

## Obituary

Robert or Bobby as everyone called him, was born September 12, 1930 in Fulton, MO to Lawrence and Lucinda Reese. He had one brother, Sam Reese. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother.

Bobby grew up in Fulton, MO and attended elementary and high school at The Lincoln University Laboratory High School in Jefferson City, MO where he was an honor student and very active in extracurricular activities like tap dancing, singing, basketball and baseball. After high school he attended Lincoln University, also in Jefferson City, MO where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Arts and was an active member in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and intramural sports.

In 1949 he met the love of his life, Ella Pearl Ward at Lincoln University and they dated all through college. Upon graduating, he joined the United States Air Force and was stationed at Williams Air Force base in Arizona and serviced there for 4 years. On December 27, 1953 he married Ella Pearl Ward in Stillwater, OK and on August 20, 1957 they welcomed their only child, Bernard Lawrence Reese.

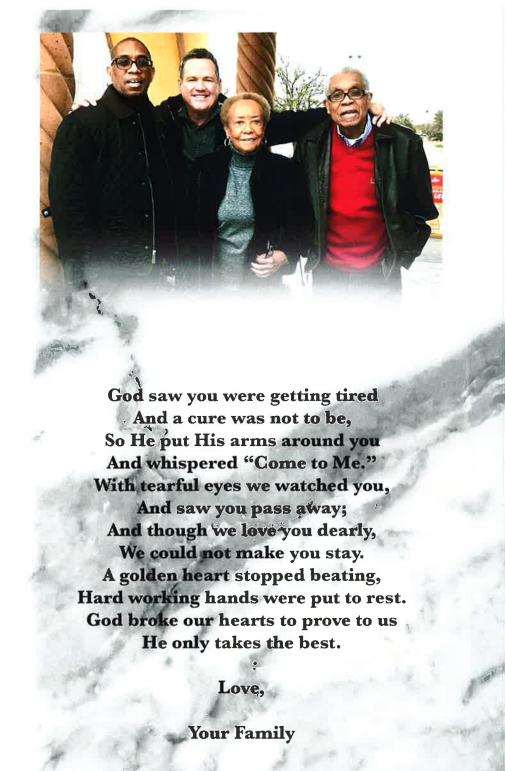
After the military, the family moved to Oklahoma City, OK where he became a teacher at Douglass High School where he taught Graphic Arts. While teaching at Douglass, he attended Oklahoma State University and obtained a Masters Degree. He later became the Assistant Director of Vocational Education for the Oklahoma City Public Schools and was there for years before retiring.

Bobby was very active in the community and his church, Greater Cleaves Memorial CME Church. At Greater Cleaves he served on the Steward Board, was in the choir, and he ushered in the church.

Bobby also loved working in his yard and loved talking about growing up in Fulton, MO and telling stories about growing up there as a child. He was a very likeable, friendly and personable to everyone he met and never met a stranger that he would not strike up a conversation with or tell a joke to.

At his final residence, The Norman Veterans Center in Norman, OK where he was very well cared for, he made many friends who also commented what a nice and sweet soul he was. They will miss him very much.

He leaves to mourn, his wife of 67 years, Ella Pearl Reese and son, Bernard Lawrence Reese, sister-in-law, Shirley Reese and many cousins, relatives and friends who will also miss him dearly.



## Order of Service

**Processional**Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

**Prayer**Pastor James L. Dunbar

**Scripture**Old Testament & New Testament

Military Salute US Air Force

**Words of Comfort**Pastor James L. Dunbar

**Closing Prayer** 

Recessional