



### *Interment*

Barnwell County Cemetery  
11907 Highway 278-Barnwell, SC 29812  
Committal Service ~ Prayer ~ Benediction  
Full Masonic Rites

### *Pall Bearers*

Masonic Brothers

### *Floral Attendants*

Magdalene Christian Church  
Fidelity Chapter No. 40

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of the late Elder Leon Harden like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to each of you for the kindness and love extended to us during our hours of bereavement. May God bless each of you. Special thanks to:

Agape Hospice  
Magdalene Christian Church (DOC)  
Miller Swamp Missionary Baptist Church  
Renewed Faith Ministries  
Ms. Birdie Washington  
Ms. Kara N. Troy (niece)  
Mr. Kané T. Mole (nephew)  
Ms. Starr P. Troy (niece)  
Bro. Frankie Williams Jr.  
Mr. Robert Washington  
Coach Eddie Dixon  
Deacon Orney Lee Sabb

### *Final Care and Arrangements Entrusted To*



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"Where Comfort Is Found In Memories"

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

# *Elder Leon Harden*

SUNRISE: MARCH 10, 1948

SUNSET: DECEMBER 13, 2023



MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M.

*Miller Swamp Missionary Church*

204 MILLER SWAMP CHURCH ROAD  
FAIRFAX, SOUTH CAROLINA 29827

PASTOR ANGELON BROOKS, PASTOR & OFFICIANT  
PASTOR CYNTHIA JOHNSON, EULOGIST

## Order of Service

Pastor Angelon Brooks, Presiding

Prelude.....Soft Music

Opening Selection ..... Mrs. Walene Penn

Scripture Readings.....Pastor Angelon Brooks

*Old Testament - Psalms 23*

*New Testaments - 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

Prayer of Comfort .....Reverend Tyriq Harley

Selection .....Ms. Starr P. Troy

How I Remembered Him (2 minutes please)

Magdalene Christian Church (DOC).....Dea. Orney L. Sabb

Allendale Branch NAACP..... Bro. Oliver Cohen

Fidelity Chapter No. 40.....Sis. Kiawanna Ritter

Prince Hall Grandmaster .....Bro. Victor Major

Acknowledgements .....Ms. Kara N. Troy

Selection .....Bro. Shawn Haynes

*Worshipful Master Allendale Lodge No. 53*

Words of Comfort .....Pastor Cynthia Johnson

*Magdalene Christian Church (DOC)*

Recessional.....“Take Me to the King” ..... Minister Rachel Jones



## Reflection of Life

Leon was born to Geneva Harden on March 10, 1948 and later reared by his grandmother, Gertrude Chess Harden. He was Grandma Gertie's precious jewel.

Early in life he joined Magdalene Christian Church (DOC) where he served as a deacon, an elder and member of the trustee board. Leon was a graduate of CV Bing High School Class of 1970. While there he mastered the art of brick masonry under the instruction of Mr. Clarence Allen. This vocation became his livelihood and afforded him many jobs in various states.

As years went by, he became a member of Allendale Lodge No. 53 and held the title of Worshipful Master then a member of Fidelity Chapter No. 40 Order of Eastern Star. At the Prince Hall Grand Lodge he held the office of Grand Tyler for approximately 27 years. He was a life member of the Allendale Branch NAACP for many years and served as president until his health began to decline. He was an affiliate of Robert Shaw Consistory of Orangeburg, SC, appointed Area Commissioner for Denmark Technical College once serving as chairman and a member of Allendale County Airport Commission.

His grandsons, Devonté and Christian were the joy of his life. He loved to amuse them by saying “Don't take no wooden nickels”.

Preceding him in death are his mother; grandmother; father, George Harley; stepfather, Noel Richards; brother, Lester Richards and sister, Willette Harley.

Those left to share his memory, wife Jettie; daughters Leslie and Tiffany; grandsons Devonté and Christian all of Columbia, SC; sister Ann and her sons Arin and Sterling of Sasche, TX; brother George (Krystal) Harley Jr. of Jacksonville, FL; a special friend, Larry Thompson of Raeford, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, loving cousins and dear friends.