



Leon Wells Sr.

March 3, 1947 - January 8, 2022

On Saturday, January 8, 2022, just before daybreak at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, VA, God whispered into the ears of our beloved Leon Wells, Sr., "enter into the joy of the Lord." God knew he had been battling severe medical issues, yet he never gave up but faced life challenges with a smile.

Leon was raised in a Christian home, born to the late Clifford B. Wells, Sr., and Martha A. Wells on March 3, 1947, in Greensville County, VA. He was the fifth born and the fourth birth (courtesy of the previous conceptions of his twin sisters Rose "Rita" and Theresa "Resa") out of twelve siblings, three of his siblings preceded him in transition: Clarence Wells, Clifford B. Wells, Jr., and Mildred Naomi Wells Rice (Linnel Rice - deceased).

Leon was educated in the public school system of Greensville County and attended E.W. Wyatt High School. He joined the United States Army and served his country for over twenty-two years, culminating his military career by retiring from the U.S. Army 80th Infantry Division at the rank of Staff Sergeant. After working more than three decades at Philip Morris USA, Inc., he would retire a second time as a Senior Production Machine Mechanic.

Leon left home at a very young age, facing many uncertainties and challenges; he never strayed away from the values taught to him by his

parents and relatives. He was baptized and accepted Christ at an early age and joined Zion Baptist Church of Purdy, VA. He actively participated in church worship services if his health would allow. Later, he would increase his commitment to serving God by joining the Zion Baptist Church Male Chorus. Through all his trials and tribulations, he testified, "Yes, God is Real," and despite the pain, "There is a Bright Side Somewhere."

At the age of seventeen, Leon met the love of his life, Ethel Jean Wright; it was love at first sight. They were married two years later, and together they had two children: Leon "Monty" Wells. Jr, who preceded him in transitioning on April 23, 2020, and Deon "Salahdeen" Wells. Leon was a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, soldier, coworker, and good friend. He possessed the "Wells Spirit," visiting his relatives and friends any time of the day or night. Leon was known for having a generous heart, infectious smile, and living by his motto, "There is no such thing as an individual, only God, and family!"

Leon leaves to cherish his memories: his beloved, friend, caregiver, and devoted wife of fifty-five years, Ethel, loving son, Deon (Salahdeen); seven sisters: Rose Washington (John), Theresa Gaillard, Deloris Ransom, Peggy A. Carpenter (Grady deceased) all of Jersey City, NJ, Carol J. Wells of Henrico, VA, Tricia Newsome (Arlester) of Petersburg, VA, Ruth Jeannette Curtis (Gary-deceased) of Woodbridge, VA, one brother, Ronnie Wells (Gloria) of Savannah, GA., two sisters-in-law; Alice M. Wells and Charlotte Wright (Charles-deceased) both of Richmond, VA; and one brother-in-law, Stanley B. Wright of Richmond, along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

JAN **19**. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Leon Wells Sr., Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - January 13, 2022 at 10:54 AM

JA

Mrs. Wells and family I am sorry to hear about your lovely, friendly husband passing. I will miss him calling me Uncle John sister and the nice hug that he will give. I will praying for you and I will call you soon. Do remember the good times that you both shared and GOD has a good man with him now.

Janet Armstead - January 13, 2022 at 09:20 PM

MH

My condolences to the Family of Leon Wells Sr. Mr. Wells always made me feel welcome when I visited his home with his sister, Ruth Curtis. May the family embrace each other at this difficult time and know that God is your strength and comfort now and the days to come. Keep memories of him always in your hearts.

Marion Hubbard - January 17, 2022 at 07:35 PM



Our sincere condolences to the Family of Leon Wells. May the memories of your love one bring comfort. May God be with you always! Love Al & Sheila Wilson

Sheila Wilson - January 20, 2022 at 10:53 AM

SF

We are very sorry for you loss. You all are in our prayers.

Shay Cox & Family - January 20, 2022 at 11:06 AM

PB

Condolences to the Wells family. I was saddened to hear of Leon's passing. I remember his visits at our home while growing up in Jarratt, VA and whenever he had duty at Fort Pickett, VA. He was one of the most pleasant people I've ever known. Wishing much comfort to his family.

