

~ Leon's Tribute ~

We shared place, space, and life
before we were ever born.

Leo and Leon; we were "the twins."

You truly were bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh.

Now, the voice that I knew before I knew my own name is
silenced, and you are gone, and I weep.

Yet I am full with the thoughts and memories of our lives.

My life was oh so sweet with you by my side.

You will forever be a part of my heart and my spirit.

My love for you will never die.

Until we meet again,

Leon Bellamy

~ Leo's Quotes ~

Leo's quick wit and dry humor left us with many of his sayings:

"In retirement, you dress and rest."

"I can lie faster than you can listen."

"I don't need rolling money, I need folding money."

"The next mule that I say, 'git up' to will be sittin' in my lap."

"I can count my money; you've got to weigh yours."

~ Acknowledgements ~

We, the family would like to express our gratitude for all acts of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. We especially thank the entire West Street Christian Church Community who embraced us with the genuine love of Christ. May God forever bless you and keep you in His care.

~ Services Entrusted To ~

Dunn Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc.

810 W. Wilmington Street

Burgaw, North Carolina 28425 : 910-259-9400

**In Loving Memory
of**

Leo Philip Bellamy, Sr.

Sunrise

October 5, 1944

Sunset

June 14, 2013



Friday, June 21, 2013

12:00 Noon

St. Peters A.M.E. Zion Church

New Bern, North Carolina

Reverend Robert Kelly, Pastor

Rev. Dr. R. E. Midgette, Sr., Officiating

~ Obituary ~

Leo Philip Bellamy, Sr., son of Mildred McKinney and the late Willie F. ("Rock") Bellamy, was born October 5, 1944 in Manhattan, New York. He was the first-born of thirteen children and twin to his brother Leon Bellamy.

Leo departed this life on Friday, June 14, 2013 at Carolina East Medical Center in New Bern. He was preceded in death by his brother Billy Gresham, his first wife Juanita Bellamy, and his son Kevin.

Leo was raised and educated in a loving, Christian home by his paternal grandparents, William F. Bellamy and Blanche Bellamy. He attended the Pender County Public School system and graduated from C. F. Pope High School in Burgaw, NC – Class of 1963. After graduation, he matriculated from the tobacco fields of North Carolina to the city of East Elmhurst, New York where he started his career. Leo was known as "The Mayor" of Westbury, New York. He worked first at General Motors in Tarrytown, NY and then at the Varsity Bus Company until he retired.

Leo was a member of West Street Christian Church. Some of his favorite pastimes were riding his Gold Wing with the Independent Bikers Club of NC, traveling to many different places, talking (Leo would talk to a door post), eating, helping people, and loving on his family – especially his grandchildren, who lovingly called him "Grandpa."

Leo leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Minnie Bellamy of the home; his mother, Mildred McKinney; 2 sons, Leo Bellamy, Jr.(Trina) and Shawn Bellamy (Debbie Morales); one daughter, Felicia Vega (Reuben); a daughter-in-law, Valerie Orton; 2 stepsons, David A. Ward, Martin Demetrius Ward(Kandi); 5 brothers, Leon David Bellamy (Corine), Leonard Gresham (Mae), Robert Gresham, Matthew McKinney, Parish McKinney (Charlotte); 6 sisters, Leona Ross, Leonora Morris (Tee), Phyllis Blanks, Deborah Wright, Patricia Garrett, and Rena McKinney; 1 uncle, Eugene Mainor (Christine); 10 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

~ The Order of Service ~

PROCESSIONAL Soft Music

HYMN West Street Christian Church Combined Choir

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament *Psalm 37:1-5* Mother Ava Midgette

New Testament *John 14:1-4* Deacon Felicia Bryant

PRAYER OF COMFORT Deacon James Dickerson

REMARKS *(Please limit your remarks to 2 minutes)*

Classmate C.F. Pope Class of 1963 Mr. James Moore

Family Mr. Shawn Bellamy

Independent Bikers of N.C. Mr. Milton McKoy

West Street Christian Church Rev. Reginald Midgette, Jr.

