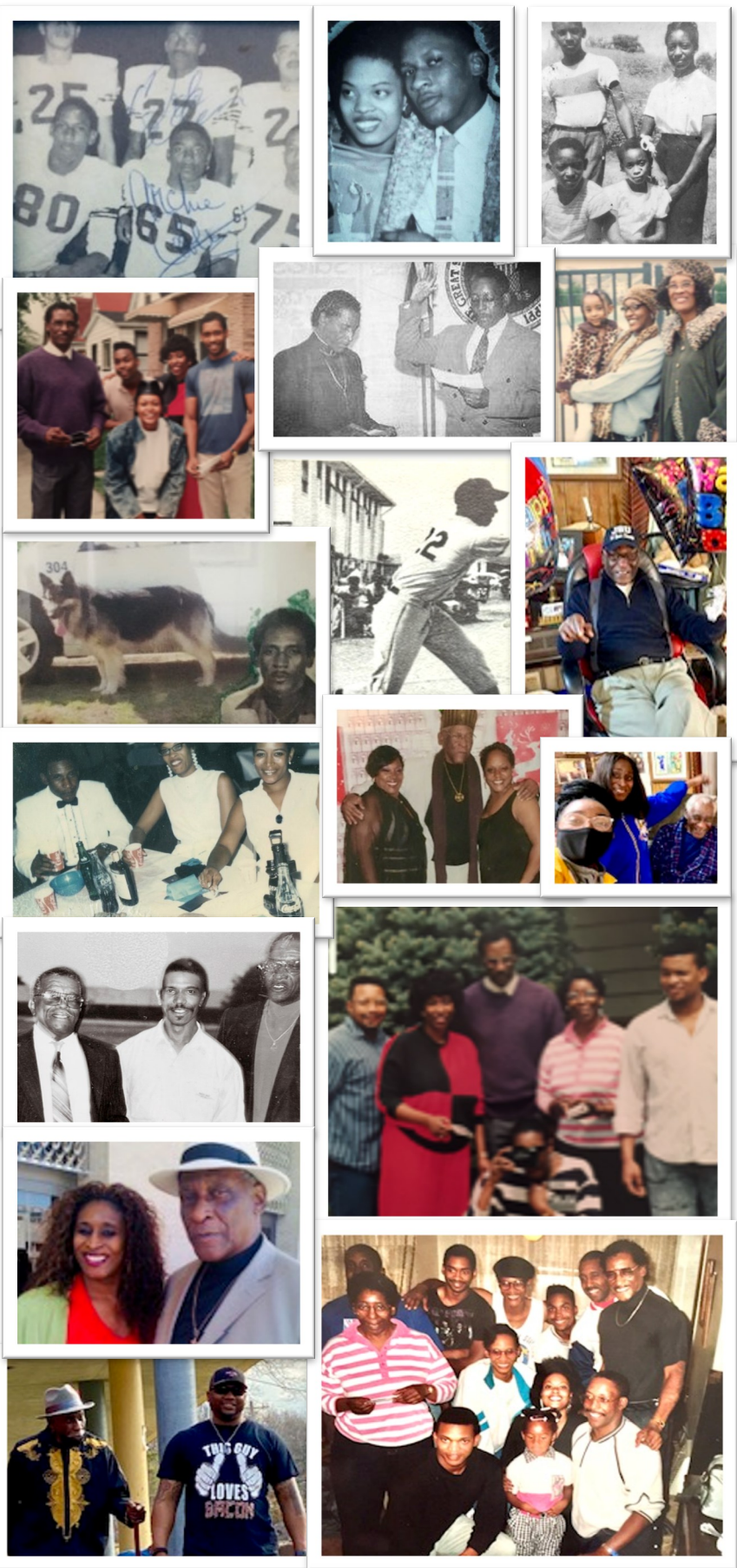


~ PRECIOUS MEMORIES ~



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

~ EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE ~

The children and grandchildren would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Michael "Cheese" Latiker for the time, care, and love that he showed our dad and granddad, especially during his last five years. We sincerely thank you Mike for all that you have done. We appreciate it and we love you.

The family of the late Herman Leach would like to express their deepest thanks for the many acts of kindness, love, and support shown during our time of bereavement. Please continue to keep uplifting us in your daily prayers. May God continue to bless each of you.

~ ACTIVE PALLBEARERS ~

Yale Johnson | Juan Johnson
Alvin "Duckbill" Reed | Herman Boddy
Michael Joe Lewis | Michael "Cheese" Latiker

~ HONORARY PALLBEARERS ~

Leif Leach | Aundra Brown | Edward Earl Generette
Herman Marquis Leach | Gianni Brown | Nickolas Leach
Prince Larry | Marcus Johnson | Christian Leach | Kurt Johnson
Ronald Johnson | Craig Johnson | Baron Taylor
Lemuel "Babe" Taylor | Gary Leach | Paul Henderson
Benny Tre Stewart | Ron Townsend
Andre Johnson | Timothy Woods II

~ FLOWER BEARERS ~

Former ball players

~ BURIAL ~

Glenwood Cemetery
Yazoo City, MS

~ REPAST ~

Dr. L. T. Miller Community Center
Yazoo City, MS

~ SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO ~



Scott Memorial Funeral Home
1401 E Broadway | Yazoo City, MS 39194
662.746.0046
www.scottmemorialfuneralhome.com

HEAVENLY EDITION

TIME



A TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT
"BOY LEACH"

HERMAN LEACH

SERVICE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023
11:00 AM - YAZOO CITY HIGH SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 85 YEARS

O B I T U A R Y H E R M A N L E A C H

March 16, 1937 – January 13, 2023

Herman Leach was a great man. He fathered six children of his own and in the spirit of “it takes a village,” he also fathered a community of thousands more.

