

IN LOVING MEMORY
of
SAMUEL S. LEAZER

November 21, 1939

September 12, 2013



Services

Monday, September 16, 2013

Visitation – 12:30 p.m.

Funeral – 1:00 pm

First Baptist Church
504 West 2nd Street
Lumberton, NC 28358
Dr. T. R. Murray, Senior Pastor
Dr. T. R. Murray, Eulogist

Obituary

Mr. Samuel S. Leazer, son of the late Mr. and Reverend John Shepard and Annie Carr Leazer, was born in Spencer, NC in Rowan County on November 21, 1939. He made his heavenly transition on September 12, 2013 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, NC.

Sam, as he was affectionately known, was educated in the Rowan County Public Schools and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Math from Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC. He continued his education at North Carolina Central University in Durham and Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. A retired educator, he taught for thirty three years in the New Hanover County and Robeson County School systems. During that time he nurtured countless students and served as advisor to the Student Government Association for many years. He later taught Auto Body classes at Robeson County Community College where he mentored students in the art of automobile restoration.

Sam joined Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church in Salisbury, NC at an early age and later became a member of First Baptist Church in Lumberton, NC where he has served faithfully as Secretary of the Men's choir, President, Secretary, and financial officer of the Trustee Board, President and Secretary of the Laymen's League, Chairman of the Boy Scout Troop Committee and Scout leader. He also gave freely of his time to the community, coaching both Little League baseball and football. Sam was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

An avid bowler, he was a member of the Varsity Bowling League and served on numerous committees. He was also an expert computer gamer and enjoyed playing tennis, restoring cars and was an enthusiastic fan of many sports. He had a great appreciation and enthusiasm for learning and performing music having been inspired by a special elementary school music teacher, Mrs. Marioneaux. He continued to develop his talent and knowledge, singing in his high school and college choirs and the Gus Bullock Men's choir at First Baptist Church. Sam was also very industrious and worked in various part-time jobs including many years as an Electrolux salesman. He was a trusted friend and confidant to many and will be sorely missed.

Sam's legacy will be one of a true humanitarian. As a 50 year member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity he exemplified strength of character and believed in treating people the way he wanted to be treated. He generously shared his love and fatherly guidance with his extended family of nephews, nieces, cousins and students.

The youngest of six children, he was preceded in death by two brothers, George O. Leazer and John N. Leazer, Sr. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of 47 years, Mrs. Priscilla Berry Leazer of the home, one son, Mr. Samuel Marcus Leazer (Lois) of Durham, NC and one daughter, Dr. Tyra Leazer Holman (Jeffrey) of Morrow, Ohio, one brother Roy R. Leazer (Mary) of Salisbury, NC and two sisters, Mary L. Houston of Mount Ulla, NC and Annie Marie L. Pruitt (Sylvester) of Salisbury, NC. Three brothers-in-law, Charles M. Berry (Helen), Durham, NC, James I. Berry (Margaret), King Georges, VA, and Gregory O. Berry, Durham, NC. Four sisters-in-law, Mary B. Gwyn (Freddie), Elkin, NC, Golda B. Ellis, Durham, NC., Melanee B. Bennett, Pilot Mountain, NC and Gloria Berry-Holly, Hillsborough, NC., one uncle, Columbus Moore, four aunts, Madge Haynes, Alice Lee Moore, Loretta Moore, Nancy Moore, Lula M. Moore, Margaret Haliburton, and Rachel Dodd, God children Shaunta Johnson and William (Tigger) Dudley, Yasmine and Joyden McKiver, Bria Berry-Holly, Maggie Holly, Marli Bennett, and Maya Bennett a host of special and devoted nephews, nieces, cousins, family, friends, neighbors, childhood friends William Dudley and Tommy Holt and special cousin Clarence Stockton.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Meditation Rev. Robert Williams
Processional Ministers and Family
Selection Men's Choir
Scripture Reading
 Old Testament. Psalm 100 Rev. Paul Matthews
 New Testament John 4:1-6. Rev. Tom Jones
Prayer of Comfort Dr. Thomas Southerland
Selection Men's Choir
Acknowledgements /Obituary (Read Silently) Sister Gwendolyn McKiver
Solo Dr. Zavery McDougald
Eulogy Dr. T. R. Murray, Senior Pastor
 ⁷¹ I Phillipians 4:1
 Word → Contentment = used only 1 time in Bible
Hymn of Adoration Music Ministry
Recessional Ministers and Family

Internment immediately following services at
Gardens of Faith Cemetery
5190 Fayetteville Road
Lumberton, North Carolina

Repast following services for family and friends in the Church Dining Hall following internment.



PALL BEARERS

Men of the Church and Former Students

FLORAL BEARERS

First Baptist Floral Club

Family Tributes

Samuel, our loving brother and uncle, we know that you let your kindness and God's giving grace be shown to us abundantly. You knew that it was more blessed to give than to receive. Rest in peace, our beloved.

-Annie Marie and the Pruitt, Leazer and Houston Families

Sam, I am always thinking of you and you will always be in my heart. I will never forget the happy times we shared together. What a day of rejoicing it will be when we see each other again in the "New Jerusalem".

-Your oldest sister, Mary Ruth

Uncle Sam, you have always been a strong supporter, like a big brother. I know my father would be proud of how you have stood in the gap for him. I will always miss you.

-Love Reverend John Leazer and Family

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation the many courtesies and acts of love and concern shown them at the demise of their loved one. May God continue to bless you.

-The Leazer Family

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:
Worley Mortuary and Cremation Service
200 Sandy Street
Fairmont, NC 28340