Pamela Brown - January 20, 2022 at 12:24 PM



May peace and blessings be upon his soul. Although, I never met Mr. Wells personally, in the physical, but from all the stories that was shared with me, Thank you Deon "SalahDeen" I felt like I got to know him, truly grateful. May his Divine Light continue to shine through his family and all of the beautiful memories, be treasured. Thank you for sharing your wonderful life on earth, Mr. Leon Wells. It is an honor to say Prayers of healing, love and light sent/sending to the Beautiful Wells Family.

Love,
Meira 🙏🙏

Meira OraLee Atarah - January 26, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ *Leon Wells Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

PJ

“ *To the Wells family, may God strengthen you all during this time. My thoughts and prayers to you all. Priscilla Jacobs.*

Priscilla Jacobs - January 20, 2022 at 02:21 PM

MJ

“ I served many years in the US Army Reserve with Leon. He was a kind, caring man, always willing to lend a helping hand and give a young soldier good advice.
Marvin Jefferson

Marvin Jefferson - January 20, 2022 at 12:59 PM

KR

“ I send my sincere condolences to the entire Wells family. Mr. Wells left a wonderful legacy of family structure. May God, the holy spirit and angels be there to comfort the family during this time. Much Love.

Kharyzma R. - January 20, 2022 at 12:00 PM

LM

“ To the family I share in your pain Leon was such a wonderful dear friend of our family the Bonds, and Samuels family we will truly miss him Ethel just know that our hearts are sad with you, but God had a better plan for him
RIP my dear brother



lolita mooses - January 20, 2022 at 11:14 AM

PH

“ You have our deepest condolences to you from Mr & Mrs Paul and Pam Holmes

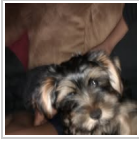


Paul and Pam Holmes - January 20, 2022 at 11:05 AM

BO

“ Mrs. Wells and family, I am so sorry to hear of Leon's passing. we had a lot of good times over the years we worked together. Leon was a good man and I will miss our conversations on the phone from time to time. I pray God will give you and your family his peace and comfort during this time of grief

Billy J Overman - January 20, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ I worked with Leon. he was a very nice peson. Condolences to Family and Friends. Well done, Sir.



Rosa Johnson - January 19, 2022 at 11:02 PM

JT

“ Leon you will always be our big brother, Ethel our prayers to you and all the family.



Jewel Princess and Angel Thomas - January 19, 2022 at 07:56 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Leon Wells Sr..



January 19, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Leon Wells Sr..



January 17, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ *Love, Martha's Legacy purchased the Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Leon Wells Sr..



Love, Martha's Legacy - January 17, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Leon Wells Sr..



January 17, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Leon Wells Sr..



January 17, 2022 at 01:53 PM

DJ

“ Debra Tyler Jackson sends my condolences



Debra Tyler Jackson - January 17, 2022 at 12:09 PM

DA

“ Debra Akrie lit a candle in memory of Leon Wells Sr.



Debra Akrie - January 17, 2022 at 09:28 AM

DF

“ To the Newsome and Wells families:
You are in our thoughts and prayers as you
grieve loss of your loved one.
God bless you and keep you close in your
time of sadness.
May your faith in Christ's promises bring you peace.
Reverend David and Sister Edith Fleming - Prince George VA



David E. Fleming - January 16, 2022 at 06:11 PM

KS

“ Karen Jackson Stewart(Tootie) lit a candle in
memory of Leon Wells Sr.



karen Jackson Stewart(Tootie) - January 16, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leon Wells Sr..*



January 16, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leon Wells Sr..*



January 15, 2022 at 05:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leon Wells Sr..*



January 14, 2022 at 11:05 PM



“ *Pastor George Johnson lit a candle in memory of Leon Wells Sr.*



Pastor George Johnson - January 14, 2022 at 10:49 AM

TN

“ To Ethel and the Wells family, my sincere and deepest condolences to you and your family. Remember the good times. May God bless and comfort you today and always.

Terri Vines

Terri Vines, Winston Salem NC - January 13, 2022 at 12:26 PM

RW

“ To our sister in law (Ethel), Deon, all family members and love ones, When death knock at our door the words sometimes are hard to express what we want to say. Asking our Heavenly Father to give comfort, peace, and strength during this time of grieving. With our love Ronnie and Gloria

Ronnie and Gloria Wells - January 12, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - January 12, 2022 at 01:14 PM