He was born on March 16, 1937, to the late Geneva Mack and Herman Leach Sr. In total Geneva and Herman Sr. had four children: Doretha, Herman, Wardell, and Deloris. Herman was the oldest son. His birth name was Willie Albert. He did not like his birth name and in true Herman Leach fashion, he did something about it—he changed it! This is how he lived his life. He was a man of action, not of words. Herman fostered an impeccable bond with each of his siblings that lasted throughout their lives. He was especially close to his only brother Wardell Leach.

His nickname was “Boy” which most would find offensive, but Herman made it cool. This nickname, which was continuously used throughout his adult life, came about because there were multiple Hermans in the Leach family, and his sister Doretha needed a nickname for him.

Herman lived a good life, did good deeds and was a good servant to his community. He lived his childhood and most of his adult life in the community of Yazoo City known as Jonestown. He accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age as a member of St. Emanuel Baptist Church. He and his siblings were baptized in the Yazoo River across from the church.

Herman attended Jonestown School until he completed the eighth grade. He then transitioned to the Yazoo City Training School (YCTS) where he eventually graduated in the Class of 1956. Herman was always an athlete, excelling in multiple sports. He was captain of his high school football team and later played both football and baseball at Jackson State College. And if he was not playing, he was coaching. He coached high school football, baseball, and basketball; women’s softball; boy’s and men’s baseball; plus, multiple co-ed teams—always impacting the lives of those who had the privilege to play with, for, or against him.

He attended Jackson State College on an athletic scholarship. When his baby brother Wardell was ready for college, he made sure that he also had a place at Jackson State, telling the coach that they came as a package deal. Herman and Wardell were roommates until Herman graduated in 1961 with a bachelor’s degree in education.

In 1961, Herman married the captain of the YCTS girls’ basketball team, his high school sweetheart, Inell Generette. Their union resulted in the birth of four children—Cassandra, Revonne, Stacy, and Leif.

After college, Herman moved his family to Morton, Mississippi where he taught high school chemistry. Eventually, he relocated his family back to Yazoo City where he began teaching and coaching at St. Francis Catholic School, delivering several state championships in basketball.

In 1968 he was the first minority executive for the Mississippi State Highway Department in the Right of Way Division. In 1979 Herman was elected the first Black Yazoo County Supervisor. He served the people in both Districts 3 and 5. In 1979 and 1983, he was elected as supervisor for District 5 and in 1987, he was elected for the seat in District 3 where he remained until retirement in 2008.

Herman was always on the frontline when it came to assisting the people in Yazoo County. He was a man of the community. He marched with Dr. King in 1966 when the Freedom Train came through Yazoo City. He was mentored by, and a close friend of the highly revered civil rights icon Rudy Shields. Herman never feared the truth. When fighting for change, he did not care what others thought of him or said about him. On his political flyer he wrote: **“I will do what is right for the people; I will do what I say.”**

Herman was preceded in death by his parents Geneva Mack and Herman Leach Sr; two sisters, Doretha Johnson, Deloris Leach-Taylor; and his wife, Inell Leach.

His memory will be cherished and kept alive by: Six children: Cassandra Leach-Woods of Mobile, AL; Aundra (Debra) Brown of Prosper, TX; Revonne (Andre) Johnson of Germantown, MD; Stacy Leach (Tre) of Yazoo City, MS; Leif Leach of Yazoo City, MS; and Aretha Evette Leach of Yazoo City, MS. His brother: Wardell (Mattie) Leach of Yazoo City, MS.

Thirteen grandchildren: Dominique, Herman Marquis, Nickolas, Prince, Gianni, Ayanna, Aresha, Rickesha, Tyeshia, Madison, Marcus, and Laila. Plus, nine great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving relatives, friends, and community members.

O R D E R O F S E R V I C E

Program Guide ~ Lucille Coleman

~ PRELUDE ~

PROCESSIONAL -----Minister and Family

MUSICAL SELECTION -----Yazoo Community Choir

Music by David Peyton

PRAYER OF COMFORT -----Rev. Julia Brown-Karimu

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES Rev. Julia Brown-Karimu

SOLO -----Terence Freeman

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT -----Judge Carlton Reeves

POETIC TRIBUTE -----Cassandra Leach-Woods

~ POLITICAL TRIBUTES ~

U.S. House of Representatives -----Congressman Bennie Thompson
Yazoo City Mayor -----David “Mel” Starling
Yazoo County Board of Supervisors -----Willie “Deuce” Wright
Yazoo City Board of Alderman -----Elizabeth Thomas

MUSICAL SELECTION-----Yazoo Community Choir

Music by David Peyton

~ RESOLUTIONS ~

~ EXPRESSIONS/REFLECTIONS ~

(3 mins each)
Jackson State | *Leon Campbell*
St. Francis | Robert “Pig” Fisher
Softball Coach | *Wanda McCullum*
Family Members | *Wardell Leach*
Civil Rights | *John Meeks*
Community Member | *Stephanie Streeter-Edwards*

READING OF OBITUARY SILENTLY -----Soft Music

SOLO -----Sheila Scott

EULOGY-----Rev. Steve Dennis

MUSICAL SELECTION-----Yazoo Community Choir

Music by David Peyton

CLOSING PRAYER -----Rev. Steve Dennis

~ RECESSIONAL~

FUNERAL DIRECTORS OF
SCOTT MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME
IN CHARGE