



Mr. Lee Morris Freeman

February 10, 1951 - December 23, 2023

Lee Morris Freeman was born in McCrory, Arkansas, to the late James (“JC”) Freeman, Sr. and the late Franchelle Freeman on February 10, 1951.

He confessed a belief in Christ at an early age and joined St. John Missionary Baptist Church in McCrory, Arkansas. Lee was brought up in the church where he attended Sunday School, Sunday Morning Worship, and Bible Study faithfully. In addition, Freeman attended evening services held at the church. As a youth and young adult Freeman sang in the church choir with some of his siblings.

Freeman was a 1969 graduate of McCrory High School. He served as the basketball manager for the Boys’ basketball team. While in high school he worked at a local café.

After high school, Lee Morris immediately went to work doing odd-end jobs as a handyman. Soon after, Lee Freeman transferred to working in the manufacturing industry. He was employed with Nibco, a manufacturing plant in Augusta, AR, as well as Sloan Valve. Lee was a dedicated and hard worker. Oftentimes, he would start walking to work prior to someone picking him up and giving him a ride.

Later on, Lee Freeman relocated to Searcy and worked at the following

factories: Speed Queen, Yarnell's, and Matthews International. However, his long-term employment career began when Lee was hired at Matthews International. Freeman was a loyal and diligent employee with outstanding performance. Lee Freeman completed 35 years of service before he retired. While working at Matthews, Freeman worked in the Tooling and Vases department as a Vase Tooler for many years. His work experience included molding and shaping vases, blaster operator, and creating memorialization products such as tombstones for cemeteries. Lee believed the success of Matthews was built on teamwork.

While living in Searcy, AR, he was joined in holy matrimony to his sweet and loving wife, Linda Freeman. On May 30, 1975, Lee married his wife and dear friend of 48 years. From this union came two children, Anthony E. Freeman and Kimberly A. Freeman.

Freeman was a dedicated member at Bethlehem Baptist Church, a devoted Christian, and a Godly man. Lee was a Trustee for over 5 years before he became a Deacon. Freeman continued with his routine from youth and faithfully attended Sunday School, Morning Worship, and Bible Study. In addition, Lee sang in the Mass Choir and was a part of the Men's Choir. Singing was one of his ministries in which he enjoyed. And one favorite song Lee Morris lead was "Have A Little Talk with Jesus." Freeman loved serving and working in church, and he didn't mind helping in any capacity. He was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Lee loved watching college and professional basketball and football. He only had one favorite sports team that was known, which was the Arkansas Razorbacks. Lee and Linda faithfully watched the Arkansas Razorbacks every chance they got. Freeman definitely loved sports. Some old school favorite TV shows that he would watch daily were Gunsmoke and Yellowstone. Some of his favorite movies to watch were Home Alone, Home Alone 2, Friday, Next

Friday, and Friday After Next, and some Tyler Perry movies.

He was an Eagle Scout, which is the highest achievement or rank obtainable of the Boy Scouts of America. Some of Freeman's hobbies included collecting coins, camping, and reading. He was preceded in death by his parents, James ("JC") and Franchelle Freeman, his paternal grandparents, Dolphus "Doc" and Ora Freeman, his maternal grandparents Charlie and Minnie Swanson; two sisters Helen Joyce Stallion and Judy Freeman; and one brother, James ("JC") Freeman, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Linda Freeman; his children, Anthony (Cherese) Freeman of Suffolk, VA; Kimberly Freeman of Jacksonville, AR; his siblings, Flossie Freeman, Hasten Martin, Rose Mary Freeman, Deborah (Dee Dee) Freeman of McCrory, AR; Betty Ann Freeman of Newport, AR; Alice Freeman of Helena-West Helena, AR; Lisa Freeman of Jonesboro, AR; David Louis Freeman, Mary Freeman, and Ural Freeman of Chicago, IL; one uncle Jake Swanson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and others.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 2:00pm, at the First Baptist Church in Searcy. Visitation will precede the service, beginning at 1:00pm. Interment will follow in White County Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

First Baptist Church, Searcy
Spring & Center Sts.
Searcy, AR 72143

Funeral Service

DEC 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

First Baptist Church, Searcy
Spring & Center Sts.
Searcy, AR 72143

Burial

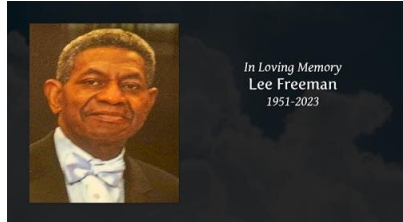
DEC 30. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Lee Morris Freeman



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 28, 2023 at 05:13 PM

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Sending much love to the Freeman family in the loss of our dear friend Deacon Lee Freeman. Mr Lee was a man with a large heart ❤️ and willing spirit. We looked forward to hearing his favorite song “Just a Little Talk With Jesus” he would sing that song with depth, the congregation would be on their feet. We will miss Mr. Lee, take your rest Deacon Lee job well done. We will continue to lift the family up in prayer. Rev. Jerry and Sandra McClure

Sandra McClure - December 28, 2023 at 09:16 PM

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“ Rose A Whitelow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Morris Freeman



Rose A Whitelow - December 30, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Lee Morris Freeman.



December 29, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ Mrs Linda you will remember me from Simmons Bank. I served you there many times and want you to know how much respect I have for both Mr Lee and you and how sorry I am to here of his passing. You and your family will be in my prayers .

Marilyn Blackwell - December 28, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ Herman & Pat Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee Morris Freeman



Herman & Pat Weaver - December 28, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ Anthony and Family, Herman and I have you in our Thoughts and Prayers. May God give you the Strength to get through this time of sorry. Please keep your Father's Memories close to your Heart Always. Stay Strong for your Mom and Sister. God will take care of you :)

Herman & Pat Weaver - December 28, 2023 at 04:08 PM