~ Honorary Pallbearers ~

Roy Rogers Lee — Frank Lee
MacArthur Tobias — Edward Tobias
Shelton Reese — Eddie Bates
Russell Barnes

~ Broken Chain ~

We little knew that day, God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly, in death, we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you, you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

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Husband, Father, and Paw Paw, you have touched the lives and hearts of so many individuals, but nothing compares to the impact you have made in the lives of those who knew you best. You have touched our lives in a way that will never be forgotten. You have left us with so many great memories, filled with laughter and love that will forever be cherished. Your leadership, kindness, humbleness, and acts of service provided a road map for us to live our lives. Your strong faith walk and love for the Lord was exemplary and gives us something to continue to strive for. There are so many things that we will miss about you as a husband, father and grandfather. You have made a lasting impression. We love you, but we know God loves you more.....Love, The family

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~ Acknowledgement ~

The Family of Pastor Herbert Lee, Jr. wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness, shown to us during this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you. The Lee Family.

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Celebrating & Honoring the Life of

Pastor Herbert Lee Jr.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."
Psalms 121:1-2 KJV

Sunrise:
June 20, 1949

Sunset:
May 22, 2020

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020
Wake: 10:00 A.M.
Funeral: 11:00 A.M.

New Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
9425 South Perry Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60620
Reverend Mitchell E. Samuels Jr., Officiating

~ Celebrating the Life of Herbert Lee Jr. ~

Herbert Lee Jr. was born in Liberty, Mississippi on June 20, 1949 and departed this life on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 7:04 P.M. He was the son of the late Herbert Lee, Sr. and the late Prince Estella Melson Lee. He was preceded in death by both parents and four siblings: Christina Lee, Bessie M.L. Magee Moore, David Lee, and Ray Curtis Lee.

Herbert accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by Reverend J.R. Lewis at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in Liberty, Mississippi.

Herbert was educated in the Amite County School System and graduated in 1966 from Central High School in Liberty, Mississippi. While in high school, Herbert sang in the choir, participated in talent shows and had the opportunity to march with Malcom X in New York in 1964. Herbert met and began dating Naomi Tobias at the age of 17.

After graduating from high school in 1966, Herbert moved to Chicago, Illinois. In 1969, Herbert was drafted into the United States Army. After completing basic training, he married his high school sweetheart, Naomi Tobias, on December 22, 1969. Shortly after, Herbert was sent to Germany to serve his country and was honorably discharged in 1971. Herbert returned home to Chicago, where he and Naomi focused on starting a family. The Lord blessed them with three beautiful daughters: Nakia, Roshelle and Andrea.

Herbert always valued education. He began attending courses at Kennedy King College and later started his religious studies at Chicago Baptist Institute. From there, he went on to obtain a religious studies degree from Moody Theological Institute. He stressed the importance of education to his children and ensured that each daughter pursued and completed degrees of higher education.

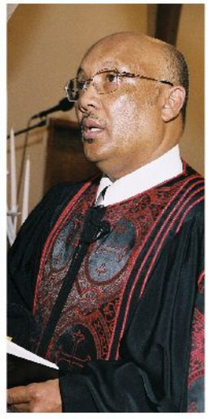
He began working at Danny Brodski Wholesale Meats and in 1980 joined Moo & Oink. While working for Moo & Oink, Herbert was promoted to a managerial position and later became the Vice President. Affectionately, known as "Herb", he was instrumental in helping grow the business from one to four stores. Herbert did not only employ individuals but was often viewed as a father figure and a role model for so many of his employees.

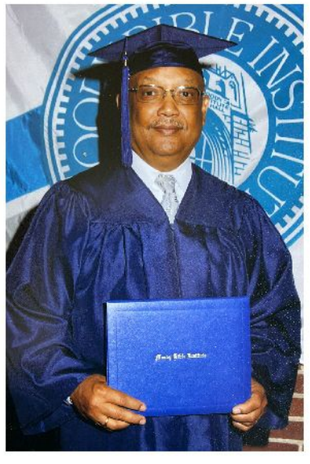
In March 1978, Herbert united with New Progressive Missionary Baptist Church. In 1988, Herbert was called to the ministry under the pastoral leadership of the late Reverend Doctor Elzie Young. Because of his faithfulness to God in ministry and life, he was elected Pastor of New Progressive. On May 31, 1998, Pastor Lee was installed to be the Shepherd of New Progressive Missionary Church. It was an honor and a challenge for him to be appointed as Pastor Elzie Young's successor. He believed this was one of the greatest responsibilities he had ever encountered. Pastor Lee was confident the same God that was with Pastor Young would enable him for the task. He recalled the transition from Moses to Joshua and the promise the Lord made to him and found strength,"...as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous..." Joshua 1:5,6.

Pastor Lee was a man of God and he loved the Lord. He lived a life that exemplified the fruit of the Spirit. In every decision, conversation, gesture, thought, action, and deed, he showed love, patience, kindness, and gentleness. He was a dedicated pastor; serving the people whom God called him to shepherd faithfully. Pastor Lee believed in the power of prayer and set an example of praying first and moving second. Under his leadership, new ministries were started and grew with the sole purpose of serving the community. He would often say "If the church closed, would the community miss us?" It was because of these ideals, that he continued to encourage the members of New Progressive to be committed to prayer, studying the gospel, and being a blessing to the community in which it resides.

Pastor Lee served 22 faithful years at New Progressive. He would often say, "May the work I've done speak for me.' He lived an amazing life, and he has finished his course. His only desire was to one day hear the Lord say "Well done, my good and faithful servant".

He leaves behind to honor his legacy and remember his memory: his wife, Naomi Lee, Olympia Fields, Illinois; daughters: Nakia Samuels (Mitchell), Chicago, Illinois, Roshelle Francis (Philip), Tampa, Florida, Andrea Boykin (James), Gilbert, Arizona; sisters: Wilma Allen (Jesse 'JB'), LaPlace, Louisiana, Irma Jean Robinson, Shirley D.L. Seals, Kenner, Louisiana, Ruby M.L. Johnson, Woodbridge, Virginia; brothers: Roy Rogers Lee, Kenner, Louisiana, Frank Willie Lee (Jacqueline), Perris California; grandchildren: Ethan Andrew-Lee Samuels, Nathan Eugene Samuels, Julien Philip Francis, Jonathan Philip Francis, Justin Philip Francis, James Anthony Boykin, Leigha Makenzie Boykin; God Granddaughter, Alix Young; a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.





~ *Order of Service* ~

Processional	Family
Visitation	Family, Friends and Visitors 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Selection	Drucilla Felton
Old Testament Scripture	Reverend Bryant Lampkin
New Testament Scripture	Reverend Kevin Hines
Prayer	Dr. Donovan Price
Resolutions and Acknowledgements	Sis. Ernestine Dobbins
Reflections	Reverend Kevin Hines Reverend Arthur J. Felton Nakia Samuels Reverend Mitchell Samuels Jr.
Selection	Deacon Kevin Briggs
Words of Comfort	Pastor Hue Lester Messenger

~ *Interment* ~

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