

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 Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place 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've savored 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

*With All Our Love,
Your Wife & Children*

Internment

Bethany Presbyterian Church Cemetery
700 East Elizabethtown Road
Lumberton, North Carolina 28358

Repast

Pinecrest Country Club & Golf Course
110 Nigel Road
Lumberton, North Carolina 28358

Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Mr. Walter Frankie Leach wishes to express our sincere gratitude to God for friends and family like you, who have been so kind and thoughtful in every way during the loss of our loved one. Your visits, calls, flowers, and especially your prayers and acts of kindness have given us immeasurable strength and comfort during this most difficult time. May God bless and sustain each of you.

~ The Family ~

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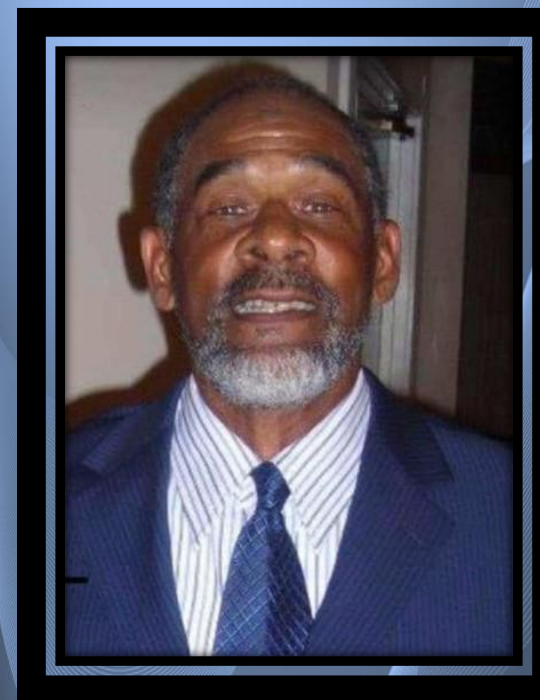
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Homegoing Celebration Service for Mr. Walter Frankie Leach



Sunrise
May 20, 1946

Sunset
July 05, 2021

*Saturday, July 17, 2021
Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

*Bethany Presbyterian Church
700 East Elizabethtown Road
Lumberton, North Carolina 28358*

Reverend Helane Church, Officiating

The Obituary

Mr. Walter Frankie Leach, better known as “Frankco,” age 75, passed away on Monday, July 05, 2021 in Hickory, North Carolina. He was born on May 20, 1946 in Lumberton, North Carolina to the late Ernest and Sarah Leach.

Frankco attended and graduated from J. H. Haywood High School, he further studied at Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, North Carolina; University of North Carolina Pembroke in Pembroke, North Carolina; and Southeastern Community College. He served in the United States Army. He retired from the United States Postal Services after thirty-two (32) years of service with Perfect Attendance. As a child, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and joined Bethany Presbyterian Church of Lumberton, North Carolina and later became a faithful member of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Hickory, North Carolina; where he was faithful and dedicated and served as an Elder.

Frankco enjoyed watching football, basketball, and baseball. He was a die-hard Los Angeles Lakers, Pittsburgh Steelers, and NC State sports fan. He was friendly, free-hearted, fun and family oriented person. He never met a stranger.

Frankco had four siblings that preceded him in death: Betty Leach, William Leach, Phillip Leach and George Leach.

He leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife, Esther R. Leach of Hickory, North Carolina; one daughter, Sophia Bennett (Ricardo) of Statesboro, Georgia; one stepdaughter, Tara Bellamy of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; one sister, Roslyn Simmons (Willie) of Columbia, South Carolina; three brothers: Ernest Leach, Jr. (Ella) of Silver Springs, Maryland; Thomas Leach (Ann) of High Point, North Carolina and Donald Leach, Sr. (Vickie – deceased) of Lumberton, North Carolina; three grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and countless others whose lives he has touched.

“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith...”

2 Timothy 4:6-7



With Love Today

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought of you yesterday and the day before that too. We think of you in silence, and often speak your name. All we have now are our memories and your picture in a frame. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. A part of us went with you the day God called you home.

The Order of Divine Service

Prelude..... Musician(s)

Processional..... Ministers & Family

Musical Selection..... Reverend Lance Hair

The Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Evangelist Sharonda McKiver

New Testament..... Reverend Teresa Simmons

Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend Teresa Simmons

Musical Selection..... Mr. Joshua McKiver

Remarks..... (Please limit to 2 minutes)

Acknowledgements..... Ms. Shearlie McBryde
(Obituary read silently)

Musical Selection..... Ms. Brenda Watson

Eulogy..... Reverend Helane Church

Recessional.....

