

## PALLBEARERS/\*HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jeffery Fergerson  
Douglas Christopher  
Earnest Casey  
Leon T. Fergerson, Jr.  
Deon Fergerson  
Dawson Fergerson

Kevin Fergerson  
\*Leon T. Fergerson, Sr.  
\*Willie T. Fergerson  
\*Louis Fergerson  
\*Oliver Fergerson, Jr.  
\*Wilman Fergerson



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Timothy Fergerson wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting calls, messages, floral tributes, prayers and other expressions of kindness and love. In our time of loss, you have given us peace and healing through your presence here today. We are eternally grateful. "T.L." loved life, Detroit, his neighbors, the UAW and most especially, his Family. He had a positive mindset each day and considered his independence and privacy a blessing.

A more personal acknowledgment will be made individually.

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS PROVIDED BY:**  
Ms. Shelia Oden, Chapel Organist

**INTERMENT**  
**Woodlawn Cemetery**  
19975 Woodward, Detroit MI

**REPAST**  
**Detroit Marriott Southfield**  
27033 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield MI 48034

**ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO**  
**James Cole Funeral Home**  
16100 Schaefer Hwy, Detroit MI 48235

## TIMOTHY "T.L." FERGERSON

*Sunrise*  
FEBRUARY 20, 1935

*Sunset*  
JUNE 1, 2021

*Celebration*  
**OF**  
*Life*

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.  
Just as in fact you are doing."  
I Thessalonians 5:11 NIV*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021**  
**SEATING AT 8:30 A.M. | SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M.**

**JAMES COLE FUNERAL HOME**  
NORTHWEST CHAPEL  
16100 SCHAEFER HWY, DETROIT MI 48235  
**BISHOP ZETTA ROBERTS, OFFICIATING**

# Order OF Service

Timothy "T.L." Ferguson was born in Columbia County Arkansas on February 20, 1935, to the late Gus Ferguson and Lizzie Lenora Caldwell Ferguson. He was the seventh of eight children. Oliver, Gus Jr., Nona, Ever J., and Emmett preceded him in death.

He accepted Christ at an early age, which reflected throughout his life's journey. As a young man he was certain that he could find a better life beyond farming or hard labor in the sweltering heat of Emerson, Arkansas. So, after graduating from McMittress High School in Emerson, he followed his older brothers to Detroit.

Here he began a long and rewarding career in the automotive industry, where he became a Journeyman electrician. Tim, as he is known by friends and coworkers, retired from the General Motors Livonia plant, where he was a UAW Benefits Representative, serving hundreds of members. According to fellow union leadership, "Tim was serious about his work. He did an exceptional job meeting the needs of the members;" "he was a great man that everyone like and respected."



During his early years in Detroit, Tim started a family resulting in the birth of his two children, Janet and Jeffery. T.L. met and married the late Sylvairine Boykin and together they enjoyed traveling, growing personally and professionally until Sylvairine departed life in May 2018. While they did not have children together, they opened their home to younger relatives whom they encouraged and cherished.

He loved life and affirmed it daily. His priority was to keep a positive mindset and not let anyone affect that. He treated every day like a blessing.

One of the joys of his life was supporting and attending the Caldwell-Ferguson Family Reunion. No matter where it was held, this is where he was the happiest.

He co-chaired and attended reunions for decades until his health failed. Family members lovingly called him by several familiar names. Whether it was Joe, Scace, T.L. or Tim, he enjoyed the love and attention.

Timothy often expressed his gratitude for friends and family members who helped with his mobility issues. He acknowledged and appreciated the friendship and care given by special people including the Macklin, Hall, and Moore families during the past several months.

Tim is survived by his children, Janet (Earnest) Casey, IL, and Jeffery (Tracey) Ferguson, CO; grandson, Douglas Christopher (Jessica) in MD, Tim, and Calvin (Kaye) Casey, in TN and Shawn Casey in TX, brothers, Leon Ferguson, Sr. (Jacqueline) and Willie T. Ferguson, brother-in-law, Elijah Boykin, Jr., all in MI; sisters-in-law, French Selois (Ron) Wilson and Lillie Mae Matthews in IL, along with six grands, nineteen great grands and a host of extended family and friends.



## Musical Prelude

## Officiant

**Bishop Zetta Roberts**  
Starlight Temple of Prayer

## Scripture Reading

**Superintendent Larry Ferguson**  
Glover Memorial Church of God in Christ

## Prayer

## Expressions

Due to time and environmental constraints please limit your expression to two minutes.

**Mr. Kevin Ferguson**

**Mr. Bill Crews**  
President - UAW Retirees Local 262

**Superintendent Larry Ferguson**

## Resolutions/Acknowledgments

**Ms. French Selois Wilson**

## Musical Selection

**Ms. Shelia Oden**

## Eulogy

**Bishop Zetta Roberts**

## Benediction/Recessional

