

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**LEROY
WILLIAMSON**

SUNRISE OCTOBER 20, 1932 - SUNSET DECEMBER 10, 2020

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 - 10 AM

THOMAS FUNERAL HOME

4520 SALEM AVENUE
TROTWOOD, OHIO 45416

**OFFICIANT: REVEREND MARCETTES CUNNINGHAM
PASTOR OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON, OH**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

**Family and
Pastor Marcettes Cunningham
Shiloh Baptist Church, Dayton, OH**

Music of Consolation

**Old Testament Scripture (Psalm 23)
New Testament Scripture (John 14:1-6)**

Prayer **Leonard Satterwhite**

Reading of the Obituary (Silently)

Tributes

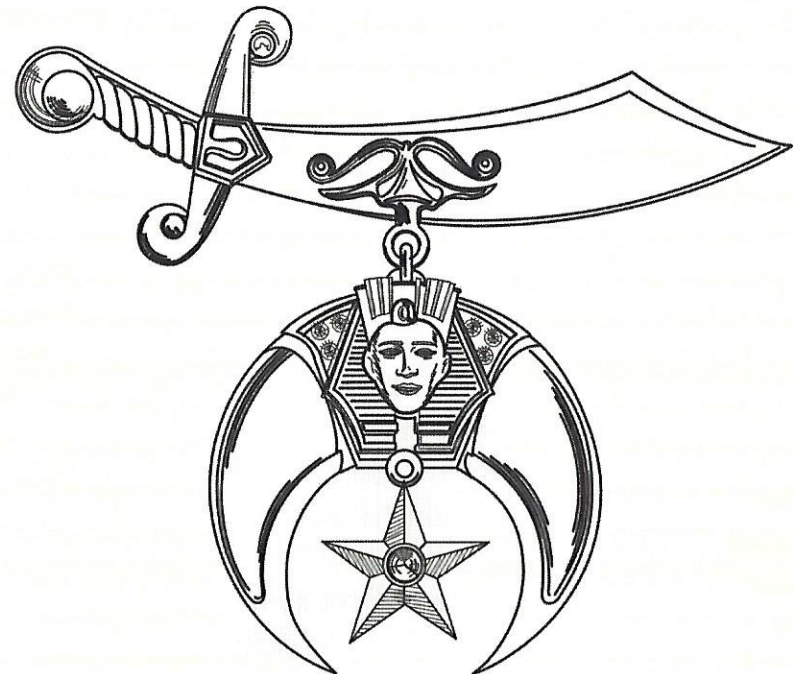
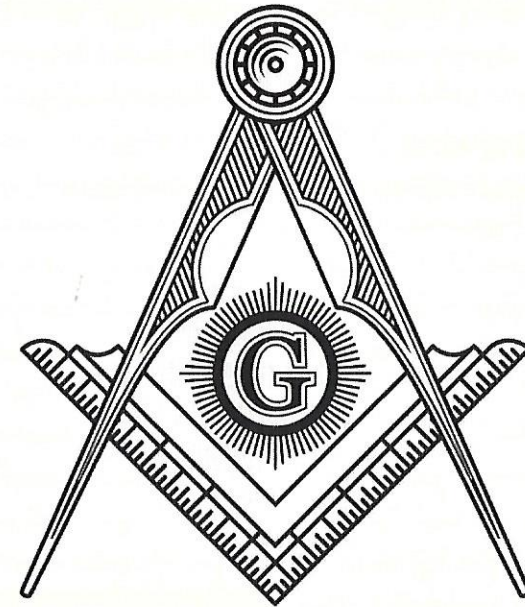
Reading/Acknowledgements of Resolutions

Music Selection

Eulogy **Pastor Rockney Carter
Zion Baptist Church, Dayton, OH**

Recessional **Family**

**PRIVATE ENTOMBMENT
Dayton National Cemetery
4400 W Third Street
Dayton, OH 45428**



OBITUARY

In celebration of the extraordinary life of Leroy Williamson who was born on October 20, 1932, to Flora Stalle Barbee and George Williamson in Morrisville, North Carolina. He was raised as an only child by Zola Barbee Jones and William Jones (his aunt and uncle) after the untimely death of his mother and later his grandparents Henry and Lillie Barbee. He was a proud member of the Barbee clan; which included 6 daughters, 5 sons, and their 31 offspring. Later in life, Leroy discovered that he had a brother Moses Pettway who was married to Elizabeth Pettway (with children Moses Jr, Thomas, Demps, and Valerie). Leroy leaves behind a son, David, from his first marriage to Emma J. Grissom with whom he enjoyed a 23 year marriage until her passing in 1982. On March 17th, 1989, Leroy married Eva Muckle-Conley and they enjoyed 31 years of marriage.

