

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking
Along the beach with the Lord,
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints.

Other times there was only one.
This bothered me because I noticed
During the low periods of my life when I was
Suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.
So I said to the Lord, "You promised me,
Lord, that if I followed you,
You would walk with me always.
But I noticed during the most trying periods
Of my life there has only been
One set of prints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most,
Have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,

"The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child,
is when I carried you."

-Mary Stevenson, 1936

Acknowledgments

We are overwhelmed by the kindness of our friends and family.
Your love, support and prayers have helped to sustain us
during the loss of our beloved. We thank GOD for every act
of kindness extended to us. May GOD bless you as he has
blessed us through you.



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IN LOVING MEMORY



*Mr. Alex Troy
Fersner*

JULY 31, 1963 - AUGUST 13, 2026

Friday, September 4, 2026

1:00 pm

Lee Street Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. William J. Reid, Officiating

Order of Service

The Processional	Ministers
Selection	Bro. Troy Shelly
Old Testament Reading	Pastor Dwayne Mabry
New Testament Reading	Bro. Jerry Johnson
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Dwayne Mabry
Poem Reading	Sis. Brittany Yates
Words of Comfort	Sis. Carolyn Johnson
Obituary	<i>Please Read in Silence</i>
Selection	Sis. Sharon Boyd
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. William J. Reid
Presentation of Plaque	Rev. Dr. William J. Reid
Committal & Benediction	Rev. Dr. William J. Reid
Recessional	Cortege

Obituary

Alex Troy Fersner departed this life Thursday, August 13, 2026, at his residence. He was born on July 31, 1963, in Washington, D.C., to Carolyn J. Woodliff and Shelton Fersner, Jr.

Troy grew up in Lee Street Baptist Church under the leadership of his stepfather, Rev. Dr. W.A. Johnson. He graduated from Virginia High School and was an entrepreneur. In his free time, Troy enjoyed carpentry, gardening, and riding his motorcycle. Dedicated to his health, he had a special interest in boxing, working out, and body building. He will be missed for his tender heart, easy-going spirit, and loving personality.

He was preceded in death by his father, Shelton Fersner, Jr.; stepfather, Rev. W.A. Johnson, Sr.; brother, Willis "Festus" Johnson, Jr.; three sisters, Deborah Webb, Brenda Greene, and Valerie Stewart; brother, Kevin Fersner; and nephew, Michael Fersner, Jr.

To cherish his memory, Troy leaves behind his mother, Carolyn J. Woodliff Johnson; siblings, Michael (Dorthea) Fersner, Hope (Rob) Ampudia, Jerry Johnson, and Arthur Fersner; brother-in-law, Robert Stewart; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

