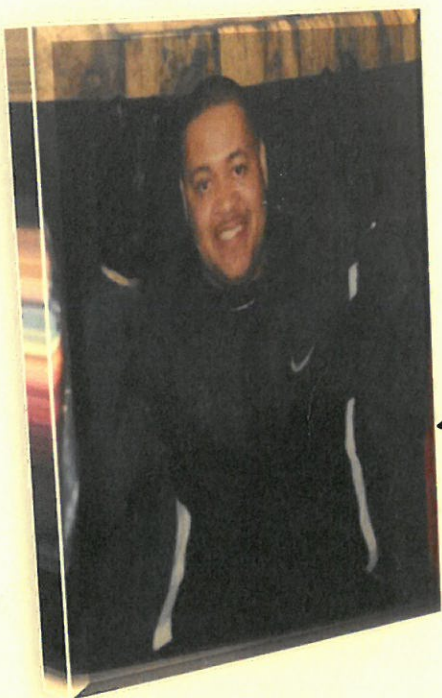


*Celebrating the Life  
Of  
Mr. Leavel Durham*



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SUNRISE: FEBRUARY 22, 1963



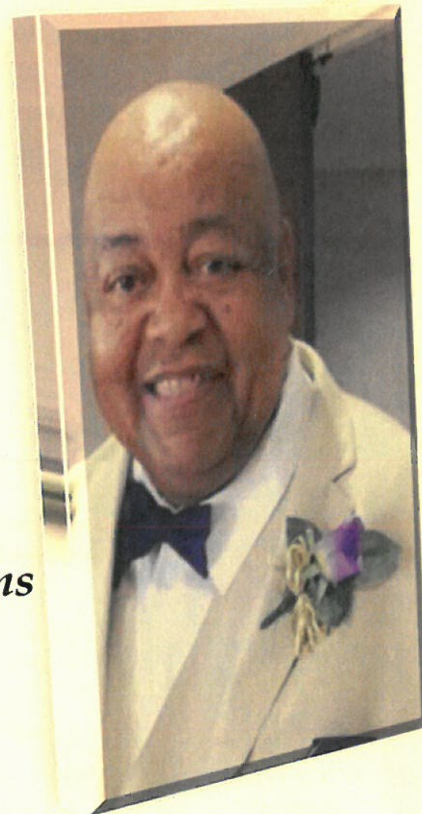
SUNSET: DECEMBER 1, 2018



*Saturday, December 08, 2018  
1:00 p.m.*

*Union Hill M.B. Church  
5360 Highway 179  
Whiteville, TN 38075*

*Rev. Robert "Champ" Williams  
Officiating*







### *There Are No Words*

*There are no words, what can I say  
At last his sweet soul winged its way  
To peace and freedom in the sky  
Where never again will he suffer or cry.  
It's all part of God's great plan ...  
Which remains a mystery to man.  
We cannot understand His ways  
Nor can we count our earthly days  
But who are we to question and doubt  
God knoweth well what He's about  
He knew he longed to "go to sleep"  
Where only angels a vigil keep  
The pain of living grew too great  
No longer could he stay and wait  
He did not want to leave you, dear  
But he had finished his work down here  
So he closed his eyes and when he awoke  
These are the words the Master spoke,  
"Welcome, dear child, you are Home at last,  
And now the burden of living is past."  
"There's work for you in My Kingdom, dear  
And you are needed and wanted here."  
So weep not, he has just gone on ahead  
Don't think of him as being dead.  
He's out of sight for a little while  
And you'll miss his touch and his little smile  
But you know he is safe in the home above  
Where there is nothing but Peace and Love  
And, surely, you would not deny his peace  
And you're glad that he has found release  
Think of him there as a soul that is free,  
And Home at last, where he wanted to be.*



# REFLECTIONS

*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven" Ecc.3.1*

**A TIME TO BE BORN:** Mr. Leavel Durham was born on February 22, 1963 to Mr. Vernon & Luevenia Durham in Moscow, TN. He was the fifth of seven children. He was preceded in death by his sister Mary Murphy, brother Wayne Johnson, brother-in-law John Ray Beard and sister-in-law Barbara Beard & mother-in-law Ruby Beard.

**A TIME TO EMBRACE:** Leavel accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and joined Macon M.B. Church. Vel later joined the Union Spring M.B. Church where his membership remains.

**A TIME TO BUILD Up:** Leavel attended school at Fayette Ware High School and graduated in 1982. Leavel worked in various job fields. His passion was working with people leaving a everlasting positive impact on their lives.

**A TIME TO LOVE:** May 15, 1993 Leavel married the love of his life, Mrs. Mary Beard, this union was blessed with two adorable daughters, Kaysha and Shawanna.

**A TIME TO TRANSITION:** On Saturday morning December 1, 2018 around 7:00 am God sent an Angel to Leavel's room to take his soul to his eternal resting place.

