

Sunrise June 9, 1943

SUNSET April 6, 2021

## LEROY MCARTHUR HOLLOWAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 11:00 AM

THE GATHERING PLACE
3500 WOODMEADOW PARKWAY, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27610

BISHOP ERIC A. PUGH



Leroy McArthur Holloway departed this life peacefully on April 6, 2021 at his home in Raleigh, N.C.

Born June 9, 1943, in Newport News, Va., he was the oldest son of John L. and Rachel Holloway. Leroy and his brother Lawrence were raised in Rocky Mount, N.C., by their mother after their father died.

From the beginning, Leroy was always an independent overachiever who understood the value of hard work and self-reliance. He left home at the age of 16, and worked as an orderly at various hospitals, washed dishes at restaurants, and did janitorial work to support himself.

In 1961, Leroy graduated from Garner Consolidated High School and pursued his undergraduate degree at Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Livingstone in 1967. He also earned two Master of Arts degrees from North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C., one in history and the other in administration.

During his professional career, Leroy served as an educator, high school administrator, high school and middle school basketball and football coach, and an entrepreneur. Throughout his fabulous career, Leroy instructed thousands of students in the subjects of U.S. history, economics, world civilization, economic, legal and political (ELP) systems, and law and justice.

He also stood as a role model and mentor to many young athletes for more than 30 years as a coach. His most significant career accomplishment came in 1993 when he became the assistant principal at Athens Drive High School in Raleigh. Leroy mentored and evaluated scores of teachers as an assistant principal over five years. His other duties included but were not limited to supervising the janitorial and cafeteria staff, overseeing the school's transportation system, and being present at major sporting events.

After retiring from his career as an educator in 1998, Leroy became a driving school instructor. Ten years later, he became a business owner, opening a driving school called "Holloway Driving School." He taught many students including six of his grandchildren how to drive. For many years, he also served as the treasurer at Bethel House of God, later named The Gathering Place, located in Raleigh.

Despite his many accomplishments, Leroy always maintained his greatest reward in life was his two children — daughter Scottie Holloway Jeffreys and son, Brian McArthur Holloway. Leroy's greatest inspiration in life was his mother, Rachel. Even after her death in 1995, he would draw strength from her memory and the years of hard work and many jobs she worked to support her two sons. His companion and confidant was his younger brother by 18 months, Lawrence Oliver Holloway, Sr., who passed away in 2016. At Livingstone College in 1964, he met the beautiful Clementine Marie Phillips. The two married in 1967. From their union came two children and seven grandchildren.

An avid card player, Leroy drew great pleasure at defeating people in spades or bid whist. He loved to work with tools, and you could often find him working on home improvement projects. Leroy also loved to exercise and was a superb cook. Whether he was working a grill or an oven, your taste buds were guaranteed a good time. Leroy was a member of Alph Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Leroy and his late son-in-law Rodney Van Jeffreys Jr. threw a June birthday bash each year for one another and blessed many family and friends with their hospitability and excellent cooking skills. He also loved the North Carolina Tar Heels basketball team.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Clementine Phillips Holloway of Raleigh. His children: daughter Scottie Holloway Jeffreys of Garner, N.C.; son Brian McArthur Holloway and his wife Jennifer Lewis Holloway of McLeansville, N.C. His grandchildren: Rodney Van Jeffreys, Jr.; Randi Marie Jeffreys; Jeremiah Xavier Holloway; Daniel Philip Holloway; Rashaad Anthony Jeffreys; Benjamin Lewis Holloway; and Alexander Scott Holloway. His aunts: Thelma Foster Fogg of Raleigh; Bertha McKnight of Pinehurst, N.C.; Myrtle Johnson of New York; Irene Hill of Raleigh and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

# DER OF SERV

#### Eric A. Pugh, Presiding Bishop at The Gathering Place

Prelude

Wendell C. Versaille

Musician, Grace Community Church (Greensboro, NC)

Rodney V. Jeffreys, Jr.

Grandchild

**Processional** 

Call to Worship

Invocation

**Old Testament Scripture Reading** 

**New Testament Scripture Reading** 

**Prayer of Comfort** 

Selection

**Three-Minute Remarks** 

Selection

Reading of Obituary & Acknowledgements

Selection

**Eulogy** 

Recessional

**Family** 

Bishop Eric A. Pugh The Gathering Place

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Jeremiah X. Holloway

Grandchild

Randi Jeffreys Grandchild

Cleveland E. Lewis

Elder, Church on the Rock (Raleigh, NC)

Naomi Versaille

Musician, Grace Community Church

Longtime Next Door Neighbor,

James Newkirk Dear Friend, James Faison

Longtime Friend, Ophelia D. Johnson Daughter, Scottie Holloway Jeffreys

Chaka Khan Fogg

**Foster Family** 

Ajamu Dillahunt-Holloway

**Great Nephew** 

Gerald Hinton

**Foster Family** 

Brian M. Holloway

Son

Wendell C. Versaille

Musician, Grace Community Church

## 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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### NOTE OF GRATITUDE

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH ETERNAL GRATITUDE THE OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY, KINDNESS, LOVE AND SUPPORT. WE CHERISH ABOVE ALL ELSE THE FRIENDSHIPS DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS OF LEROY'S LIFE AND PRAY GOD'S CONTINUED BLESSING ON EACH OF YOU.



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