



Mr. Leodis Elliott

December 10, 1945 - February 26, 2026

Leodis Elliott was born December 10, 1945 in Buena Vista, Arkansas to Versie and Anthem Elliott who preceded him in death. Leodis accepted Christ at an early age. The family later moved to Detroit, Michigan where he was raised in the Brewster Projects and attended Detroit Public Schools. Determined to do things his own way, he later earned his GED.

Seeking greater opportunities, Leodis enlisted in the United States Army, where he had the opportunity to travel overseas before receiving an honorable discharge. Upon returning home, he worked in the assembly line at Ford Motor Company. Wanting a more independent career, he spent many years working as a cab driver.

Leodis met Warrenia Morris, and together they had 3 children: daughters Lisa and Versia, and his only son Leodis.

He became deeply involved in the Pan-African Orthodox Christian Church, where he was a powerful public speaker and active leader. He became a Bishop Netfa at the Shrine of the Black Madonna and was involved in the Black Slate and other leadership initiatives in the early 1970s.

While raising his children and working as a teacher in Detroit Public Schools, Leodis pursued higher education, attending Wayne State University College of Law and graduated with his Bachelor's degree in Juris Doctorate of Law. After passing the bar exam, he was employed with the Public Defense Attorney downtown and became one of the best lawyers in Detroit in the mid to late 1970s.

Though life presented many challenges, Leodis never stopped pushing forward. He continued to provide for his family through his resilience - returning to cab driving, offering legal advice, working as a substitute teacher, and even driving for Lyft into his later years.

Leodis enjoyed spending time with family, making fires, cooking crackpot meals, eating chicken wings, going to the Brewster Reunions, all sports, going to his grandson's basketball games, and moon pies. Within the family, he was known for his fried corn, watermelon and chili.

Leodis departed his life February 26, 2026 at age 80. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters Waldene and Dorothy. Leodis leaves to cherish his memories to his adult children Lisa (Larry), Versia (Jayvarre), and Leodis; only surviving sister Verdiana Middleton; grandchildren Jamiese, Jessica, Javarri, Jewell, Jarel, Jalise, La Mario and Kijana; nephews Carnell and Darnell; nieces Veleda and Hushie; great-nieces Carnesha, Destyni and De' Aysa; great-nephews Jaleel, Martez and Dijon; and great-great-nephew Josh affectionately known as "Munchkin".

Previous Events

Family Hour/Memorial

Thursday, Mar. **12**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Memorial Celebration

Thursday, Mar. **12**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RT

“ Thinking of you and your family during this time. We know how much your father meant to you all. The whole team is thinking of you and sending our love and support.” from your WBC family,

Residential Team - March 11 at 02:13 PM

TK

“ I'm sending my heart and prayers to the family of Leodis Elliott. May God give you strength during this time

Talina Knight - March 09 at 01:32 PM

KM

“ Peace and blessings to the family for the loss of our dear Brother, who we knew in the Shrines of the Black Madonna as Bishop Netfa. A strong, dedicated and faithful servant of the LORD. RIP our Glorious Brother!

Kefing & Burudisha Moor - March 06 at 02:16 AM

JD

“ Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Leodis Elliott



Jeffrey Davis - March 04 at 09:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leodis Elliott.

March 03 at 09:53 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Leodis Elliott.*



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