

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Leroy E. Birch would like to extend our great appreciation for each and every person who has shared our hour of sorrow and blessing. For your loving and caring hearts has allowed the journey of mourning with some comfort knowing he was loved by all of you as well. We wish to acknowledge friends, AA, NA, Co-workers Youth, parents of youths and acquaintances, our deepest most grateful thanks.

### *Active Pallbearers*

Eric Strader  
Ronald Amos  
Dennis Carroll  
Bill Johnson  
Danny Lewis  
Tyrone Ruthland

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Samuel Strickland  
Gregory Gibson  
Roy Cottrell  
Lee Riley  
Mike Roger  
Jeff Bates

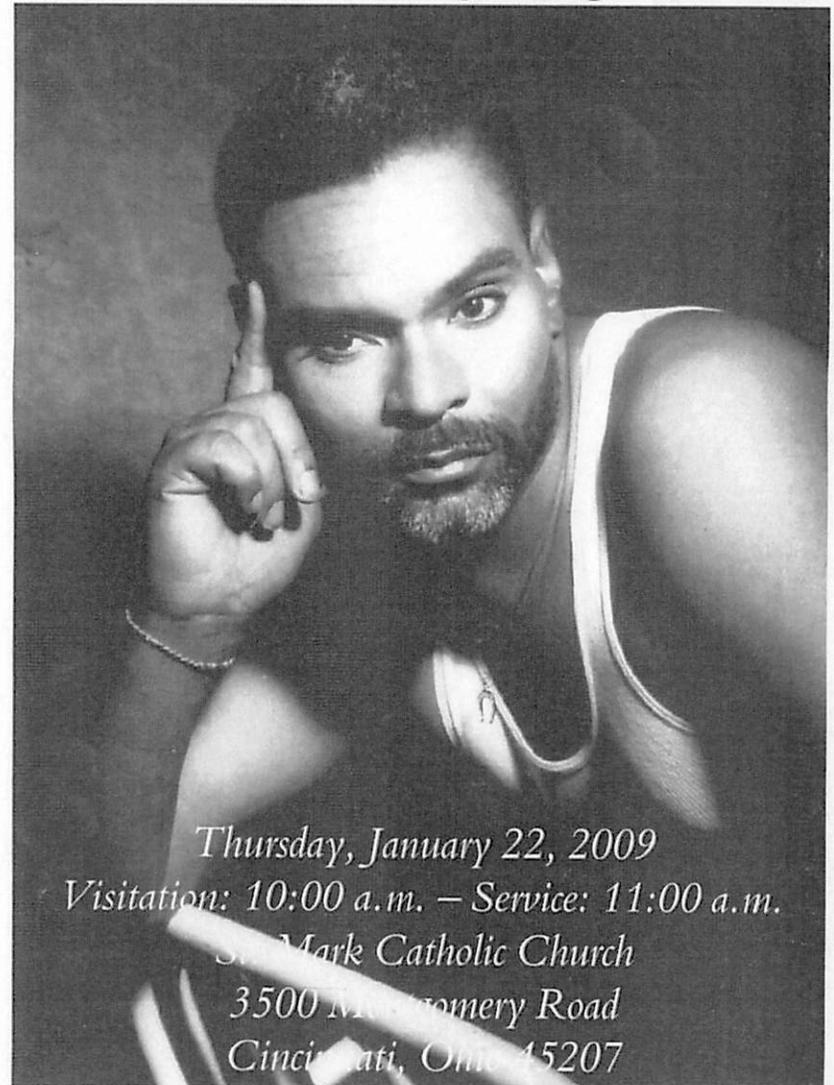


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## *Celebrating the Life and Spirit of Leroy Eugene Birch*

*November 28, 1948 - January 13, 2009*



*Thursday, January 22, 2009  
Visitation: 10:00 a.m. – Service: 11:00 a.m.  
St. Mark Catholic Church  
3500 Montgomery Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45207*

## *His Legacy*

*Leroy Eugene Birch* was born November 28, 1948 to Clara Birch and the loving families of the Stevens and Straders. He was baptized at the original Church of God in Christ (James Temple) located in Cincinnati, Ohio. He departed this life on January 13, 2009 at 8:05 a.m. at the Hospice of Cincinnati.

Leroy graduated from Withrow High School in 1966. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology on February 28, 1997 from the Union Institute University. Leroy served on the Board of Directors of the Alcohol Drug and Addiction Services (ADAS) for several years. He was a long standing member of Alcohol Anonymous and Narcotic's Anonymous combined for the past 25 years. He was one of the original NA members to be instrumental in establishing the strong membership for the Cincinnati branch of Narcotic's Anonymous. Leroy was a willing sponsor and he helped counsel numerous recovering NA members.

Leroy was a licensed CCDC III-E Social Worker Specialist for the Hamilton County Juvenile Courts (Hillcrest location), retiring in March 2007. He established the Young Fathers Program in the late 1980's at Saint John's Social Services of Cincinnati, Ohio. His ultimate goal was to encourage young men to embrace the role of fatherhood. He was a father figure to many children.

He leaves to mourn his passing: daughter, Shanda L. Birch; son, Monalo Birch Caldwell Sr.; three grandchildren, Sharece Birch, Tyshanna Birch and Monalo Caldwell Jr.; sisters, Marilyn Matthews, Carmen Bowen-Bush; brother, Eric Vaughn Strader, and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

## *Order of Service*

<i>Prelude</i> .....	<i>Music</i>
<i>Parting View</i> .....	<i>The Family</i>
<i>Scripture</i> .....	<i>John 17:1-8</i>
<i>Prayer</i> .....	<i>Mark 8:22-38</i>
<i>Selection</i> .....	<i>Music (organ)</i>
<i>Remarks</i> .....	
	<i>Samuel Strickland, Lee Riley, Dennis Carroll</i>
	<i>Jerry Rotterman, Vicky Brown-Smith</i>
<i>Acknowledgements</i> .....	<i>Elise Bowen</i>
<i>Obituary</i> .....	<i>(Read Silently)</i>
<i>Selection</i> .....	<i>Music</i>
<i>Eulogy</i> .....	<i>Father Jim Hasse</i>
<i>Benediction</i> .....	
<i>Recessional</i> .....	

## *Interment*

*Walnut Hills Cemetery*