**A TIME TO CELEBRATE and MOURN:** Leavel wishes would have been to have his life celebrated with joy and laughter. He leaves to cherish many wonderful memories: his *beloved dedicated wife*, Mary Durham; *five daughters*, Shawanna (Jerry) Polk and LaNeasha Durham of Bolivar, TN; Kaysha (Marvin) Fleet, Shavelle Robinson of Whiteville, TN, Michiekia (Anthony) Copeland of Detroit, MI; *two sons*: Christopher Carter of Oakland, TN and Donavan (Beunka) Glover of Moscow, TN; *his three grandchildren* that he called "MY LIFE": MarQuavious (Qua), Jer'Daylen (Day Day) and Je'Riyah (Paw Paw baby) *grandchildren*: Destinee, Yahmoni, A'Niyah, Najae, Tajanee' Kimora, Chrishun, Alundre, Kryshayna and Devonta; *one sister*: Deborah (Jerry) Wilkerson; *four brothers*: Eddie (Sylvia) Durham, Larry (Renita) Durham, Thomas (Emma) Durham and Vernon Jr (Hattie) Durham; *three sisters-in-laws*: Alfreda (Larry) Rivers, Dianne (Glen) Trawick, and Priscilla (Wilbur) Montgomery; *two brothers-in-laws*: Clearence Beard and Rico Beard. Family meant the world to him, so God blessed him with *two special nieces*: Raven Taylor & Kima Durham; *two nephews*: Jamarian Durham & Jerrin Wilkerson. It goes without saying that Larry Polk & Anthony Humphrey were the epitome of a true friendship in Leavel's life. Leavel's life was richly blessed with countless of love ones: six aunts, six uncles, a host of sisters-in-laws, brothers-in-laws, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



## Order of Service

Processional.....

Selection.....Choir

Scripture.....Psalm 121..... Deacon Freddie Fleming

Prayer..... Deacon Freddie Fleming  
LiveleyStone House of Praise

Selection.....Choir

Words of Comfort & Encouragement.....Sis Earline Price

Remarks.....(2 minutes please).....

Mr. Jerrin Wilkerson (Nephew)  
Min. Albert Norment (Cousin)  
Mr. Jackie Cox (Friend)  
Mr. Anthony Humphrey (Friend)

Acknowledgement & Resolutions.....Lurean Price Cheairs

Obituary..... (Read Silently) .....

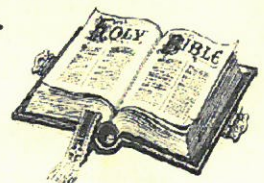
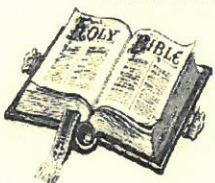
Solo.....Bro. Charmaine Tyrelle

Mat 25:34-36 + 41-45 The evidence is on the table

Eulogy..... Pastor Robert "Champ" Willams

Recessional.....

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

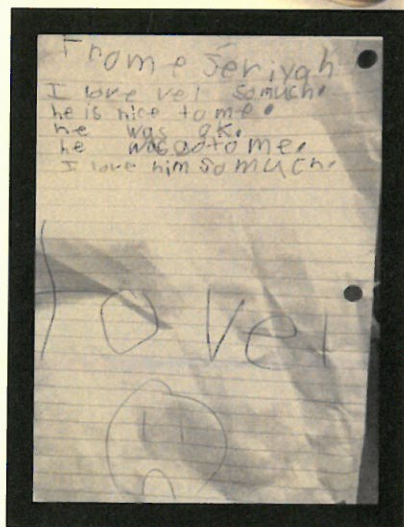




# ***Cherished Memories of A Devoted Husband***



***Dedicated Father,  
Dependable Paw Paw  
Loving Son, Supportive Brother,  
Trusting Uncle & Caring Cousin***



***A Father hold his daughter's hands for a short while,  
but he holds her heart forever***



***Daddy's Baby Girl***





### ***Words of Thanks***

We the family of the late Leavel Durham wish to express our sincere thanks for all the kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to DeVita Dialysis, Charlene Clark and Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

***"May God Continue to Bless You"***  
***The Family***

### ***Active Pall Bearers***

Kelvin Patterson  
Anthony Humphrey  
Andre Terry

Roosevelt Cheairs  
Tavbias Herring  
Jerry Wilkerson

### ***Honorary Pall Bearers***

Larry Polk  
Vernon Durham  
Danny Lake

Thomas Durham  
Larry Durham  
Eddie Durham

### ***Flower Bearers***

*Ushers & Friends*

### ***Interment***

Union Spring Cemetery  
Whiteville, TN

### ***Repast***

Durham's Community Center Building

### ***Professional Services Entrusted To:***

Dixie Funeral Home  
Bolivar, TN 38008

CREATED & DESIGNED WITH LOVE BY:  
Eddie "Mac" McKinnie Jr.