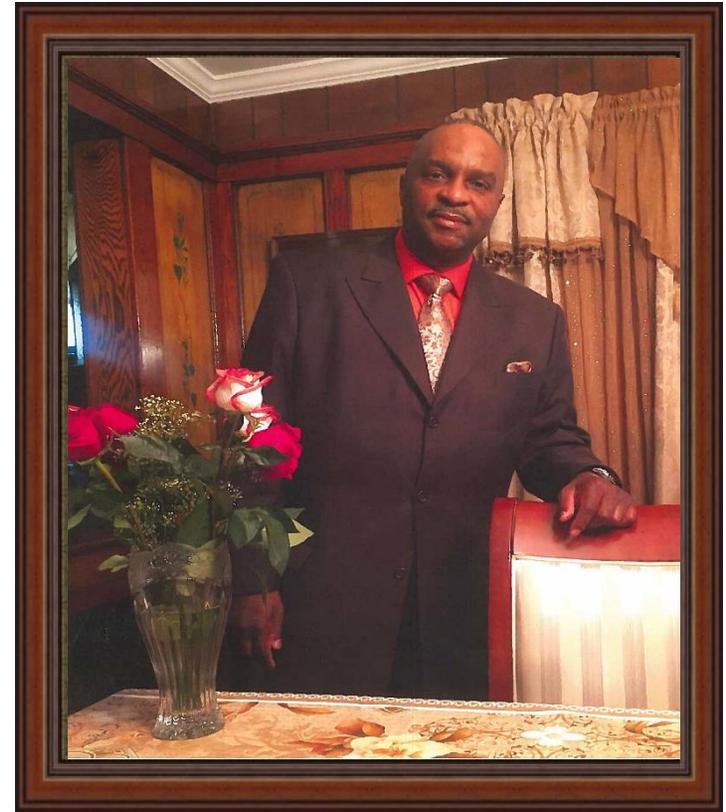


# *Special Thanks*



The family of Walter Leonard Griffin III would like to extend their sincere thanks and gratitude for all the love, support, and prayers during this most difficult time.

# *Our Beloved*



*Walter Leonard Griffin III*

April 19, 1966 – November 30, 2020

Memorial Service

Saturday, December 19, 2020

4:00 pm



## Obituary

*Walter Leonard Griffin III*, affectionately known as Len, fell asleep in death on Monday, November 30, 2020. Walter was born on April 19, 1966 to loving parents Mary Griffin-Cook and the late Walter L. Griffin Jr. at the Veterans Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. Len was the eldest of four children.

Len grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey and attended Cedarbrook Elementary School. At nine years of age he relocated to Highland Park, Michigan and attended Cortland Elementary School, Ferris Middle School and Highland Park High School. After graduating from Redford High School in Detroit, Len attended several community colleges and trade schools where he studied horticulture, FDIC Money Smart, Microsoft Digital Literacy, Custodial Maintenance and NCCER Concrete Finishing. Walter implemented all of these skills while employed as both a laborer and assembly worker in the automotive industry. Len was a self-employed landscaper and home demolitionist. He was state certified in Occupational Safety and Health Administration – OHSA.

Walter had the wonderful privilege of being raised as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He grew to love and cherish his relationship with Jehovah and decided to dedicate his life by water baptism on October 5, 2002. Len truly loved talking about Jehovah and His Heavenly Kingdom with anyone and everyone he encountered. He embraced Bible truths by thoroughly researching the scriptures and discussing them in further detail with his fellow brothers and sisters. A few of Len's favorite scriptures were Joshua 1:8, 2 Peter 3:13 and Mark 10:27.

Walter was extremely fond of his family and maintained a close personal bond, making it a priority to keep in close contact with his relatives. He made it his mission to travel long distances to meet new family members. Len was a real outdoorsman who enjoyed many hobbies such as swimming, fishing, running track, horseback riding and gardening. Some of his other interests included writing poetry, reading, art, music, fashion, health and nutrition. Len was a real "foodie". His ultimate favorite was any and all types of seafood dishes. He also loved southern soul food and a variety of desserts, with peach cobbler and sweet potato pie being at the top of his list.

Len was a sincere gentle, compassionate, loving, kind and hospitable man. He was always ready to offer assistance to anyone in need ~ be it physically, emotionally or financially even if it was his last dollar! He would say, *"they really needed it ~ that's okay Jehovah will provide ~ besides, we'll be throwing this money in the streets soon."*

He leaves to cherish his memory; mother Mary; son Donovan Zachariah Hughes; devoted fiancée Ferna Valeda Childs; one brother Anthony Lovell Griffin; two sisters Michelle S. Robinson (Darryl) and Portia D. Griffin and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



## *Expressions of Love*

My Dear “Sweet” ~ although we were unable to fulfill our dream of becoming man and wife, I am eternally grateful that we had the opportunity to build a threefold cord with Jehovah. I will always treasure our memories and your expressions of love such as this one: ***“Good Morning ~ May Jehovah’s blessing be ours this day as well as our sisters and brothers ~ Ferna when I say I love you more, I don’t mean that I love you more than you love me, I mean I love you more than the bad days ahead of us, I love you more than any fight we will ever have. I love you more than the distance between us, I love you more than any obstacle that could try and come between us, I love you the MOST! Love your husband Walter”.***

Enough said until we meet again in paradise!

Your Forever Love,

Ferna



Dear Dad,

I enjoyed the time we spent together; I promise to make you proud until we meet again.

Love Your Son,

Donovan



I will never forget the quality time we spent together, the joy we had and the pain we shared. My son it is never a goodbye our goal is awaiting for the New World paradise.

Love Forever,

Mama



I look forward to the day when I see my big brother again and he can tell me all about all the exciting new things that he has learned according to the promise @ Revelation 21:5 and Isaiah 11:6.

Love,

Your Baby Sis♥



My Dearest Brother Len ~ you have always encouraged me you would tell me let’s serve Jehovah together the way He deserves to be served. I will always love you and I’ll miss you and look forward to seeing you in paradise.

Your Sister Shell



Farewell to My Brother Len,

I wish I could have spent more time with you. You will always be close to my heart. I am going to miss you.

Lovell





## *Order of Service*

Song 145 *God's Promise of Paradise*

Opening Prayer

Obituary Reading *Frank Brown*

Discourse *Ruben Childs Sr.*

Song 140 *Life Without End-At Last*

Closing Prayer *Ruben Childs Sr.*



