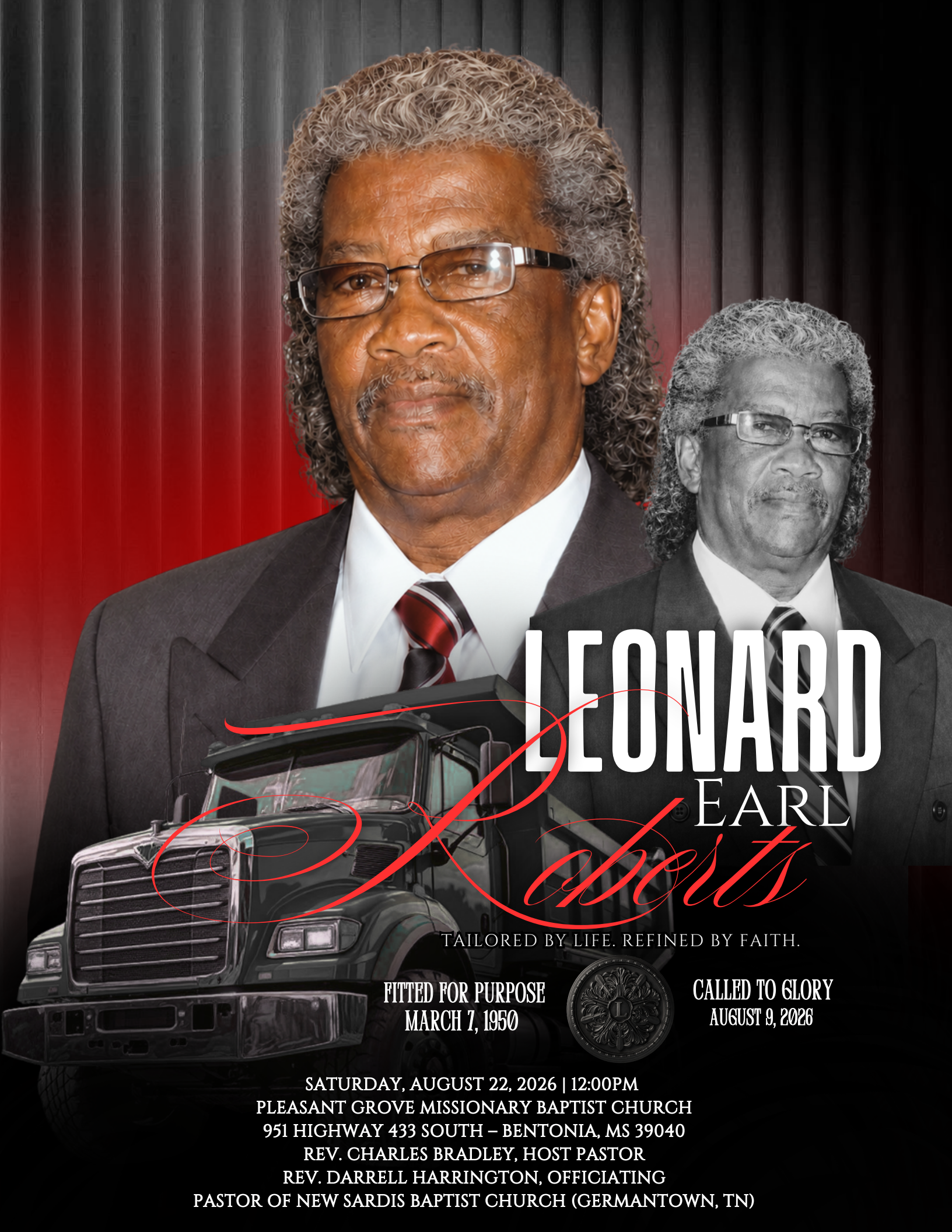




LEONARD EARL *Roberts*

TAILORED BY LIFE. REFINED BY FAITH.

FITTED FOR PURPOSE
MARCH 7, 1950



CALLED TO GLORY
AUGUST 9, 2026

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026 | 12:00PM
PLEASANT GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
951 HIGHWAY 433 SOUTH – BENTONIA, MS 39040
REV. CHARLES BRADLEY, HOST PASTOR
REV. DARRELL HARRINGTON, OFFICIATING
PASTOR OF NEW SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH (GERMANTOWN, TN)

THE FOUNDATION OF HIS LIFE

Leonard Earl Roberts, Sr. was born on March 7, 1950, to the loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judge and Linnie Roberts, in Bentonia, Mississippi. He was the fourteenth of sixteen children. Raised in a strong Christian household, Leonard joined New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Eddie Gibson.

