

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
LEONER (OSGOOD) WOODSON  
September 23, 1939 - December 19, 2020



Saturday, December 26, 2020  
11:00 A.M.

TWELFTH BAPTIST CHURCH  
One Sixty Warren Street  
Roxbury, Massachusetts 02119

Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Rev. Willie Bodrick, II, Pastor Elect





LEONER (OSGOOD) WOODSON  
1939 - 2020

Leoner Osgood was born on September 23, 1939 to the late Sara and the late Leo Osgood in Charleston, South Carolina. She was the oldest of three children; the late Leo Osgood and the late Leila Jackson. Leoner accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and baptized at historical Twelfth Baptist Church, on Shawmut Avenue during the Reverend Dr. William Hunter Hester era.

Leoner was educated in the Boston Public Schools. After graduation, Leoner married Edward L. Woodson, Jr. and in this union they had five sons, a daughter and was foster parent to many children in need. During this time she worked as a caregiver, lunch aide for the Boston Public Schools and worked on former State Representative Doris Bunte's multiple campaigns. Doris and Leoner became the best of friends traveled together.

Later in life she attended Roxbury Community College and went on to continue her education at Endicott College, where she earned a B.S. degree in nursing. In her ministry she cared for the elderly, the sick and shut-in. She did tutorial work in the after school program for the late Father Hastings. In addition, Leoner was a Ward Captain for the Board of Elections.

Leoner, for many years was a Deaconess at Twelfth Baptist Church, a member of the Chancel Choir, former president of the now retired Chapel Choir, a member of the Prison Outreach Ministry, the Dorcas Partnership Ministry, the Kitchen Ministry, and the Churchwomen's Fellowship and a soloist for many church events and funerals in the City of Boston. . Additionally she served on several committees of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, Inc. (TABCOM). She still found time to be invoked in her community through volunteering at the Robert Gould Shaw House, Operation Exodus, METCO, and the Freedom House.

On Saturday, December 19th, after an illness and hospitalization, Leoner was called from labor to reward. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Edward L. Woodson, Jr., of 64 years of marriage; sons Charles E. Woodson (Jackie) of Atlanta GA, Robert L. Woodson (Carrie) Hyde Park, MA, Brian F. Woodson, Fairfield, CA, Donald Woodson, Roxbury, MA, Michael Woodson (Tansy) of Foxborough, MA and daughter, Donna Woodson of Brockton, MA; Grandchildren Charles, Jr., Robert Jr., Shannon, Brian, Jr., Melody, Brandon, Michael, II, Tre, Kiara, Lisa, Wesley, Angelica and Nicole. She has several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews a host of other relatives and friends including her TBC family. Leoner was godmother to Coletta Mills of Mattapan, MA and served as a godmother to several other children as well.

ORDER OF SERVICE  
Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr., Officiant

Instrumental Prelude

Jonathan Singleton  
Dennis Montgomery

Moment of Silence

Opening Sentences

The Minister

The Invocation

The Joy of Worship

Psalm 84

Congregational Hymn

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We Will Understand it Better By and By

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 3:1-8

Christian Tre Woodson

New Testament Reading

Acts 20:32-35

Michael Woodson, II

Prayer of Comfort

Poem

Carrie Woodson

Vocal Selection

Safe in His Arms

Athene Wilson-Glover

ORDER OF SERVICE (continued)  
Officiant - Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.

Tributes Deacon Maurice Nobles, Jr.  
Deaconess Sharon Keyes

Piano Selection Angelica J. Woodson  
Classical Jazz Medley

Family Tributes Michael Woodson  
Donna Woodson

Grandchildren Tributes Wesley Woodson  
Robert Woodson, Jr.

The Obituary Deaconess Sharon Keyes

Vocal Selection Athene Wilson-Glover  
Only What You Do For Christ Will Last

Eulogy Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.

Vocal Selection Rev. Willie Bodrick, II  
I Need You To Survive

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 601  
I'll Fly Away







## **INTERMENT**

St. Michael's Cemetery  
500 Canterbury Street - Boston, Massachusetts 02131

## **PALL BEARERS**

### **GRANDSONS**

Robert Woodson, Jr  
Brian Woodson  
Michael Woodson, II  
Brandon L. Woodson  
Christian T. Woodson  
Wesley Woodson

### **HONORARY**

Charles Woodson  
Robert L. Woodson  
Brian Woodson  
Donald. Woodson  
Michael L. Woodson

## **MUSICIANS**

Jonathan Singleton  
Dennis Montgomery  
Tre Woodson  
Janet Carrie King-Woodson  
Athene Wilson-Glover

Minister of Music Twelfth Baptist Church  
Minister of Music Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
Percussionist  
Pianist  
Soloist

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Woodson Family appreciates the outpouring of support and love during this time of our loss. The shared memories of Leoner from all of you at the visitation and funeral, along with the many phone calls, flowers, cards and words of condolence means a great deal to us all. We are eternally grateful.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO**

Davis Funeral Home  
89 Walnut Avenue - Roxbury, Massachusetts