

## *Memorial to Rev. Timothy Steven Leslie, Sr. As provided by the Leslie Family*

*Minister Timothy Steven Leslie, Sr.*, was the youngest son of six children born to the Late Oscar Lewis and Mary Elizabeth (Dangerfield) Leslie on April 15, 1962 at University Hospital of Cleveland. He was the father of two sons.

On Sunday, January 29, 2017, Timmy took his flight to reunite with his parents, grandparents, and oldest brother, Paul (who preceded him in death just four months ago).

Being raised in a Christian home, Timmy was baptized at Messiah Missionary Baptist Church by the Late Pastor Robert L. Hayles, Sr. He was active in the Children's Choir, Young Adult Choir, and Junior Usher Board. He also sang with his siblings, "The Leslie Family".

Timmy attended Daniel E. Morgan Elementary School, Harry E. Davis Junior High School and East Senior High School where he sang with the East High Spiritualites. He was a participant of the Upward Bound Program from 1976 to 1979.

Tim enlisted in the United States Navy on March 7, 1984 and served for 20 years, receiving an honorable discharge ranked as an E7. He returned to Cleveland and was employed as a Navy Recruiter and his last place of employment was at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument being the first African American to serve as a grounds keeper and tour guide. He had a passion for his job and no one could give the history like him.

Prior to his enlistment, he was a member of Open Door Baptist Church.

On February 26, 2002 he united in holy matrimony to Cathy Ellis who he cherished with all that he had.

While a member of Greater Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church, in 2005 he was called to preach God's gospel and was ordained in 2006. In 2010, Minister Leslie and his wife moved their membership to Philippi Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a true friend and right hand to his current Pastor, Associate Minister, Sunday School Teacher, Prayer Service Leader, and Youth Advisor.

Minister Leslie served as Interim Pastor at Philippi Missionary Baptist Church, Greater Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, First Baptist Church and East Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. He was a member of the Ministers Council and served as Treasurer and Secretary.

Tim was a member of the Nehemiah Lodge #7 of the Free and Accepted Ancient York Mason Prince Hall Origin of the Eureka Grand Lodge in Cleveland, OH.

He loved to travel and spend weekends on get-a-ways, with his wife. He was a mentor to youth and had a love for people, family, and seniors. His passion was putting a smile on his wife's face and ensuring that his sons were okay. His favorite food was spaghetti but he would make individual request of certain food dishes from everyone. If asked what his favorite food was, he would say "FOOD".

Left to cherish his memories are his loving wife, Cathy; two sons, Timothy, Jr and Emmanuel; siblings, Gwen Gageham, Letitia, Phillip, James, Lisa and Lori; Mother & Father-in-Law, William and Vera Beavers; brother-in-law, Derwin (Ramona); sister-in-law, Karen Ellis; five uncles, seven aunts, god-children Kiara and Steven; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.