OBITUARY *Silent Reading* Soft Music

SELECTION West Street Christian Church Combined Choir

EULOGY Reverend Dr. R.E. Midgette, Sr.

RECESSIONAL Soft Music

~ Viewing Our Beloved ~

~ Internment ~

Riverview Cemetery
Watha

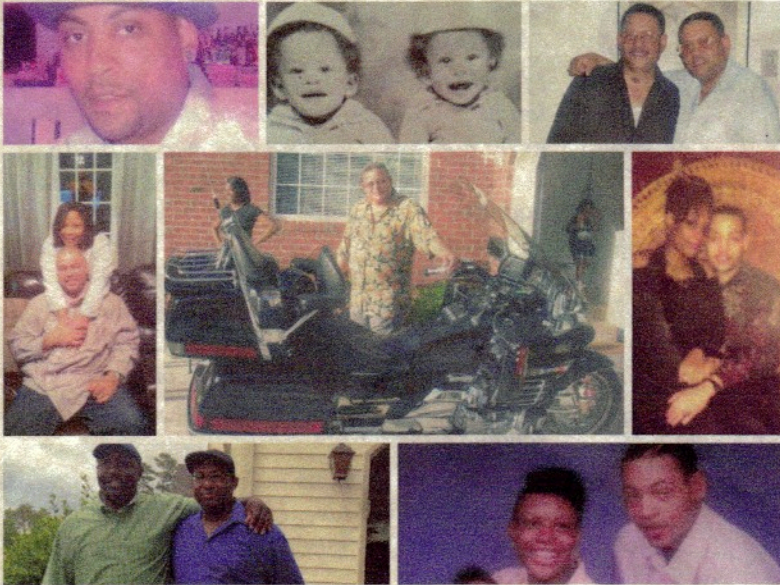
~ Repast ~

Burgaw Baptist Institution
Hwy 53

~ Flower Bearers & Pall Bearers ~

C. F. Pope High School Class of 1963, West Street Christian
Church Members

~ FROM THE CHILDREN ~



Leo's Children, His Bike, and His Twin Brother



Shawn, Felicia, and Leo

"Dad, What a shock it was to learn that you had passed and that I wouldn't see you or hear one of your crazy jokes again. I cried and, when that was all said and done; I smiled as I thought about you. I will miss you dearly and keep everything about you stored within me. The way you lived, the way you taught, and the way you loved will be with me forever. It was my honor and pleasure to have had you as my Dad. We had some rough times, but boy we had some real good times too. I love you always and until next time.....Your son, June Buggy." ~ Leo Bellamy, Jr.

A Dad's Love

*"A Dad's love is the most precious love of all.
A Dad's love is not like a mother's love and
A Mother's love is not like a Dad's love.
But my Dad's love is so unique and beautiful.
And for that I am so grateful to have you as my Dad
You are the best Dad any daughter could ever want,
And for that I will always love you." ~ Felicia*

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"There aren't enough words to express my gratitude for the MANY words you shared with me, and the life you shared with my mother. THANK YOU! Love," ~ David

Pop-a-Dock

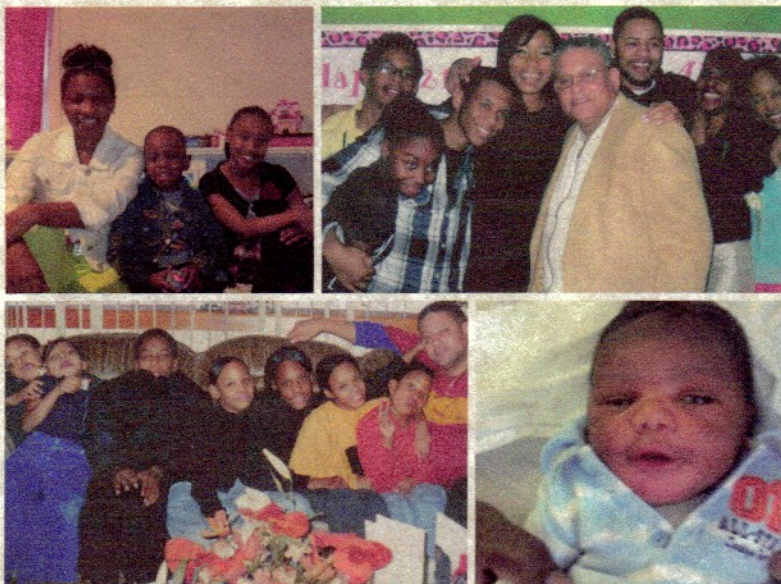
"I thank God for sending you into our lives 18 years ago. You never treated me and my brother any different from your biological children, and your love for our mother was unmistakable. You had a gift for simplifying life with simple philosophies. When you said, "You can't spend the same dollar twice," I remembered to keep my spending under control. Hearing you say, "You have not, 'cause you ask not," reminded me to pray and to approach every situation with confidence. You gave of yourself generously and diligently. You will be greatly missed, always loved, and forever respected. Without your presence, the crowd will NOT be the same." ~ Demetrius

