

Pallbearers

Michael L. Osby
Darrell Mason
Austin Osby

Kenneth Williamson, Jr.
Brian Himes
Phil Watson

Honorary Pallbearers

Leonard E. Himes, Jr.
John Osby
Larry Russworm

Michael Osby
Kenneth Russworm
Craig Himes

Flower Bearers

Karla Osby
Cassie Coleman

Mia Coleman
Linda Watson

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
12813 N.E. 50th Street
Spencer, Oklahoma 73084

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

SERVICES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

TEMPLE AND SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.

2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111
Phone: 405-427-8321

"We Care"

In Loving Memory of



Leonard E. Himes, Sr.

Sunrise

November 16, 1921

Sunset

February 14, 2021

Services

Saturday, February 27, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Tabitha Baptist Church

1219 Northeast Grand Blvd.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Reverend Jeff L. Mitchell - Officiating

LEONARD E. HIMES, SR. was born November 16, 1921 in Eagle City, OK to Brazelia (Ross) and William Himes. He was the sixth of ten children. He grew up in Haywood, a small community NW of Watonga, OK. There he attended school and was baptized at Rising Sun church. After he graduated from high school, he attended Langston University for one semester then had to return home to assist his father with the farm because his three older brothers had been drafted.

He grew up in the same community as Elsie L. Parker and they married in March 1945 in Watonga, OK. Soon afterwards, he was drafted to the Army and went to South Korea for a short time. He returned on the day their son Leonard, Jr. (Joe) was born. Three years later another child, Eloise (Kitten) was born. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1951 when Leonard got a job at Tinker Air Force Base; the family found a new church home at Tabitha Baptist Church.

Leonard loved to travel. Almost every summer the family set out for a journey across the states to Los Angeles, CA to spend time with his siblings and parents. They often stopped along the way to visit other family or friends, and places like the Grand Canyon. Leonard captured lots of these events with his camera.

Leonard and Elsie divorced in 1969. In June 1971, Leonard married Marcella Osby, a widow with two small boys; John and Michael.

Leonard had a servant's heart and often helped others with their yards and other minor home repairs. After thirty years at Tinker AFB, he retired in April 1981 and continued to travel and help others. He was also a great help to his daughter and her two daughters, Marcie and Deidre, who called him 'Daddy'.

Leonard joined Unity Baptist Church during his second marriage and attended there until Marcella's death in 1993. Afterwards, he returned to Tabitha and was on the Citywide Usher Board and served as Chairman of the Trustees Board for eleven years.

In 2012 he suffered a stroke and went to live with his dear friend, Clementine Wright, who cared for him for several years until he went to stay at the Norman Veteran Center, where he passed away on Sunday afternoon, February 14, 2021 at the age of ninety-nine.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Cecil, Leslie, Melvin and Decima; sisters: Vivian, Ines, and Lois Russworm; and his second wife Marcella.

He leaves to cherish his memory his brother William Himes of OKC; mother of his children, Elsie Himes of OKC; daughter Eloise Himes of OKC; sons Leonard Himes, Jr. and Michael Osby (Karla), both of OKC; son John Osby (Roseanne) of Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy, Funeral Directors, Family

Musical Selection "Everyday Is a Day Of Thanksgiving"

Scripture
Old Testament Psalm 84:10
New Testament 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Prayer

Musical Selection "Rough Side Of The Mountain"

Resolutions/Acknowledgements

Remarks

Musical Selection "He Knows Just How Much You Can Bear"

Words of comfort Reverend J.L. Mitchell

Reflection Video

Recessional Clergy, Funeral Directors, Family

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair;

Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say;

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much whatever the part.