

## Acknowledgement

We the family Vernon L. Dodd wish to express our sincerest appreciation to our many friends for the many acts of kindness and love shown during our moments of sorrow. The Lord has been good to us and we thank you for being there with us. May God forever bless and keep each of you as our prayer.



You were my rock, my hero, the first man I laid eyes on.  
Daddy it's so hard to believe you're gone.  
You were more than my dad; you were my first love.  
I'll miss your kisses, I'll miss your hugs, and our talks.  
My heart is hurting so bad, I pray God will touch it.  
I'll love you always and I'm forever your Dutchess.  
Pops I'm gonna miss pulling up and having long talks with you.  
I wasn't finished yet, we had so much more to do.  
You always set the bar; you knew how to lead.  
You're the type of father even a grown man needs.  
When it comes to being a father, you did it best.  
We'll miss you daddy but go and get your rest.  
It's time to close your final chapter of your book of love.  
Shine down on us, as we look to you above.  
We have many memories and for that we thank God.  
The best memory is you being our father "Vernon Dusty Dodd"

Love Jamon and Kiyana

### Pallbearers

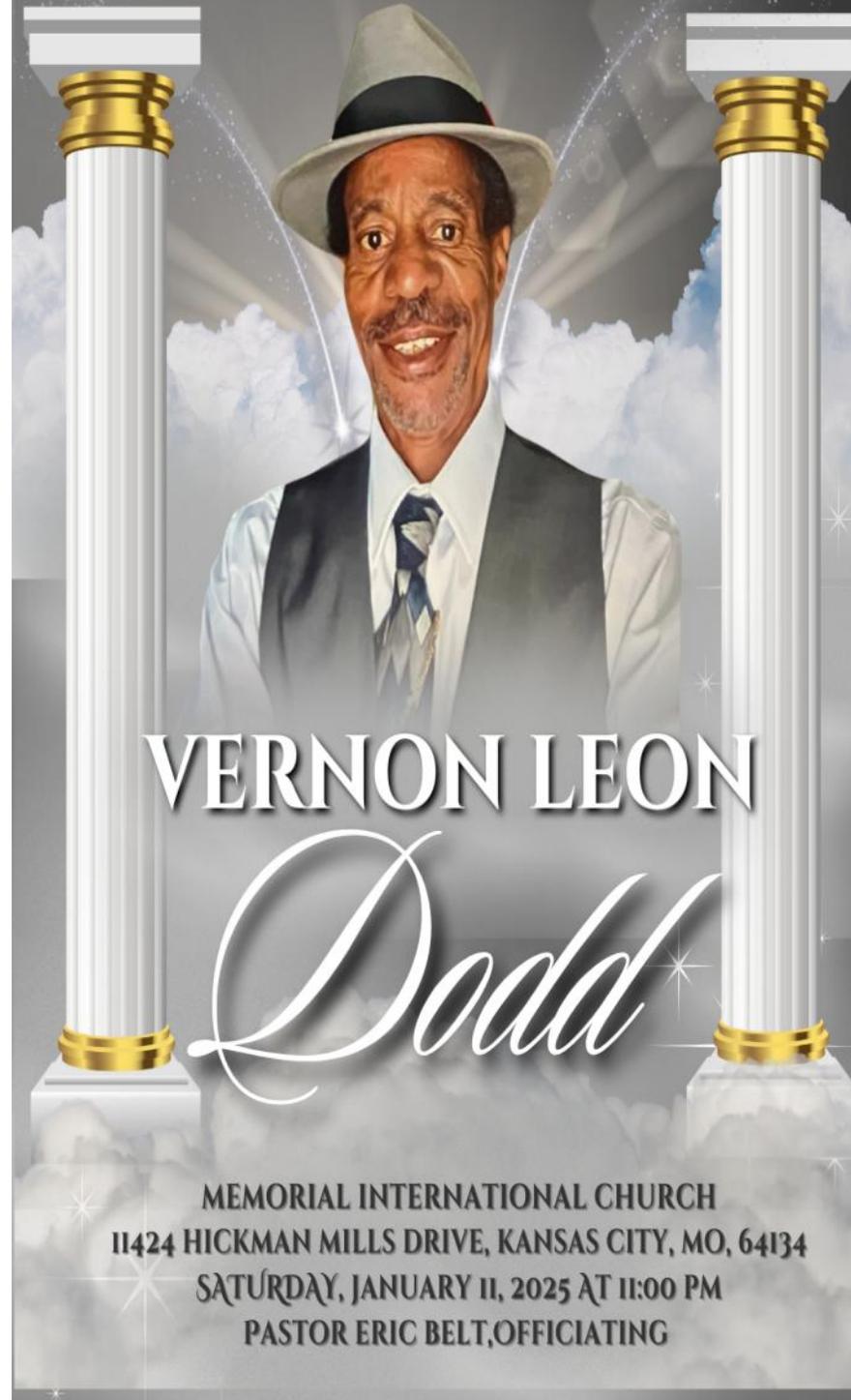
Deonta Dodd Young  
Kandass Terry  
Harold Sauls  
Adarius Gunnels  
Deon Moss Jr. (DJ)  
John Gunnels II  
Damond Albritton  
(Smoke)  
Lonnie Porter

