



Sylvester Leon Speed

September 8, 1948 - April 20, 2020

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Reflections of Life

A Time to Reflect...

To everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.....

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

A Time to be Born...

Sylvester Leon Speed was born on September 8, 1948. The third child of Arthur W. and Mamie Lucile Speed of Lakeland, Florida. He was named after his grandfather, Curley Sylvester Speed.

A Time for Commitment...

At a very young age Sylvester joined Northside Primitive Baptist Church, Lakeland, Florida. Upon moving to Orlando, he later joined the L.I.F.E. Center under the Pastorate of Bishop Ronald Kimble in Eatonville, Florida.

A Time to Live...

Sylvester was educated in the Polk County School System. Graduated from Rochelle High School where he played drums in the marching band. During the 1965-1966 school year Sylvester was the Head Drum Major. After High School, he enlisted in the US Army; serving his country during the Vietnam War stationed at Phu Cat Air Base. During his time in Phu Cat, Vietnam, he was exposed to agent orange which years later caused him many illnesses. He was honorably discharged from the Army with the rank of E-5. He continued his education at Orlando College, receiving an Associate Degree in Business Administration in 1993. Sylvester loved to cruise and had fun snapping candid shots with

his camera.

A Time to Labor...

Sylvester was no stranger to work. He held many jobs; some at the same time and some separately. He drove an eighteen wheeler for Publix, worked as a flagman for CSX Railroad, painted houses with his Uncle Clarence, worked as warehouse forklift driver, worked as an Environmental Engineer for Orange County Public School System and Florida Hospital in Apopka, Florida. In 2000, He started driving for Happy Limo Company. He loved driving the Limo and would give guided tours from the airport to the resorts. Due to his failing health, he was forced to go on disability.

A Time of Love and Devotion...

Sylvester was devoted to his children, and fervently kept in touch with all of them. Cedric Rondel of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, Johnny Franklin Lattimore of Lakeland, Florida, Toyaleta Shaenea Speed of Winter Haven, Florida , Nena Bianca Speed of Apopka, Florida and Sean Lamar James of California. Sylvester was happy to see those who were able to visit him for the last time.

Sylvester Leon Speed met Shirley M. Goldwire in 1999 of Florida Hospital Apopka. She became his best friend, soul-mate, caregiver and on November 27th, 2004, she became his wife. She was devoted to him, loved and cared for him throughout his illness and death.

A Time to Die...

Sylvester Leon Speed was called to his heavenly home on April 20, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wayne Speed Sr.; brother: Arthur Jr., four brothers-in-law; Dorse Riggs, US Army, Andrew Goldwire Jr., Jeffrey L. Goldwire, and Ricky A. Goldwire, all of Savannah, GA; two sisters-in-law, Rev. D. Nadine and Minnie Yvonne Goldwire, both of Savannah, GA.

A Time to Mourn...

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife: Shirley M. Goldwire-Speed; sons: Cedric Rondel Lattimore (Levelyn) of Coons Rapids, Minnesota, Johnny Franklin Lattimore (Cherica) of Lakeland, Florida and Sean Lamar James of California; daughters: Toyaleta Shenea Speed of Winter Haven, Florida and Nena Bianca Speed of Apopka, Florida; brothers: Gow A. Speed (Brenda), John B. Speed (Sheila), all of Lakeland, Florida and Ronald T. Speed of Tampa, Florida; sisters: Anne Riggs of Lauder Hills, Florida, Aquanetta Speed of Lakeland, Florida and Valoria Wiggs of Atlanta, Georgia; ten grands: nine great grands: aunts: Bessie Speed-Melton, Clency Welch Wall and Martha Ann Welch both of Lakeland, Florida; uncles: Benjamin Welch (Florence), Herbert Welch (Dot) all of

Lakeland, Florida; goddaughter: A. Patrice Williams; special and dear friends; India Lewis, Ericka, Jeremy, Peter Mack, Ena Holmes and Rev. Kenny C. Bryant; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US Highway 1, North
Mims, FL 32754

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

APR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvester Leon Speed*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM

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“ *Condolences to the family of Sylvester Speed.*
Cynthia Simmons

Cynthia Simmons - May 01, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I am praying for
comfort and strength.*



Beverly Gibson - April 29, 2020 at 07:31 AM

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Norris - April 29, 2020 at 04:05 AM

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Beautiful. Thank you for sharing.

Patricia McCreary - May 07, 2020 at 09:38 AM

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Norris - April 29, 2020 at 02:38 AM

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“ 23 files added to the album Sylvester's Pics



Norris - April 29, 2020 at 02:10 AM

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Norris - April 29, 2020 at 12:12 AM