Leonard received his formal education at Gibbs High School in Bentonia, Mississippi.

Leonard was a hardworking and dedicated man who took great pride in his work and in creating an honest living. He was employed by Regal Ware in Flora, Mississippi, for more than fifteen years, where he began his career as a Hilite Sunray Machine Operator and eventually advanced to the position of Line Leader. During his time at Regal Ware, Leonard also served his fellow workers as Vice President of Regal Ware's Local Union #665 and was a member of the Labor Union Corporation in Bentonia, Mississippi. His leadership and dedication to his coworkers were a testament to his character and commitment to others.

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After leaving Regal Ware, Leonard followed his passion for trucking and began a career in the transportation industry. He worked for several trucking companies, including Southland Container, Jones Trucking, and Dickerson & Bowen, before establishing his own trucking company, LER Trucking. To those who knew him on the road, Leonard was affectionately known by his CB handle, "7th Son."

Outside of work, Leonard enjoyed fishing, hunting, dancing, and spending time with his family and friends. He was also a proud member of the "Rat Pack", a social club for truckers based in Flora, Mississippi, where he enjoyed fellowship, friendship, and camaraderie with others. Leonard's life was marked by hard work, leadership, fellowship, and a deep love for the people around him.

A LEGACY WOVEN IN LOVE

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judge and Linnie Roberts, and twelve of his siblings.

He leaves to cherish his memory his life partner, Dorothy Smith; his nine children: Steven (Kiyomi) Smith, Juanita (John) Joiner, Yolanda Roberts, Pamela (Jonas, Sr.) Palmer-Robinson, Drs. Arivey and Aisha Meeks, Leonard Meeks, Natasha Meeks, Leonard (Patrice) Roberts, Jr., and Tiffany D. Roberts.

He also leaves twelve grandchildren: Kyree Smith, Jonas "JJ" Robinson, Jr., Kiyon Smith, Leonard Roberts III, Jaidyn Joiner, Quan Meeks, Autumn Rose Meeks, Adia Robinson, Jaime Joiner, Jamie Leigh Howard, Laila Roberts, and Kyleigh Paige.

Leonard is also survived by three siblings: Juanita Harrington-Good; Edward Charles (Lettie) Roberts; and Nancy (Eugene) Fouché; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and friends who will continue to cherish the memories he leaves behind.

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"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." —

Revelations 21:4 (NKJV)





Order of Service



Processional.....Clergy & Family Members

Master of Ceremony.....Reverend Robert P. Gibbs

Scripture.....Old and New Testament.....Rev. Shirley Harrington

Prayer.....Reverend Charles Bradley

Solo.....Musical Selection.....Glennetta Hollins

Words of Expressions (Family).....Carolyn Roberts (niece)
Steven Smith (son)

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Eric Knapp

Acknowledgements.....Reverend Robert P. Gibbs

Solo.....Musical Selection.....LaQuita Weathers

Eulogy.....Dr. Reverend Darrell Harrington

New Sardis Baptist Church (Germantown, TN)

Shaffer-Collins Directors in Charge

Recessional

The Generations He Built



Acknowledgements

The family of Leonard Earl Roberts, Sr. extends their sincerest gratitude for your prayers, love, support, calls, visits, cards, flowers, and every expression of kindness shown during this difficult time. Your presence and thoughtfulness have brought comfort to our family and will always be remembered. May God bless you and keep you.

Honorary Pallbearers

SELECTED FAMILY & FRIENDS

Active Pallbearers

SELECTED FAMILY & FRIENDS

Flower Bearers

NIECES & FRIENDS

INTERMITTENT

New Pleasant Grove Cemetery
210 Wilson Holmes Rd,
Bentonla, MS 39040



FROM HIS CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN:

You will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Thank you for the love, laughter, memories, and lessons that will stay with us always. We love you; we miss you, and we'll carry you with us forever. Until we meet again, rest peacefully.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:



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