



## Leslie Lee Ransom, Sr.

March 16, 1947 - February 28, 2016

### Obituary

Reverend Leslie Lee Ransom Sr., son of the late Barbara Jean Ransom, was born on March 16, 1947 in Portsmouth, Virginia. He departed this life on February 28, 2016, after a lengthy illness.

“Mr. Sweetie,” as he was lovingly called, received his education from Forest Park High School in Baltimore, Maryland. Shortly after graduating from high school he served in Vietnam where he became a decorated (see list of awards) Army Ranger. At the end of his career in the armed services, Mr. Sweetie attended the University of Maryland Baltimore County, where he earned a Bachelor’s degree in History. After earning his Bachelor’s degree he attended St. Mary’s Seminary where he earned a Master’s degree in Theology. During his studies at St. Mary’s Seminary, he was called to preach. He became a minister, preaching his trial sermon at Friendship Baptist Church. He then founded his own church, St. Johns Christian Church and Ministries. He continued his studies at Trinity College and Seminary in Indiana where he earned the title of PhD in Biblical Studies. In addition to his biblical journey, Mr. Sweetie was the successful owner of a small business consulting firm.

Mr. Sweetie leaves to morn his loving wife, Dora Williams-Ransom. He also leaves four children, Catherine Ransom, Kimberli Newman, Leslie Ransom,

Jr., and Deanna Ransom, and much beloved stepfather to Kathi Williams Barber and Cassie Dadzie. He was the grandfather of Janerra Crosby, JaVon Ford, Shiann Brown-Ford NyRie Ransom from whom he was blessed with 8 great-grandchildren: Llynae, Cameron and Llundyn Johnson, Kyler Ransom, Jahmir and Jakhi Fatiu, and Brielle and Amir Ransom.

#### MILITARY AWARDS/UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE PURPLE HEART FOR MILITARY MERIT - 1969

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE AWARD - 1970

AIR MEDAL - 1970

Heroic Actions/Meritorious Service while Participating in Aerial Flight

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SERVICE AWARD - 1971

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL for MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT IN  
GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES - 1972

#### CITY & STATE COMMENDATIONS

Ordination as a Minister - City of Baltimore, 1997

Recognition of Ordination Services – The City Council of Baltimore, 1997

Signing of Maryland's Anti-Gun Violence Act of 1996, State of Maryland Office  
of the Governor, 1996

Member of the Maryland's Economic Development Commission – State of  
MD, Office of the Governor, 1996

Recognition of Outstanding Service to the HIV Prevention Community

Planning Group, The City Council of Baltimore, 1995

Congratulations in Recognition of The Celebration of a Trial Sermon, The City  
Council of Baltimore, 1994

#### AWARDS & CERTIFICATES (abbreviated list)

Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Tear of the Year – Baltimore School  
of Divinity, 2004-2005

Businessman of the Year – The National Republican Congressional  
Committee's Business Advisory Council, 2003

Special Award for Significant Contribution – Delta Lambda, 2003

Citizens Advisory Commission on Impact of Military Spending, City of  
Baltimore – Member, 1999

Youth Imagery Bronze Level Sponsor – Youth Imagery Company, Baltimore,  
Maryland, 1999

Dedicated Service as Eastern Assistant Vice President – Alpha Phi Alpha  
Fraternity, Inc., 1978-1979

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

MAR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
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## Wake

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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## Service

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**MAR 3. 2:30 PM (ET)**

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie Lee Ransom, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am remembering my Dad on this day. Ironically, I happened to asked my youngest daughter what was your birthday. She couldn't remember. I told her it was the 16th. After discussing that it's been fours years dad, I searched your name on google, this showed up. Dad, I love and miss you! I truly know that you are resting in peace and are no longer suffering. That I am certain of. Because I know that you are no longer suffering on this earth, I'm at peace!*



*I love you Dad!*

*You daughter, ❤️*

Kimberli Newman - February 28, 2020 at 07:34 PM



*It's been 9 years since your going home yet your presents is still felt. RIP my soulmate. Your living wife Dora*

Dora Williams- Ransom - February 18, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ *Missing the man that holds the key to my heart. With love, your wife Dora Williams-Ransom*



Dora Williams-Ransom - December 10, 2016 at 10:24 PM

KA

“ *My prayers are with your family, Mr. Les was a God Fearing man with a lovely sense of humor.*

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**Karen** - March 28, 2016 at 02:45 PM

MG

“ *On behalf of St. Mary's Seminary & University, and its Ecumenical Institute of Theology, I want to express our deepest sympathies at the loss of Les Ransom, our alum, supporter, and one-time board committee member. Les was also my student and a personal friend, and I miss him already. May God grant you grace, peace, and hope at this time.*

*Michael J. Gorman, Professor and (former) Dean  
St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute of Theology*

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**Michael J. Gorman** - March 02, 2016 at 09:30 PM

MH

“ *Michelle D. Howard lit a candle in memory of Leslie Lee Ransom, Sr.*



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**Michelle D. Howard** - March 02, 2016 at 06:08 PM

JR

“ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus 1 THESS 13:14 GOD BLESS YOUR HEART AND SOUL.....GOD BLESS THE FAMILY.....LES WAS A GREAT NEPHEW PRECIOUS MEMORIES O HOW THEY LINGER...

UNCLE JOHN MELVIN RANSOM SR

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John M. Ransom - March 02, 2016 at 03:06 PM

RR

“ Leslie was and always will be a special nephew. He had a way of making you feel special and cared for. He was intelligent and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed by our family. Sending prayers of love and support to our families in the Maryland area.

John & Ramona Ransom.

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Ramona S. Ransom - March 02, 2016 at 01:36 PM

RR

“ Ramona S. Ransom lit a candle in memory of Leslie Lee Ransom, Sr.



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Ramona S. Ransom - March 02, 2016 at 01:27 PM

RL

“ I am sorry to learn of the death of your loved one. God is too wise to make a mistake. My deepest sympathy is extended to your family. May God comfort and grant you peace.  
Rev Marie Lewis

Rev.Marie Lewis - March 02, 2016 at 11:50 AM

SL

“ Stephanie Lawrence purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Leslie Lee Ransom, Sr..



Stephanie Lawrence - March 02, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ I haven't see Les in quite some time. I am sorrowed by his passing and offer heartfelt condolences to his family for their loss. May he find peace and rest in his next existence. Sorrowfully, Jeremiah Montague, Jr.

Jeremiah Montague Jr. - March 02, 2016 at 08:58 AM

JB

“ Joanna Garay & Kathi Barber purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Leslie Lee Ransom, Sr..



Joanna Garay & Kathi Barber - March 01, 2016 at 06:58 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I would like to share some encouraging thoughts from the Bible. May you find comfort in the words found at Isaiah 33:24 which says: *And no resident will say: "I am sick". The people dwelling in the land will be pardoned for their error. And also Isaiah 25:8; He (God) will swallow up death forever. And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces. The reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth. For Jehovah himself has spoken it.*

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**J. C.** - February 29, 2016 at 08:34 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 29, 2016 at 04:29 PM