

**Celebration of Life  
for  
Terry Lee Sturdivant, Sr.**



**Sunset**

August 19, 1964

**Sunrise**

November 6, 2021

**SERVICE**

Saturday, November 13, 2021

3:00 pm

**Nicey Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

318 Camden Road

Marshville, NC 28103

Rev. Camilo Richards, Jr. Pastor

Rev. Marcellus Kimball, Officiant

# The Order of Service

Last Glimpse

Prelude .....Musician

Processional .....Clergy & Family

Selection.....Musician

Scripture Readings .....Minister

Old Testament (Psalm 13:2-6)

New Testament (John 3:16-18)

Prayer of Comfort

Selection .....Amy Deese

Obituary Reading (Silently)

Poem .....”Footprints” .....Hattie Mae Sturdivant

Remarks (2 minutes)

Selection.....Sam Croutch

Eulogy.....Rev. Marcellus Kimball

Selection.....Shaun Mungo

Acknowledgements .....Blakely’s Funeral Home Designee

Recessional .....Musician

**Committal / Benediction / Interment**

Nicey Grove Baptist Church

Wingate, NC



## *The Family Acknowledgement*

The Sturdivant family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many acts of kindness, concern and expressions of love that have been shown to each of us during this most difficult time in our lives. We ask for your continued prayers as we begin this lonely journey that is before us without our beloved Terry Lee Sturdivant, Sr.

## Time with Terry

To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,2 &4

**A time to be born:** Terry Lee Sturdivant, Sr. was born to Mary Ruth Sturdivant and the late Thomas Henry Sturdivant on Wednesday, August 19, 1964.

**A time to die:** Terry exchanged this earthly life for his eternal life on Saturday November 6, 2021 at his home with his family right by his side.

**A time to plant:** Terry joined New Grove Baptist church in Polkton, NC at a young age. Terry was a faithful servant who read the word both morning and night, Psalms was his favorite readings from the Bible. He was a graduate of Piedmont High school, class of 1983. A loving and devoted husband and father. Terry was the owner and operator of Sturdivant's Repair for over 30 years. Terry never met a stranger and if he entered the room and you didn't know him you absolutely knew him when he exited, he always breathed life into the world, no matter where he was, for the joy, the laughter and the smile that he brought to your moment was what made him better.

**A time to mourn:** In addition to his loving mother, Terry married the love of his life, Sibyl Ree Sturdivant, his queen and life partner on August 26, 1989 and they shared 32 years of marriage and the love of eating out together. From this union was born, three daughters, Shunovia, Shunterria and Shuntavis Sturdivant and one son, Terry Sturdivant, Jr. He was then awarded five grandchildren whom he loved with all his heart, Zy'Quies and Zy' Era Sturdivant and Kaleel Marsh all of Monroe, NC as well as JaiYon Turnipseed and Donte' Sturdivant who preceded him in death. Six brothers: Donnell Sturdivant, James (Debra) K.G. Sturdivant and William Sturdivant, Jr. of Monroe, NC, William Sturdivant (deceased) and Wayne Sturdivant (deceased); 4 sisters: Mary Wright (Graylon) of Monroe, North Carolina, Dolly Griggs (Anthony) of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Linda Ritter (Edward) of Seattle, WA and Carolyn Dunbar (deceased), his favorite Uncle, Wilson Covington of Wingate, NC. His father and mother in law, Wilbert and Burdia Evans of Wingate, NC, whom he loved very much. Two brothers in law, Richard (Valerie) Crowder of Monroe, NC and Phillip Evans of Wingate, NC. Two sister in laws, Shirley Sturdivant and Lucille Sturdivant of Monroe, NC. Terry left behind a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews with whom most will tell you, "Uncle Terry is an intricate part of our lives and he will do anything for any of us and you too"

**Flower Bearers**  
Family & Friends

**Pall Bearers**  
Family & Friends

## **FOOTPRINTS**

One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."

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