

Family



Acknowledgments

It is with heartfelt appreciation that the family of Levester Adams expresses their sincere thanks to everyone who supported them during their time of bereavement.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Levester ADAMS

Sunrise
AUGUST 17, 1936

Sunset
JANUARY 21, 2022



Saturday, January 29, 2022

Wake 10:00 am

Service 10:30 am

Turk Memorial Chapel

452 E 152nd St, Cleveland, OH 44110

Officiant: Pastor, Donald Adams

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude: Rev., Fred Adams

Processional: Cortege / Attendants

Scripture: Bishop Thomas Adams
Old Testament 23rd Psalms
New Testament John 14:1-4

Prayer:

Selection: Rev. Fred Adams

Acknowledgements & Resolution: Rev. Fred Adams

Remarks: Quista Jones

Remarks: Member of Salvation M.B. Church

Obituary: Family & Friends (2 minutes or less)

Selection: Shanavia Taylor

Eulogy: Pastor, Donald Adams

Recessional: Pastor, Donald Adams

Flower Bearers:
Family and Friends

Repast – Following the services.
Captiv8 Potato Bar
2049 E. 8th Street Cleveland, Ohio 44115
Parking is located right next door



In Loving Memory of

Mr. Levester Adams also known as (Lee), was born August 17, 1936 in Laurel Mississippi, born to the parents of Fred Douglas Adams Sr. and Annie Lola Adams (both deceased). Lee was the eldest of eighteen children. This amazing life of Mr. Levester Adams may sound fictitious to some, but rest assured, every word is true! It's about a little boy who dared to dream and succeed. Lee received his education through the Erie Pennsylvania Public School System. As a child, he attended the "Second Baptist Church". At the tender age of twelve, he accepted Christ as Lord and Savior and was baptized soon thereafter.

From the very beginning of his life, Lee was ambitious, inquisitive, and possessed a mature independent spirit. Therefore, at the early age of fifteen, he left home with very little money in his pocket to find his place in the world, and to make a life for himself, which lead him to Cleveland, Ohio. By the time he arrived, he had only.33 cents to his name. This was a very big undertaking for someone so young in years, but failure was not an option for young Lee. Having drive and determination, he pressed forward, holding onto his dreams, and walking in his faith! On his journey, he met with many challenges. He approached people for help. He slept in basements, and abandoned buildings. He found odd jobs along the way to support himself. Finally, he was taken in by a family that allowed him to sleep on their couch. Daily, Lee went out and found ways to earn minimal amounts of money. However, on this one day, he earned twelve dollars. After splitting half of his earnings with the woman of the house, he made the decision to go into business for himself. So, he took his remaining six dollars and purchased a bucket, a stick, a squeegee and a brush. He filled the bucket with ammonia water, and walked store-to-store, business-to-business building his business to become the best window washer in town.

The "Lee Adams Window Washing Company" became well known in East Cleveland and surrounding cities. Lee was excited by the business mind he had developed at such an early age. This caused him to set his sights on expanding his business, and wanting to purchase a home of his own, and to buy a vehicle. As you might imagine, he did just that. Before the age of twenty he had enough money saved for a down payment on a house, and not only a house, but a duplex located at 1737 Lakefront Avenue in East Cleveland, Ohio where he resided all these years until he was placed into a nursing home facility the last year of his life due to health issues. Continuing on, Lee realized the profit that would result from purchasing a duplex. It would allow him to live on one side, and earn money renting out the other side. Shortly thereafter, he purchased a vehicle for his business to transport his equipment and the employees he hired to work for him. As his business grew and his finances increased, Lee purchased a brand-new van for personal use. In time he also purchased a brand-new station wagon, and even a motorcycle. Clearly, Lee was a man on a mission. Adding to his accomplishments, Lee acquired his own restaurant.

Later in life, Lee met, and fell in love with Florence Jones. They were wedded on December 27, 1970. Unfortunately, their marriage dissolved in January of 1995, but they remained close friends for the remainder of their lives. To this union four children were born. Lee and Florence welcomed twins, Antoinette Marie Adams (deceased) and Anthony Lee Adams, followed by Andre LuShun Adams, and Arnita Laquette Adams. Missing his family from Erie Pennsylvania, Lee encouraged them to relocate to Cleveland, Ohio, and many of them did. What a joy this reunion was for Lee. Together they maintained their spiritual roots, and many of them became deacons, ministers, pastors, gospel singers, and musicians. Lee attended the Everlasting Baptist Church and became a deacon in 1963. Many years later, Lee became a member of the Noah's Ark Baptist church under the leadership of his brother Pastor, David Adams. Due to the passing of his brother Pastor, David Adams, Lee then joined the Salvation Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of his brother Pastor, Donald Adams for the remaining two years of his life.

Over the course of his life, Lee found much joy in singing gospel songs, playing his lead guitar, conducting weekly bible studies in his home, a good game of pool and ping pong, riding his motorcycle, dancing while spinning on one leg, and listening to the blues. He even ran for Mayor, for the city of East Cleveland.

Sadly, with the progression of time, Lee fell sick in December of 2020 and departed this life on January 21, 2022 at exactly 2:46 p.m. at The Lake West Hospital. Time will not permit the detailed accounts of Lee's many gifts and accomplishments. Lee was a people person, driven by pride, ambition, and determination with a business sense, accomplishing things denied of most black men during his era. It's very rare to see men like him today. Lee lived a full and purposeful life, making his mark in the world and serves as an example for others. He was dearly loved, respected, and will be genuinely missed!!!

Preceding him in death is his daughter Antoinette Marie Adams, and wife, Florence Jones-Adams-Davis. Also, his four sisters, Katie Mae Adams, Elizabeth Clayton, Lucy Sims, Mary Adams, and three brothers David, Paul, and Johnny Lee. He leaves to mourn his three children Anthony Lee Adams (Shawn) Andre LuShun Adams (Gwendolyn), and Arnita Laquette Adams. In addition eight siblings, Willie, Thelma King, Thomas, Robert Sr. (Willa Mae), Donald (Margaret), Virginia, Fred Jr., (Carolyn), Lucetsera Bell (Archie), Jerome (Delores), and Debbie McCullen (Henry). Along with eleven grandchildren, Antoinette Marie Adams, Monica Ingram, Anthony Lee Adams Jr., Antonio Adams, Malik Glenn, Patricia Laquette Brooks, Craig Sherman Brooks Jr., Diamond Cherelle Brooks, Tony Adams, Aaliyah Adams, Andrea Adams. Also seven great grandchildren, Kayla Pronty, Kaylee Ratcliff, Malik Glenn Jr., Nicholas Vereen, Makaylah Glenn, Christian D. Sharp, and Christopher Sharp Jr., and lastly, a host of nieces, nephews, brother and sister in-laws, and dear friends. Lee also leaves to mourn Charlotte Bailey.

Humbly submitted, The Family!

Blessed



Memories

