gruber; great grandchildren, Kynli Lowery, Adonis Carter and Kelsi Allen; brother, George (Josephine) Townsend of Kernersville, NC; many nieces, nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Officiating

Reverend Graylin Carlton, Pastor
Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Processional

Family Visitation

12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Holy Scripture

Old Testament and New Testament

Reverend Kenneth Nash

Prayer

Reverend Johnny Taylor

Selection

Oak Grove Baptist Church Praise Team

Church Resolution

Deacon Roosevelt Lowery

Special Tribute

Deacon Christopher Brooks

Selection

Deacon Kenneth Dodd, Jr.

Eulogy

Reverend Graylin Carlton

Recessional

Interment

Gardens of Memory
Walkertown, North Carolina



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 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.

~Author Unknown



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Reverend Leroy Alexander Townsend

Service of Love and Remembrance



Thursday, November 19, 2020

1:00 PM

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church

3978 Pine Hall Road

Walkertown, North Carolina

Reverend Graylin Carlton, Officiating