



Memories















His Journey's Just Begun

By Ellen Brenneman

*Don't think of him as gone away
His journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.
And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched...
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much.*

Acknowledgement

Thank you for thinking of our family during this difficult time. Thank you so much for your condolences. We deeply appreciate the warm words of comfort, prayers, and your presence. We are grateful for family and friends like you at this time of sorrow.

Services Entrusted to
Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, Inc.
1011 Augusta Street
Greenville, SC 29605
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Homegoing Service for Mr. Ernest Leon Wideman



**Friday, October 9, 2020
2:00 p.m.**

**Watkins, Garrett and Woods Mortuary
1011 Augusta Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29605**

**Min. Irugu Gimbu, Eulogist
Shrine of the Black Madonna PAOCC**

Order of Service
Rev. Tevin Smith, Presiding
Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Processional
Clergy, Family and Friends

Solo
Mr. Larry Edwards

Scripture Readings
Min. Jackie McNeil

Prayer
Min. Jackie McNeil

Words of Remembrance
Ms. Jazmine Brown (Niece)
Anthony Neal (Friend)
Stan Harrison (Friend)

Solo
Rev. Tevin Smith

Words of Comfort
Min. Irungu Gimbu

Committal/Prayer/Benediction

Recessional

Obituary

Mr. Ernest Leon Wideman, 72, passed away on Friday, October 2, 2020, at his home in Greenville, South Carolina. He was born April 28, 1948, to the late Fate Cash Wideman, Sr., and Margaret Brown Chappell.

Leon was a graduate of Brewer High School Class of 1967, where he was a stellar student and athlete. Leon went on to study at Morehouse College where he pledged Omega Psi Phi. He was employed with Perception Kayaks/Watermark for 25 years, where he was the Director of Human Resources. He enjoyed reading, writing, sports, and socializing; if you knew Leon, you knew he never met a stranger. He was a great cook, and a true inspiration to everyone he met.

Leon was preceded in death by his siblings, Mary Fuller, Fate Cash Wideman, Jr., Marion Wideman, and John Willis Fuller, Jr.

To his family and friends, he was Leon, and to his grandchildren he was their beloved Pa-Pa. Leon was raised in the home of his Aunt Mrs. Annie and his late Uncle Sam Payne.

Leon is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Mary Wideman. A dedicated father and uncle foremost to his daughter Teia Wideman of Greenville, SC; son Brandon Wideman of Greenville SC; nieces Dana Brown of Greenville, SC and Jazmine Brown of Columbia, SC; Leon is also survived by sisters Janie Ruth Rapp, Sarah L. Wideman and Pauline W. Workman, all of Greenwood, SC, Paul Wideman and Margaret A. Dennis both of Norristown, PA and Judy A. Wideman of Greenwood, SC; Grandchildren Genesis Wideman, Josiah Wideman, Jada K. Wideman all of Greenville, SC; and a host of loved nieces, nephews, and extended family. Leon was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all.



**Til We Meet
Again**

