Celebration of Life & Legacy of Leon Homer Stroughter, Jr.



Sunrise: October 18, 1962 Sunset: November 15, 2019



Friday, December 6, 2019 at 11:00 am Thompson Rose Chapel, Inc. 3601 5th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817

Officiant: Reverend Jerald A. Stroughter, Sr.

Obituary Leon Homer Stroughter, Ir.

Leon Homer Stroughter, Jr. was born October 18, 1962 in San Francisco to parents, Othella Frances (Reed) Stroughter and Leon Homer Stroughter, Sr. Lil Lee, as he was lovingly called, spent his early years with his parents and brother living in San Francisco; and would later relocate to the city of Sacramento with his Mother and Brother Elemeo. As a child, he, his Mother and Brother attended Friendship Baptist Church in Sacramento where Leon accepted the LORD Jesus Christ as His Savior and was baptized. Leon attended and graduated from Luther Burbank High School; afterwards he attended Sacramento City College, where he met and married Freida Zachary; and to this union a beautiful daughter (Parise Stroughter) was born.

As Leon matured into manhood, he would discover he was a young man of many talents with an entrepreneurial spirit and aspirations of becoming financially independent. He launched and managed a few business ventures, such as a fine import car dealership, real estate, financial advising and tax consulting businesses.

When Leon was not pursing economic heights or developing new business concepts, he enjoyed spending time with his family. It would not be strange for Leon to pop in on friends or family while in the neighborhood. For recreation, he loved attending or hosting barbeques, enjoyed going to various sporting events with his brother Elemeo, 49ner games, SF Giant games; occasionally taking in Sacramento Kings games too; or just hanging out at local Sports Bar to catch a game or two with friends or family. Leon enjoyed spontaneity and on a whim would randomly take mini vacations to Reno or Las Vegas for a change of scenery, relaxation and some gambling. He was a generous man, charming with a debonair caliber. Leon's life philosophy held true to "Go BIG or go home!". When he entered a room; he captivated your attention; he was funny, charismatic; and would leave many smiling and laughing; and could carry on an intellectual conversation with the best of them. He was a man with a big heart; and believed in working hard, taking care of his family and loving hard too. He adored his five children; and treasured time with them taking them on family trips or amusement theme parks. Disneyland was one of his favorite places to go with his kids.

Leon left this life way too soon; and will be greatly missed by those who were honored to know and love him. He is survived by his beloved parents, Othella (Reed) Stroughter, and Leon H. Stroughter, Sr., his siblings, Elemeo Stroughter, Jerald Stroughter, Sr., Benita Stroughter-Cole, LaTretha Stroughter, Eric Baker, LaTisha Stroughter, and Lejon Stroughter, Sr. (Kimberly); his five beautiful children, Parise Stroughter (Carl), Zaporah (Stroughter) Hendrix (Jonell, Sr.), Isaiah Stroughter (Moniece), Leon Stroughter, III, and Ken Stroughter, four grandsons (Meshaun Bell, Ramelle Whitfield, Demetrius Hendrix, and Jonell Hendrix, Jr.), his Nieces, Jessica Stroughter, Monique "Niquie" Stroughter, Keyanah Stroughter, E'Meah and J'Meah Stroughter, Aaliyah Stroughter, Ariyah Stroughter, his Nephews, Brandon Harris, Jerald A. Stroughter, Jr., Justin Williams, Eric Baker, Jr., Lejon Stroughter, Jr., Jeremih Stroughter, his grandnieces Mika Stroughter, Mya Stroughter, and grandnephew David Stroughter; and a host of Uncles, Aunts, cousins and friends.

Leon Homer Stroughter, Jr. - You were Loved!

Celebration of Life and Legacy Memorial Service Leon Homer Stroughter, Ir.

Order of Service

Friday, December 6, 2019 – 11:00 am

Family Processional

Amazing Grace

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Deacon Leo Brown

(Psalms 34:1-8)

New Testament Scripture Reading Evangelist Mewzette Stroughter-Brown (John 14:1-4)

Welcome/Prayer

Rev. Jerald A. Stroughter, Sr.

Poem Reading

Elemeo Lamont Stroughter

Musical Selection

Evangelist Mewzette Stroughter-Brown

Obituary Reading

Monique "Niquie" Stroughter

Acknowledgments / Card Reading

Amari Turner

Praise Dance – "Best in Me" by Marvin Sapp *Sherona Harris*

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Redwood City, CA

Words of Expressions

(2-minute limit)

Selected Family & Friends

Eulogy

Rev. Jerald A. Stroughter, Sr. Bay North Church of Christ Fairfield, California

Call to Discipleship

Rev. Jerald A. Stroughter, Sr.

