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Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION..... DEACON DERRICK PURCELL

OPENING HYMN "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 46 REV. LUCILLE GRIFFIN

PRAYER OF FAITH..... DEACON JAMES BROWN

MUSICAL SELECTION.....MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH CHOIR

WORDS OF COMFORT

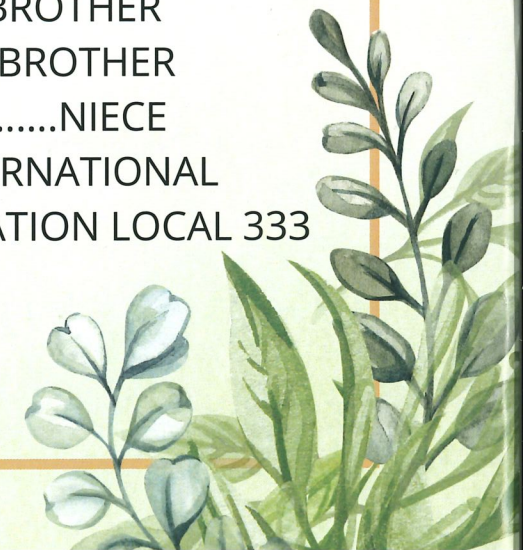
MINISTER/DEACON LEON MONROE.....MT. ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH
CHAIRMAN OF DEACON BOARD

MR. DONALD GRESHAM.....BROTHER

MR. LEONARD GRESHAMBROTHER

MINISTER ASHLEY WILLIAMS.....NIECE

MS. ROBIN RICHARDSON.....INTERNATIONAL
LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION LOCAL 333





ACKNOWLEDGEMENTSSIS. SHARON THOMAS

OBITUARY MINISTER ERNESTINE DAIL


SERMONIC SELECTION..... MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH CHOIR
SIS. DONNA THOMAS, MUSIC DIRECTOR

EULOGY..... REV. MARK A. RIDDIX, III
SENIOR PASTOR

BENEDICTION

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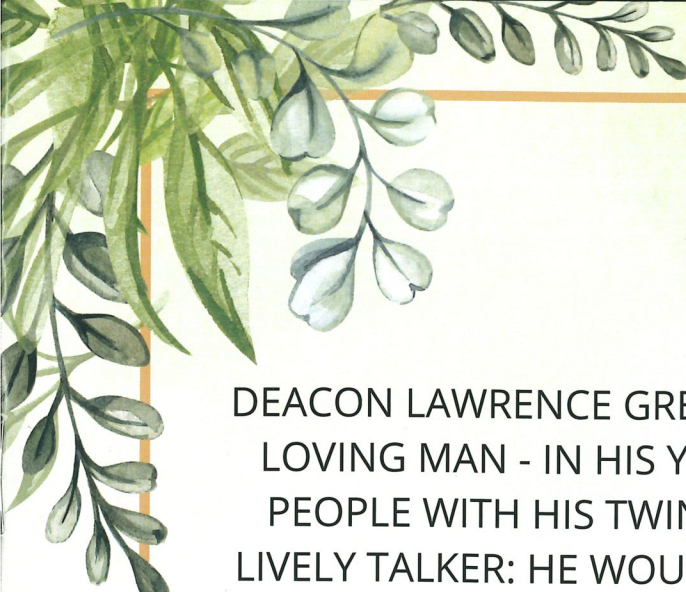
Obituary

ON JANUARY 1ST, 1945, LAWRENCE GRESHAM WAS BORN TO THE LATE LESTER AND ELIZABETH GRESHAM IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. LAWRENCE WAS THE ELDEST OF TWELVE; BORN JUST ONE HOUR AHEAD OF HIS TWIN BROTHER, LEONARD GRESHAM.

AFTER FIGHTING A LENGTHY ILLNESS, DEACON LAWRENCE GRESHAM WAS CALLED HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD ON APRIL 21ST, 2023.

