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Cousins

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# *When I'm Gone*

*When I come to the end of my journey  
And I travel my last weary mile  
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned  
And remember only the smile*

*Forget unkind words I have spoken  
Remember some good I have done  
Forget that I ever had heartache  
And remember I've had loads of fun*

*Forget that I've stumbled and blundered  
And sometimes fell by the way  
Remember I have fought some hard battles  
And won, ere the close of the day*

*Then forget to grieve for my going  
I would not have you sad for a day  
But in summer just gather some flowers  
And remember the place where I lay*

*And come in the shade of evening  
When the sun paints the sky in the west  
Stand for a few moments beside me  
And remember only my best*

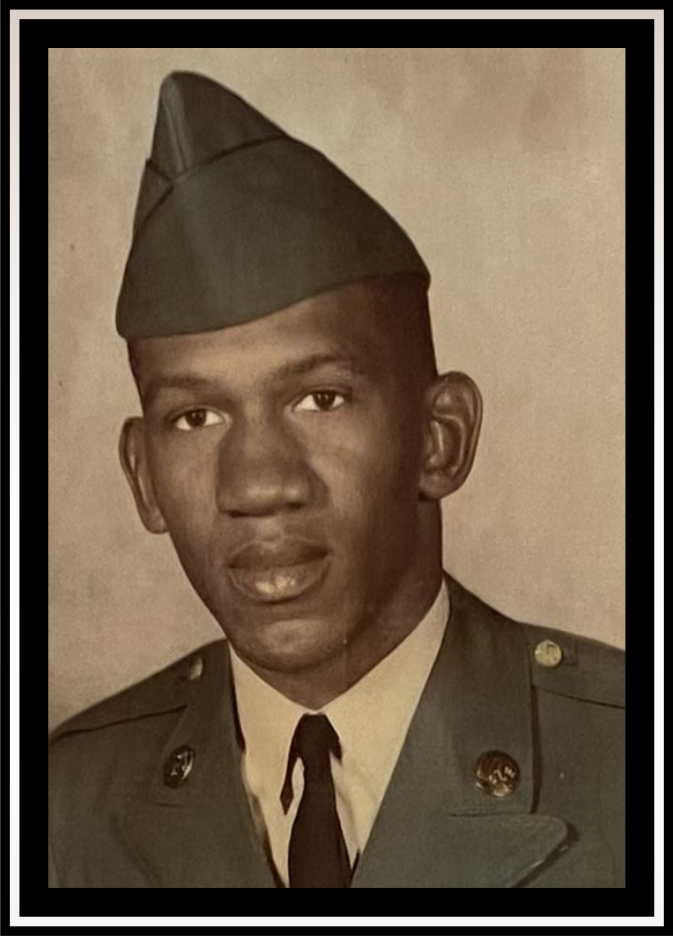
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# *Celebration of Life For Mr. Leander Stenson Bonds*



*~Service~*  
*Sunday, March 3, 2024*  
*2:00 PM.*  
*Mt. Ridge Missionary Baptist Church*  
*1401 Martin L. King, Jr., Blvd.*  
*Dalton, Georgia 30721*

*Dr. Jerry D. Jones, Sr., Eulogist*

**Born into Life:**  
**July 8, 1949**

**Lives in Eternity:**  
**February 26, 2024**



## *The Order of Service*

Prelude.....Mr. Adrian Ludy, Musician  
 Processional

Parting View.....Sealing of Remains

Selection.....

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Minister

New Testament.....Minister

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister

## Silent Reading of Obituary

Special Tribute.....Mr. Willie Almond

Resolutions &amp; Remarks.....(2 minutes please)

Selection.....

Eulogy.....Dr. Jerry D. Jones, Sr.  
Mt. Ridge Missionary Baptist Church, Dalton, Georgia

Recessional.....Bonds Brothers  
Postlude

*Committal, Prayer, Benediction, & Interment*

# West Hill Cemetery

## Dalton, Georgia

## Acknowledgement

*We, the family of the late Mr. Leander Stenson Bonds  
acknowledge with deep gratitude your kind expressions  
of sympathy extended during the loss of our loved one.  
The many encouraging and comforting words, the quiet  
and unspoken concern, the innumerable acts of  
kindness...these are priceless gems of friendship  
that warm our hearts and make our grief bearable.  
~The Family~*

*Loving Reflections  
for*

*Mr. Leander Stenson Bonds*



Mr. Leander Stenson Bonds was born on July 8, 1949. He was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child born to the late Morris Bonds and Gladys Pardlow Bonds. He joined the Mountain Ridge Baptist Church at an early age. He attended school at Emery Street and later graduated from Dalton High School Class of 1967. He went on to attend Dalton College and the University of West Georgia. He entered the United States Army in October of 1969. He completed

Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training before deploying on assignment to Korea to serve as a Stock Control and Accounting Specialist.

Leander was a lifelong learner who loved reading books and he always strived to make good grades in school. His family and close friends called him by nicknames, “Leedy and Leebo.” He had a deep appreciation for music, especially Classic Soul, R&B and Jazz. He always intended to go fishing, investing in expensive rods and reels, but found it hard to make it happen.

Leander completed his life's journey on Monday, February 26, 2024, at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. "To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8  
He was preceded by his parents, Morris Bonds and Gladys Pardlow Bonds, his beloved brother Tommy Watson Bonds, grandparents Watson Pardlow, Lola Booker Pardlow, Jim Bonds, and Bessie Bonds.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Tibbs Bonds; two cherished sons, Rodney Bonds and Christopher Bonds; sister, Patricia (Willie) Almond; brother, Lamar (Linda) Bonds; aunt, Wilma Bonds; two uncles, Marion Pardlow, Clarence Bonds; father-in-law, Walter Watson; nieces, nephews; a host of cousins; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law; other relatives, and friends.



# Precious Memories