Leo's Love

"'Hey Shawny Pooh.' ©I hated that name, but today I would give my right arm to hear you call me that again. There was no limit to your love. Love is what you did under any circumstance or condition. Love was the clothes you put on my back, the shoes you put on my feet. Love was making sure your family always had enough to eat. Love was the priceless advice that you gave me for free, and the warnings about the pitfalls and perils of life on the streets. You kept it 100% real and that's always OK with me. You used to tell me that being broke is worse than having death in the family. You were wrong about that. I would give my last dime to have you standing right here next to me. You taught me things no book could teach. You picked me up when I was down and weak. I appreciate your love, your character, your jokes, and your quick wit. Most of all, I'm going to miss our conversations that would end like this, "Keep doing good, and Daddy loves you." I love you back Pop; I'm going to do good by you. Now your soul can rest in Heaven. I'm going to miss you so much. You've been a father, a friend, and a mentor to me. Until we meet again, may your soul rest in peace! I love you always Pop." ~ Shawn

"Mr. B, you were the greatest father-in-law anyone could have ever asked for. From the first day I met you, you welcomed me with open arms. I'm going to miss your jokes, your words of wisdom, your wonderful spirit and your love for life. You created a wonderful family that I am so proud to be a part of, and I will always be grateful for that. I love you with all my heart and will miss you terribly. Until we meet again," ~ Trina

~ FROM THE GRANDCHILDREN and MINNIE ~



Leo's Grandchildren

"My Husband Leo,

I finally found my soul mate. You made me laugh and you made my heart skip a beat. We never had a dull moment together. In the 18 years that we were married, we did more than I had done in my entire life. We traveled to Africa, Alaska, Hawaii and many other places within these United States. You were my traveling partner, my eating buddy, my soul mate, and my friend. When I was alone, I asked God to send me someone that I could share memories with, and God sent me you (my high school classmate).

Now you have left me with a continuous lifetime of memories and love. I love you Baby. 'Brown Sugar' 'Mrs. B' 'Mrs. Lilly Pure'" ~ Minnie

"Grandpa was my angel and I love him." ~ Celeste

"It may seem like I wasn't always listening to you, but I was and I'm going to pass your lessons about life to my son. I'm glad you had the chance to meet him. I regret the lost time we had but I will always cherish you and the memories I have. I love you." ~ Rashawn

"My Grandfather was one of the greatest men to walk this Earth in my opinion. He carried himself like a King and expected nothing less from his children and grandchildren. He always had kind words and a bright smile which I admired. I'm going to miss his down-to-earth personality, humble heart, and his vivacious spirit. He will forever live on in my heart. I love you Grandpa." ~ Alicia

"He was a wonderful and loving Grandfather. He was always there for me even when he physically wasn't able to be here. He gave me support and guidance with my school work as well as my athletics. He always called me to keep me in check but, most of all, to tell me he loved me. He told me that he was proud of me and always encouraged me to do well in college. I will always love and miss him." ~ Kevin

"Grandpa, may your soul rest peacefully. I know that you are watching over us and helping us along the right path." ~ Treshawn

