

In loving Memory of

Jerome Eldon Newby

Sunrise August 16, 1963

Sunset November 16, 2023



Homegoing Service

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Wake 11:30am

Services 12:00pm

Lee Road Baptist Church

3970 Lee Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44128

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Selection & Memories – “Dear God” Smokie Norful ~ Michelle Levy

Selection – “Medley” Marvin Winans ~ Michelle Levy

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Isaiah 54:10

New Testament – Ephesians 5:1-2

Reverend Dr. Napoleon J. Harris

Antioch Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Anthony L. Flowers

Emmanuel AME Zion

Selection – “Goodness of God” CeCe Winans ~ Michelle Levy

Resolutions

Reading of Obituary – Deacon Derek Dixon

Selection – Open up my heart – Yolanda Adams ~ Michelle Levy

The Eulogy – Reverend Dr. James P. Quincy III

Benediction

Recessional

“Until we meet again” Chief

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Highland Park Cemetery

21400 Chagrin Boulevard

Cleveland, Ohio 44122

The Life Journey of Jerome Newby

Jerome Eldon Newby was born August 16, 1963, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Juanita and the late Carl Quilly Newby. The couple's first child was Leigh Ann Newby, followed years later by Jerome. Their family resided in Cleveland, Ohio, and Jerome grew up as a member of Lee Road Baptist Church where he accepted the Lord Jesus as his Savior on June 26, 1977 at the age of twelve.

Jerome attended Beehive Elementary School of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and Lutheran East High School in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Jerome was an excellent student and excelled in his academics, which led him to become an active member of INROADS, a nationwide intern program that prepares qualified high school students for effectiveness in the corporate world. During his childhood, Jerome enjoyed many sports and particularly excelled in ice hockey, which led him to receive a scholarship to Kent State University. There, he double majored in Finance and Marketing. During the spring semester of 1983 at Kent State, Jerome pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and was inducted into the Gamma Tau Chapter. He served as a council officer of the Black Greek Council. Jerome would eventually transfer to and graduate from Cleveland State University where he served as the Dean of Pledges for the Alpha Omega chapter.

In the fall of that year, he met the woman who would become the love of his life and caregiver, Angela Slocum. The two were introduced by a dear friend, Mallory Lawlor, resulting in a fun-loving debate behind their first encounter that went on for years.

A candlelight ceremony provided the backdrop for the exchange of Jerome and Angela's wedding nuptials on September 5, 1992 in the sanctuary at Antioch Baptist Church, officiated by Reverend Dr. Marvin A. McMickle. To this blessed union, five wonderful children were born: Brandon (Kaylynn) of Houston, Texas; Tyler (Allson-Daughter-in-law to be) of Columbus, Ohio; and Jordon, Jacob and Lillian, all of Solon, Ohio.

Jerome was a very proud husband and father who deeply loved his family and enjoyed sharing with others all the wonderful accomplishments his children were achieving in their lives. He would continually encourage each of them to love God, be good people, be kind and respectful, always strive to do their best in every endeavor, make good grades in school because they had the ability to do so, and complete college. He was so very proud of each one of them, all of whom were blessed with their own unique qualities, yet which they generously shared for the betterment of the whole family and for the unique paths each have taken in life. Not a day passed without each of them hearing the words "I love you" from his lips.

Jerome strived to be a good example, and believed in hard work. He always worked to provide for his family through many wonderful job opportunities and business ventures. During the last five years of his life, he struggled with many health difficulties, but it never stopped him from wanting to spend time with his family, and provide for them. Pushing through, he never complained about his health, and kept working through all that he faced. He strived to make every hospital stay as short as possible, driven by a strong desire to maximize the time he would spend at home with his wife and children. When people inquired about how he was feeling, he would consistently respond "I feel good." or "I am feeling fine." Despite his own challenges, he never failed to ask in turn about the welfare of others through their own life struggles.

In the last three months of his life, he started working earnestly on a business plan every day, pulling together business partners, researching and typing, even in the face of failing vision. He had a goal in mind to come as close as possible to ensure that his wife, Angela, would not be saddled with burdensome expenses during the last few years of his illness.

Jerome was a strong man who fought until the very end. Despite all his health problems, he came to be known as a man who would pull through whatever the current illness was. Even when he was too weak to communicate as normal, Jerome drew enough strength to open his eyes, a signal to his wife that he still heard her. At other times, he would lovingly offer a slight shoulder shrug. Occasionally, a small tear

would fall from his eye. In light of that reputation of overcoming, Jerome's passing was unexpected. God called him home on Thursday, November 16, 2023. He transitioned peacefully without pain, surrounded by his loving family and friends, who provided him a soft, melodious rendition of "It is Well with My Soul" that escorted him into Glory. He had finally received his well-deserved rest and healing. He remains deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his wife, children, family, and friends.

"Acknowledgements"

Our sincerest and deepest expressions of gratitude are extended to Jerome's friends and fraternity brothers who always took time to receive daily phone calls from Jerome. Your conversations got him through each day. He looked so forward to those daily conversations of deep talk, catching up, walking down memory lane, sports, politics, the frat, lots of laughs and everything in between. For always being there, sometimes through very late-night talks and prayers, whether in the hospital or at home, the family is truly grateful. Taking him to and from doctors' appointments, and just to get him out and about, we thank you because you showed up!

You know who you all are, and Jerome loved you guys immensely.

A sincere word of thankfulness is extended to Dr. Yalavarthy and his team, Paulette, Samantha, Alicia, and to our Brittany. Your kindness and care never went unnoticed. You brought us through very challenging times. Treating Jerome less like a patient and more like a friend or family member became your true identity. Being patient with me as you each guided me through his home care has been more valuable than I am able to put into words. You were always there when we needed you.

To our family and friends, thank you for all the calls, texts, preparations of food, gifts, or just making a call to pray or just to listen. You were loving to us and were praying for us through it all. You are loved and sincerely appreciated.

Words cannot express our gratitude.

May God continue to bless each of you,

Angela and Children



Pall Bearers and Honorary Pallbearers

Henry Caston
Allen Neval
Eric Ball
Kenny Jackson
Terrence Bishop
Frank Grant
Phil Clancy
Martin Raxton
Paul Mosley
Mallory Lawlor

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Reverend Dr. Napoleon J. Harris and Reverend Anthony Flowers for beautifully and sweetly transitioning Jerome home to Glory as we said our goodbyes.

Pastor James Quincy

There are
blessings even
in the valleys.