



Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr.

February 13, 1937 - January 1, 2020

Rev. Howard was born February 13, 1937, the son of Rev. Harry Howard and Cordelia Myles Howard. He was a member of Smithland Baptist Church and was the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Waterloo Baptist Church in Lorman and St. Mark Baptist Church in Port Gibson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Josie Lee Allen, Isabella Howard; four brothers, Alexander, Ulysee, Harry, Jr. and Joseph Howard and first wife, Alvin Louise Howard.

Survivors include: his wife, Louise Howard; three sons, Leon Howard, Jr., Gregory Howard and wife Carolyn, Gregory Chatman and wife Ava; four daughters, Minister Emma Woodfork and husband Willie, Debra Washington, Brenda Conner and husband Edward, and Lynda Howard; two step-sons, Henry "Pooh" Barnes and Trevis Barnes and wife Melody; three brothers, Robert Howard, Ivory Howard and Rev. D. W. Howard and wife Carrie; three sisters, Cordelia McMorris and husband Wayne, Jean Rankin and Emma Howard, grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be sent to www.westgatefh.com

Cemetery Details

Natchez National Cemetery

41 Cemetery Rd
Natchez, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street
Natchez, MS 39120
(601) 445-2008
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Celebration of Life Wake Service

JAN 9. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Smithland Baptis Church
1360 Hwy 61 N
Natchez, MS 39120

Committal Service

JAN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)


Natchez National Cemetery
41 Cemetery Rd
Natchez, MS

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr.*

September 17, 2022 at 03:10 AM

 Emily
Myles-
Keys

“ }**My Condolences to Family and Friends
who Loved him dearly.**{



Emily Myles-Keys - January 13, 2020 at 09:32 PM

SM

“ *Shirley Mazique-Phipps lit a candle in
memory of Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr.*



Shirley Mazique-Phipps - January 11, 2020 at 12:41 AM

CC

“ *Chriscella Clay lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Dr. Leon Howard Sr.*



Chriscella Clay - January 11, 2020 at 12:08 AM

SB

“ *The Barnes family will keep you all in our prayers. So sorry for your loss. Shawanda Barnes (Shaw)*

Shawanda Barnes - January 10, 2020 at 01:49 PM

SB

“ *Shawanda Barnes lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr.*



Shawanda Barnes - January 10, 2020 at 01:47 PM

MG

“ *While words will not bring your loved one back to you nor remove the pain that comes with the loss of a loved one - please know that you and your family are in my thoughts. Help each other through this time and give each other respect and patience to grieve in his/her own way. Share the good memories with each other. Forgive us if we fail to say the words that comfort you. Meanwhile, enjoy all of the casseroles, cards, flowers, hugs and stories.*



Millicent Smith Grant

Millicent Smith Grant - January 10, 2020 at 08:34 AM

BW

“ *Bettie Ward lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr.*



Bettie Ward - January 10, 2020 at 01:28 AM

LF

“ *Rev. Howard was a great leader in the community and always took time to discuss any concerns. He gave 100% to helping others whether it was a wedding, a baptism, funeral, blessing of a new home or praying for someone. Even as his health failed he never stopped praying for others and encouraging them. To Louise and the family carry on his legacy. There will be times that memories roll down your cheeks but just remember to carry him in your heart. Blessings to you. Lorraine F. Franklin*

Lorraine F. Franklin - January 09, 2020 at 11:08 PM

RC

“ *Rebecca C Crystian lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr.*



Rebecca C Crystian - January 09, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



West Gate Funeral Home - January 09, 2020 at 11:30 AM

RM

“ *May the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ give you strength and peace as you grieve the transition of Pastor Leon Howard. May God continue to extend His grace to the entire family as you rest in His care and trust in Him.*

*Sincerely,
Rev.Dr.Larry L. McClain*

Rev. Dr. Larry L. McClain - January 09, 2020 at 07:01 AM

CS

“ *CSims lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr.*



CSims - January 08, 2020 at 06:51 PM

AB

“ *Alfred & Lyvette Banks lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr.*



Alfred & Lyvette Banks - January 08, 2020 at 12:34 PM

C1

“ Circle K Region 1940 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr..



Circle K Region 1940 - January 07, 2020 at 10:33 PM

WH

“ West Gate Funeral Home and staff expresses our deepest sympathy to Louise and the Howard family. May the memories of Rev. Howard and the love of family surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. We will keep you in our prayers.

West Gate Funeral Home - January 07, 2020 at 11:39 AM

WH

“ West Gate Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr.



West Gate Funeral Home - January 07, 2020 at 11:33 AM

PW

“ Patrice Washington-Bates lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr.



Patrice Washington-Bates - January 06, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sr..*



January 06, 2020 at 12:12 AM



“ *Debra and family,
I wanted to let you know how sorry I am to hear about your dad. I always enjoyed seeing your parents and thought highly of them. While my heart hurts for those of you he left behind, I can't help but smile when thinking about Rev. Howard, he has finished his race and kept the faith and moves on to his reward. Just what he lived and thought others about. What better way to start 2020 then for him to join Madea and worship at the feet of our savior. We must continue our fight and hold tight to Jesus and look forward to the day we will join them for all eternity. I will be keeping you and all the family in my thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months to come. Sending you a big hug!!*



Kim Champion Barnes - January 03, 2020 at 09:26 PM