



Mr. John Henry Leonard

August 19, 1925 - February 27, 2017

Celebrating The Life Of John Henry Leonard:

John H. Leonard was born in Columbus, Georgia to the late Simmie, Sr. and Lucy Leonard. He was born into a family of three sisters and five brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings, Simmie Leonard Jr., Mary Baldwin and Eddie Leonard. He was educated in the Columbus, Georgia School System.

He migrated to River Rouge, Michigan in 1945. He served in the U. S. Army as a sharp shooter rifleman 745 and was active as a boxer for the Army as well, receiving an honorable discharge.

John returned to River Rouge and on a blind date, met the love of his life, Ruby McCants. They were bonded in Holy Matrimony on October 7, 1950, and remained so for 66 and one half years. To this union was born three sons, John Jr. who preceded him in death at the tender age of 2, Daniel K., and Derek, three daughters, Denise, Karen G. and Sharon. Also, a son Brian Cole. John joined Union Second Baptist Church on March 31, 1968, and was baptized on April 7, 1968, by the late Reverend E. C. Copeland.

John's career started out at an early age with him working alongside his father as a grass and greens keeper at Fort Benning, GA Golf Course. He caddied and he learned the game of golf.

When John migrated to Michigan his career consisted of working at Great Lakes Steel and Ford Motor Company. He was a Floor Inspector supervisor at Ford Motor Company and enjoyed playing on the company's golf league. After 31 years of service, he retired from Ford Motor Company and enjoyed a life of leisure.

John was a family man, inheriting the nick name "Dita" from his second oldest son Daniel. He worked hard to support his family, providing them with everything they ever hoped for and needed. He showered his family with unconditional love, profound wisdom and fond memories.

He had a passion for playing golf, shining his cars, shining his shoes and reading the daily newspaper from the front page to the back page every day. He was a sharp dresser and known as the man with the cleanest, shiniest car in River Rouge. He kept his cars so clean that one of them was nicknamed the Sun by his friends.

John, (AKA) Johnny, Dita, Unc, Johnny Cake, was a model citizen and a role model, he was a father figure to many and beloved by all.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

31472 Michigan Ave
Wayne, MI 48184

Previous Events

Family Hour

Monday, Mar. 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Wayne
33640 Michigan Ave.
Wayne, MI 48184

Funeral Service

Monday, Mar. 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Henry Leonard*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Rest in pimp paradise cuz johnny cake. He was a good man to know! He loved everyone. And one of the sharpest dresser as well and always had a nice ride. He gave and helped people. And i miss him so much. And when someone made him mad he will call u a monkey in a minute, that use to make me laugh as a child to this day. When he passed i felt the earth shake, you would have to be n our family to understand what i mean. Thats how loved he was, he was a protector and will always be loved.*

Shynia aka shoogie - December 13, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Recall pleasant memories you shared with your loved one. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

Ms. Tuffy - March 05, 2017 at 05:43 AM



“ *DELORIS & ERIK LEONARD purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Henry Leonard.*



DELORIS & ERIK LEONARD - March 04, 2017 at 08:23 PM

LF

“ Love, Terrance & Sylvia Womack and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. John Henry Leonard.



Love, Terrance & Sylvia Womack and Family - March 04, 2017 at 02:18 PM

MC

“ Much Love, Rosalind, David, Staci and Spencer Cox purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Henry Leonard.



Much Love, Rosalind, David, Staci and Spencer Cox - March 03, 2017 at 03:42 PM

KC

“ Kim Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Henry Leonard



Kim Cole - March 03, 2017 at 11:22 AM

KC

“ *To my Family,
God is good and Always Faithful! May the God of Comfort console
your hearts and give you peace during this difficult time. Remember,
to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! We will
see dad again! Rest on dad, till we meet again!
Love you all,
Brian and Kim Cole*

kim cole - March 03, 2017 at 11:21 AM

DR

“ *David Robb purchased the Beautiful in Blue for
the family of Mr. John Henry Leonard.*



David Robb - March 01, 2017 at 04:08 PM