

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



RONALD T. REAVES

AUGUST 4TH, 1960 ~ JULY 10TH, 2020

~ SERVICE ~

STEVEN L. LYON'S FUNERAL HOME
RALEIGH, NC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020
12 O'CLOCK NOON

REV. STEVEN L. LYONS - OFFICIATING

~ ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ~

The family of Ronald T. Reaves acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many thoughts and kindness shown during the sudden passing of our loved one and this time of bereavement.

Thanks to Wake Med of Raleigh NC.

Thanks to Ronald's Landlord, Mr. Dewey Brown, and his neighbors.

Thanks to Rev. Dr. O.D. Sykes, Pastor, Swift Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Whitakers, NC for your prayers and many expressions of love and concern to our family during our many days of bereavement.

Special thanks to Ronald T. Reaves, Jr who was always there for his father and has been the PILLAR of STRENGTH for our family during this difficult time.

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INTERMENT ~ PRIVATE

~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

"I'm tired, I'm ready to go home"

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN ~ CONGREGATION
HOW I LOVE JESUS

SCRIPTURES ~ T'RON REAVES
NEW TESTAMENT 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

JASON C. REAVES
OLD TESTAMENT JOB 14:1-4

SOLO ~ ROBERTA MILHOUSE

WORDS OF COMFORT ~ REV. STEVEN L. LYONS

EXPRESSIONS ~ PASTOR MACK E. BATTLE
EAST END MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
ROCKY MOUNT, NC

TRIBUTE ~ OLIVIA REAVES JOHNSON (MOTHER)
SWIFT CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
WHITAKERS, NC

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OBITUARY SILENTLY READ

SOLO ~ ROBERTA MILHOUSE

EULOGY ~ RONALD T REAVES, JR. (SON)

CLOSING SONG ~ CONGREGATION

Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore. I'll fly away,
I'll fly away, oh glory I'll fly away in the morning
When I die, Hallelujah by and by I'll fly away.

BENEDICTION

~ OBITUARY ~

Ronald T. Reaves was born on August 4, 1960 in Washington, D.C. to Olivia Reaves and Roger T. Leary. He was preceded in death by his father and son Ronnell Reaves. He received his elementary and secondary education in the D.C. and Maryland Public School Systems. After serving his country in the United States Army he continued his education at Strayer Business College, Washington, D.C. and received his degree in Computer Science.

He first began working when he was only 8 years old, delivering The Washington Post in his little red wagon, assisted by his mother who helped him deliver papers and collect from his customers. He was an accomplished Carpet Mechanic, both domestic and commercial, for over 30 years until his time of death. Ronald accomplished his dream of becoming an entrepreneur. He would boast that he was "THE BEST" Carpet Mechanic. His last assignment was in Nashville, Tennessee.

At a very early age Ronald joined Nazareth Baptist Church under Rev. Dr. William A. Randolph. He was very active in the Youth Department, participating in all youth activities including the choir, plays written by the youth leader, and performing recitations. He was very "APT" and the Youth Leader recognized that he was smart and special. Ronald had a thirst for knowledge and was a critical thinker. He had a sincere love for people and appreciated the company of those who were genuine.

He had a great appreciation for music and the arts. He especially enjoyed Quartet Singers and looked forward to attending the Quartet's Anniversary that his cousin Jimmy Holcomb lead. He loved reading and writing and had written many poems. Whatever he did, he poured his heart into it. He loved the Lord and was a witness for him, a born-again believer, and did not allow anything to come between he and his Saviour.

Ronald Tyrone Reaves went home to be with the Lord on the evening of Friday, July 9th, 2020. He is survived by his children, Ronald T. Reaves, Jr., Jason C. Reaves, and Derek L. Byrd, all of Woodbridge, VA, Te'Ron Reaves of Annapolis, MD and Kiara Reaves of Washington, D.C; his beloved mother Olivia Reaves Johnson of Rocky Mount, NC; four grandchildren; Sade', Imani, Amerah, and Elijah; two brothers, Anthony D. Redcross (Ruby) of Bowie, Md., and Curtis D. Johnson (Amaz) of Charlotte, NC; many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and loyal friends.