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Flower Bearers and Pall Bearers

Nieces and Nephews

Do Not go where the path may lead. go instead where there is no path and leave a trail

Nothing is more simple then greatness, indeed, to be simple is to be great

A man is what he thinks about all day long

Don't be pushed by your Problems Be led by your dreams.

Ray

Acknowledgement

The family of Ray Ledbetter extends heartfelt thanks for the many comforting messages, prayers, and acts of kindness received. Your love and support have brought us comfort and peace during this time. We are deeply grateful for each of you and pray that God blesses you abundantly and keeps you in perfect peace.

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Homegoing CELEBRATION



Mr. Ray James Ledbetter

March 23, 1947 ~ December 23. 2025

Tuesday, December 30, 2025
12:00 PM
St. John CME Church
350 NW Crawford Place
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27105
Pastor George A. Dix, Jr., Presiding
Rev. Angela Brown Dix, Eulogist

The Obituary

Ray James Ledbetter was born to Naomi Ledbetter in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on March 23, 1947. He was born the fourth child of eleven.

Ray attended Kimberly Park School and Paisley High School, graduating in the class of 1966. He continued his education at Forsyth Technical Institute in Architectural Drafting and Winsalem College to earn credits in Business. In 1968 Ray was drafted into service for the United States Army where he reached the rank of Sargent. Having been honorably discharged, Ray was the first black hired at Fairchild/Heller Industries in the Space and Electronics department. Later Ray became the first black electrician and subsequently, the first black to supervise engineering at R J Reynolds Archer. Simultaneously, Ray used his business acumen to become an entrepreneur having owned Premier Charter Bus and Tiffany Limo Service.

Ray Ledbetter was a devoted servant to his church and community, best known for his generosity and unwavering commitment to others. Ray Ledbetter played a key role in building and maintaining the church, ensuring it was a true place of worship and service. He provided a hot breakfast every Sunday for the Sunday school, fostering fellowship and joy until the COVID-19 pandemic. He also supported church ministries and events, often working quietly behind the scenes to ensure their success.

Ray's passion of recent years was giving back to his community through the Paisley Alumni Association. In most recent years, as president of the Paisley Alumni Association, he proudly partnered with his classmate to build his vision, the Legacy Wall and Mascot, to preserve their history.

Ray's most recent cherished moments were those spent with his grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Lifelong memories are those with his entire family… the gatherings, the meals, the laughs, and all the love.

With his loved ones gathered closely around him, Ray James Ledbetter transitioned home peacefully on Tuesday evening, December 23, 2025. He was preceded in death by his devoted mother; his sisters Barbara Herring and Ann Hunt; his brothers, Jerry and Oscar Ledbetter; and his grandchildren, Elissa Ray'lynn McCall-Ledbetter and Rayquan D'norris McCall-Ledbetter.

Cherishing his memory are his children: Donna Rae Ledbetter Gaddy, Jeffrey Ledbetter, and Cristan (Regina) Brown. He leaves behind four grandchildren: Taylor Ledbetter, Courtney Gaddy, Nicholas Gaddy, and Cristan Brown Jr. His legacy continues through his great-grandchildren: Kaylee Ledbetter, Caleb Mock, Ryann Stephens, and Layla Stephens.

He is also survived by his siblings: Jacqueline Spencer, Miriam (David) Wagner, Tyrone (Derreka) Ledbetter, Linda Fox, Bernadette (Vaughn) Booker, and Donna (Calvin) Hendrickson; brothers in law, Richard Herring and Robert Hunt; and sisters in law Lynette Ledbetter and Sallie Ledbetter; as well as a host of special and proud nieces and nephews.

Ray's legacy is one of selfless service, steadfast faith, and deep love for his family and all whose lives he touched. Ray's life will be remembered as a devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend whose kindness touched all who knew him.

Order of Service

Processional

Pastor George A. Dix, Jr., Presiding

Family Visitation

11:30 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Opening Selection "It Is Well With My Soul" Big Four Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Isiah 41:10 Rev. Dorothy Barnhill
New Testament I Corinthians 15:54-57 Rev. Lydell Thompson

Prayer of Comfort Rev. George A. Dix, Jr.

Selection "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Big Four Choir

Words of Comfort Rev. Omar L. Dykes

Resolution St. John CME Church

Reflections

St. John CME Church Allen Speas
Paisley Alumni Association Miles Harry
Family Willie Hampton, III
Family Tyrone Ledbetter

Selection "A Change Has Come Over Me" Big Four Choir

Eulogy Rev. Angela Brown Dix

Recessional

Interment New Evergreen Cemetery
2124 New Walkertown Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27101