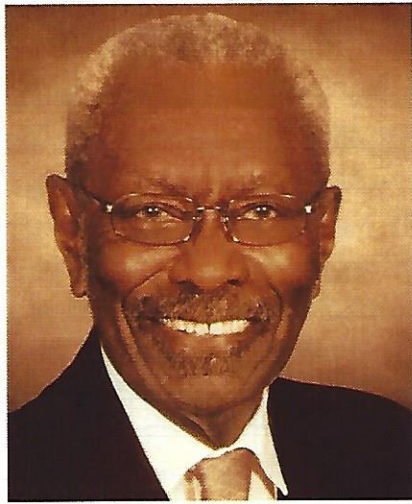
Leroy spent most of his childhood in Morrisville, NC. He completed his elementary school education at Shiloh School in Morrisville, NC in 1945. He graduated from Berry O'Kelly High School in 1949. During the time that Leroy was in Morrisville he attended Pleasant Grove Christian Church and on the 2nd Sunday in September 1942 Leroy was baptized and received the right hand of fellowship, leading to his Christianity and lifelong devotion to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He served in Pleasant Grove Church until he later left North Carolina and became a member at Zion Baptist Church in Dayton, OH. Leroy enjoyed his Bible studies and became a scholar of both the Old and New Testaments. In October 1950, he started at North Carolina Central University, where he met his first wife Emma.

Leroy was drafted by the US Army where he achieved the rank of Sergeant and was on active duty for two years before returning to North Carolina Central and completing his education with a Mathematics degree in 1957.

During his collegiate career, he was mentored by a fellow mathematician, Mr. John Otis Smith, and he enjoyed an enduring friendship with Mr. Smith and his wife, Mary Hester Smith. Leroy would later complete his master's degree from Miami University in 1963.

In 1957, Leroy and Emma moved to Dayton, Ohio and they were blessed with a son, David Leroy Williamson. Leroy worked first for the United States Post Office for several years before taking a job as a mathematician at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, where he retired after 31 years of service. Leroy was involved in many organizations during his life but he was most devoted to Zion Baptist Church where he served as Chairman of the Trustee Board, Treasurer, Member of the Usher Board, and beloved church member for 63 years. Until his passing, Leroy was serving as Trustee Emeritus for Zion Baptist Church. Leroy was a member of Miami Consistory and member of Amer Temple No. 107 where he had several affiliations within the Shrine. These are some of the highlights: A Fifty-Year Member and Past Master of the Ancient Square Lodge #40, Grand Inspector General and Past Commander-in-Chief of Miami Consistory#26, Past Potentate Amer Temple#107 A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Member of Solomon Johnson Council #4, Royal&Select Master and Honorary Imperial Potentate.

Additionally, Leroy was involved in the Dayton Spur Club, Dayton Area Board of Realtors, a board member and major supporter of the Mary Scott Nursing Center, Dayton African American Legacy Institute, and the NAACP. Throughout his life, Leroy mentored many children, teenagers, and adults and also sponsored exchanged students from Africa in his home (most notably Winston Davis originally from Nigeria now of New York City).



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SON

I know today is somewhat a day of sadness but I must take time to rejoice in the blessing of having the love of an extraordinary father. As I wrote my father's Obituary, I was awestruck by how blessed I am to have had him as a father. Thus, after 88 years of life, it is difficult at this moment to be sad when the Lord has given me so much. I have had the extraordinary opportunity to live in the shadow of Giants both of whom have passed before my dad, my mother Emma J. Williamson, and those that are still here most notably Eva M. Williamson. I am grateful for the tremendous impact they have had on my life and the lives of so many that cannot attend this funeral today because of the Pandemic. Thank you for your well-wishes and for honoring my desire that you remain home and safe at this moment. It is what my dad would have wanted for everyone. Please know that my faith tells me that this life is only temporary and one in which that is not but just a moment in our time that we will spend in eternity. Thanks be to God, I have been left with those who will continue to love and care for me until I will be able to join my parents again in Glory. Until then for my Dad: "Well Done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!" To God be the Glory!

David Leroy Williamson