### Honorary Pallbearers

Jody Lucus  
Terry Clark  
James Dorsey Jr.  
Kevin Harvey  
John Gunnels Sr.  
Glenn Gunnels  
Wayne Harvey Jr.  
Bryant Johnson

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY

APRIL 17, 1956 - DECEMBER 25, 2024



VERNON LEON

Dodd

MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

11424 HICKMAN MILLS DRIVE, KANSAS CITY, MO, 64134

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025 AT 11:00 PM

PASTOR ERIC BELT, OFFICIATING



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:

**Golden Gate**

**Funeral & Cremation Services, LLC**

2800 East 18th Street, Kansas City, MO 64127

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## Reflections of His Life

Vernon Leon “Dusty” Dodd was born April 17, 1956 in Kansas City Missouri to the union of Mr. J.D. Dodd and Ms. Emma Bell Dodd.

Vernon was accepted and adopted into the Islamic temple and was given the holy name Hanee. All praise is given unto the higher spirit for his acceptance unto the temple of Allah

Vernon attended Wendell Phillips elementary, Lincoln Junior, and high school. Vernon went to Community College of Mobley, where he received several degrees. He worked at Saint Stephen Baptist Church for 28 years until his health declined.

Vernon is preceded in death by mother Emma Dodd, father J.D. Dodd, brother James Dorsey Sr., sister Dorthey Harvey and Brother in Law Wayne Harvey. Vernon departed from us Wednesday, December 25, 2024.

He leaves to cherish his memory, the love of his life, Tonna Dodd, whom he married on February 14, 1987. From the union he had his first and only son, Jamon, L. Buford of Kansas City, MO, and his only daughter Kiyana L. Dodd of Kansas City, MO, to whom he affectionately refers to her as his “Dutchess”, His eight grandkids: Jamon L. Buford II, Kiy’Shon L. Nelson, Khalis L. Nelson, Jamarion L. Buford, Saryah L. Buford, Nakeyiah Buford, Christen L. Buford. His five great grandkids: Noah Buford, Yasir Buford, Jeyli Buford, Eliani Buford, Khy’Mir Nelson. His sister Johnny Mae Gunnels of Kansas City, MO, Joyce Ann Johnson of Houston, Texas, Mary Dodd Anthony of Kansas City, MO, Rita Dodd of Houston, Texas, a sister in law Richella Dorsey of Inglewood, CA, his only brother Eddie L. Dodd (Mickey), and special brother Jody Lucuas (Lee), a special friend Olivia Dyan Osborne and family of Kansas City, MO, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

## ~ Order of Service ~

Prelude.....Soft Music

Scriptures.....Pastor Phyllis Gunnels

Prayer.....Elder Randy Owens

Selection.....Michelle Standifer-Stevens

Acknowledgements.....Avah Albritton  
& Condolences

Life Reflections.....Read in Silence  
Video Presentation

Remarks.....Friends & Family  
Please Limit to 2 Minutes

Praise Dance.....Nicole Gunnels

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Eric Belt

Recessional

Benediction

~Repast Immediately Following~