Benediction / Prayer

Rev. Jerald A. Stroughter, Sr.

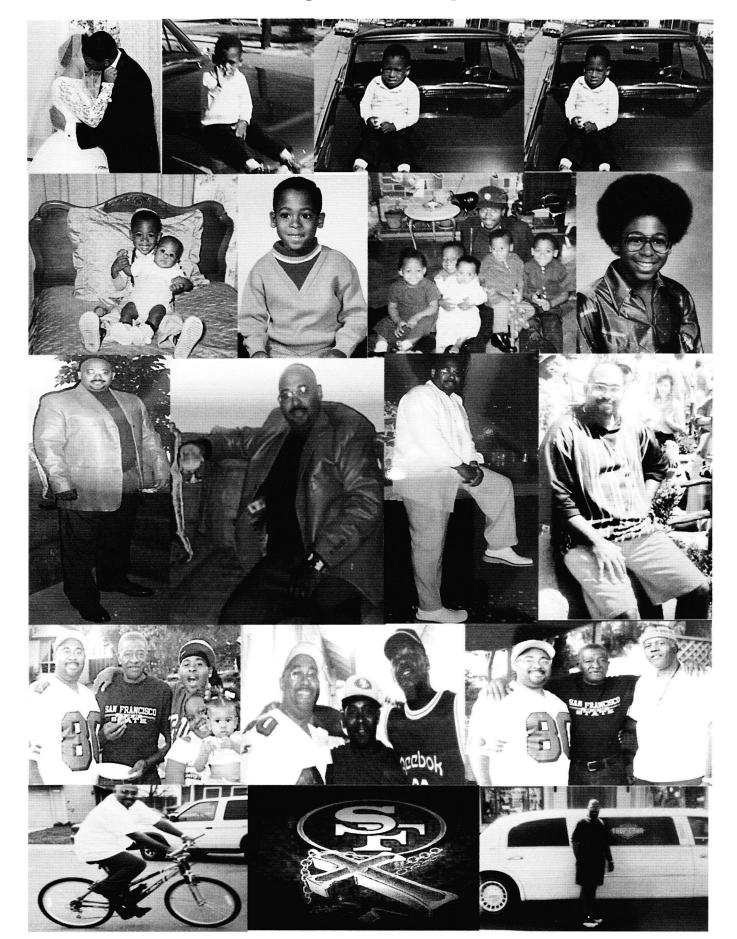
Family Recessional

Going Up Yonder

~ Repass served in Dining Hall following the Benediction ~



My Life's Story



My Legacy of Love...continue My Story!



A Tribute to My Son

My dear son, I miss you so much.
It keeps hurting; I can't stop crying.
My eyes always search for you in the sky.
My heart longs for finding you in the heavens.

My dear son, I love you so much.

I feel so empty without you.

I am so scared of my future without you.

My heart longs for being around you for my safety.

My dear son, you are my angel.

I still feel that you are caring for me from above.

I tell my broken heart that you are still watching me.

My heart longs for your care even from heaven.

My dear son, you are my protector.

I remember you when I feel lonely.

I talk to you when I break into pieces.

My heart longs for your support even from heaven.

My dear son, I was thinking I gave you life.

The reality is that you had given me life.

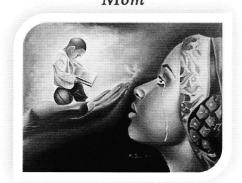
Without you and your presence, I can't exist.

My heart longs for your company in my heart until I exist.

Please be there in my heart.

I love you, son!

Mom



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 his call, I turned my back and left it all.

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



REMEMBER MY LEGACY

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me".

Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes we're together again.



Acknowledgements and Gratitude

The Stroughter Family wishes to express our sincere gratitude for you sharing in the Celebration of Life & Legacy of our beloved Leon Homer Stroughter, Jr. We appreciate the sympathy cards, phone calls, words of encouragement, prayers, monetary donations to help strengthen us and see us through during our time of bereavement, Words cannot express how grateful we are towards you at this time. We are blessed by the way you have expressed sincere love, care and concern towards us.

Final arrangements entrusted to:

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