LAWRENCE WAS EDUCATED IN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. HE GRADUATED FROM BALTIMORE CITY COLLEGE AND WENT ON TO WORK AS A LONGSHOREMAN AT THE PORT OF BALTIMORE FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE MARRIED LORETTA FRIDAY ON AUGUST 3RD, 1974. HE LOVED SURROUNDING HIMSELF WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. LAWRENCE LOVED HIS CHURCH AND CHURCH FAMILY. HE BECAME AN ORDAINED DEACON IN 1992. DEACON LAWRENCE GRESHAM SERVED ON MANY MINISTRIES, INCLUDING PRISON, WELLNESS, TRANSPORTATION, INTERCESSORY PRAYER, MISSIONS, AND SATURDAY SCHOOL.





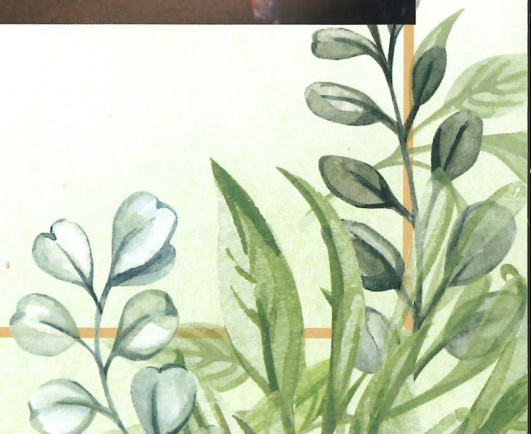
DEACON LAWRENCE GRESHAM WAS A KIND-HEARTED, FUNNY, LOVING MAN - IN HIS YOUNGER YEARS PLAYING TRICKS ON PEOPLE WITH HIS TWIN BROTHER. HE LOVED TO LAUGH. A LIVELY TALKER: HE WOULD STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH ANYONE ANYWHERE. HIS HOBBIES INCLUDED READING AND LISTENING TO THE TV AT THE SAME TIME, FIXING OLD THINGS, AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY. MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE LOVED GOD AND BELIEVED IN PRAYER; ALWAYS TELLING FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO PRAY ABOUT EVERY SITUATION.

IN ADDITION TO HIS PARENTS, DEACON LAWRENCE GRESHAM WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS FOUR SIBLINGS: WILLIAM GRESHAM, CLARENCE GRESHAM, CHARLOTTE GRESHAM, AND JACQUELINE GRESHAM. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DEACON LORETTA GRESHAM; HIS GIRLS, SHAYNA BOOTHE-STERRETT (HELENA BOOTHE-STERETT), NICOLE GRESHAM-OKAFOR, LATASHA GRESHAM-JAMES (EDWIN JAMES) AND MELANIE COLEMAN; HIS GRANDCHILDREN, EDWIN JAMES, III, GIADA JAMES, LAUREN OKAFOR, AND SAMUEL JAMES; HIS TWIN BROTHER LEONARD GRESHAM (CAROLYN GRESHAM), SISTERS MARY CATHERINE CRAWLEY, MARGARET CLARK (CLINTON CLARK, SR.), AND THOMASINA GRESHAM, BROTHERS JAMES GRESHAM AND DONALD GRESHAM; AND HAPPY HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS, IN-LAWS AND FRIENDS.

THIS IS A CELEBRATION OF A LIFE WELL LIVED.









I LOVE YOU FOR BEING A HUSBAND WITH SO MUCH LOVE TO
SHARE.

I LOVE YOU FOR BEING A FATHER WHO SHOWS SUCH
WARMTH AND CARE.

I LOVE YOU FOR BEING THE MAN THAT ONLY YOU COULD BE.
I LOVE YOU FOR BEING EVERYTHING THAT MEANS THE MOST
TO ME.

LOVE ALWAYS LORETTA

DEAR POP POP

YOU WERE A GREAT SON, BROTHER, FATHER, UNCLE & POP
POP. MORE THAN THAT YOU WERE A GREAT CHILD OF GOD.
IT'S SAD TO SEE YOU GO, BUT WE KNOW YOU WILL NEVER
LEAVE US. YOU ARE UP IN THE HEAVENS WATCHING DOWN
ON US. PROTECTING AND STILL KEEPING US SAFE. PEOPLE
FADE AWAY BUT THEIR MEMORIES SHARED WILL ALWAYS
STAY. AND JUST LIKE YOU, YOUR MEMORY WILL NEVER BE
FORGOTTEN.

LOVE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

OUR FAMILY IS GRATEFUL FOR ALL PRAYERS & SUPPORT

