

Order of Service

Introduction

Elder Solomon D. Leach

Scripture Reading

Bro. Darren Hubbard
Old Testament- Psalm 23

Master Landon Luke
New Testament- John 14:1-4

Selection

"My Way" by Frank Sinatra
Performed by Bro. Andrew Jenkins

Obituary

Bro. Randy Burgess

Poem

"When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"
by David Romano
Sis. Lola Odukoya

Eulogy

Elder Solomon D. Leach

Slideshow/Reflections

Thank you/Acknowledgements

Selection

"Unforgettable" by Nat King Cole
Performed by Bro. Andrew Jenkins

Closing

Elder Solomon D. Leach

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile
Forget unkind words I have spoken
Remember some good I have done
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, ere the close of the day
Then forget to grieve for my going
I would not have you sad for a day
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay
And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep you.




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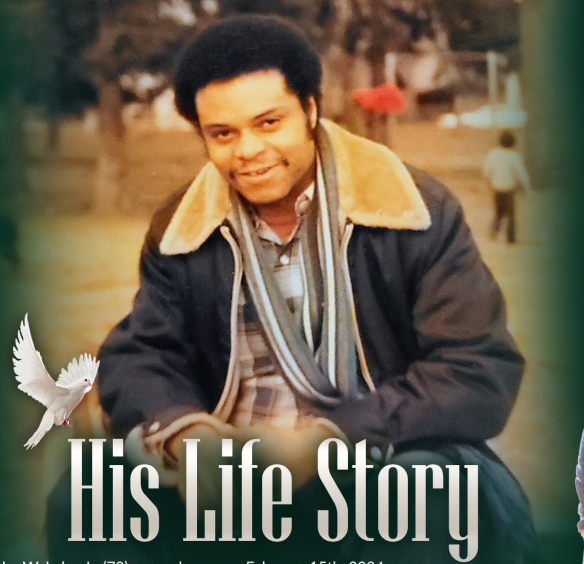
Ira W. Luke, Jr.

Sunrise SEPTEMBER 8, 1953  Sunset FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Memorial Service
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 | 12:00PM

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His Life Story

Ira W. Luke, Jr. (70), passed away on February 15th, 2024.

Ira was born to the late Ira W. (Sr.) and Shirley Luke on September 8, 1953, in Philadelphia, PA. He was educated by the Philadelphia School District and was a talented cross-country runner and a Scholar demonstrated by graduating from Central High School's Class of 229 at the age of 16. Ira also continued his love for music by playing the cello in the school band.

Ira had a love for education, math and science and he continued his education by obtaining his Bachelor's Degree from Temple University in 1984 and completed a Master's program at The New Jersey Institute of Technology in 2001. Both degrees followed the academic pathway of Civil Engineering.

Ira's professional journey allowed him to manage projects that helped in the construction of bridges and traffic intersections in the Greater Philadelphia area and New Jersey. His career spanned over 40 years working for reputable companies such as SEPTA, New Jersey Transit and his last role as Engineer Project Manager for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Ira was also an advocate for minority engineers and provided mentorship to those looking to gain experience in the industry.

Aside from his love for his work, he loved Philadelphia sports, especially the 76ers and EAGLES! After retirement, he enjoyed the road trips to see his favorite teams play and creating memories with his son. As Ira so proudly states: He bleeds GREEN!

Ira's favorite role was being a father. He took great joy in spending time with his son, and always took the time to help him develop personally and professionally.

Ira became a grandfather in January 2015 and instilled his love for math, science and reading into his grandson, Landon. He also enjoyed taking the trip to watch Landon play on his travel AAU team.

From jamming to music from the 70s and 80s to volunteering to chaperone field trips. Ira's infectious smile and personality always made people feel welcomed. He will be missed greatly!

Ira is survived by his son, Ira III and grandson, Landon. He is also survived by his life partner, Rytia A. Richardson and stepson, Stephan Kristoffor Richardson. Ira also had tons of cousins in Philadelphia, PA, Georgia, Texas and Tennessee. He also kept a special place for his Aunt and Uncle in Michigan. Ira was predeceased by his parents, Ira, Sr. and Shirley.

Lovingly Submitted,

The Family

