



MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch

November 8, 1943 - April 29, 2019

Master Sergeant (Ret.) Leroy Branch was born November 8, 1943 in Saginaw, Michigan to Reverend Will H. Branch and Errie Laderson. He departed this life on Monday, April 29, 2019 at his home surrounded by his wife, nephew and great-granddaughter.

Raised in Saginaw, MI, Leroy Branch attended Saginaw Public Schools. He went on to join the United States Army where he served from 1961 through 1984. He received an Honorable Discharge.

Leroy started his christian journey at Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He was a faithful member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. His first passion was being an usher and attending to his pastor. His hobbies were fishing, cooking and watching track meets. He enjoyed time with his family.

Mr. Branch leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife of 33 years, Levetty (Brown) Branch; children, Sabrina and Stephen Branch (Heart), Shirl Roberts, Craig Roberts (Tori); grandkids, Sparkle, DeMario, Marquavis, Janet, Christina, Jo, Arriana, Stephanie, Corianna, Andrea, Anna, Micha, Elise and Emory, two of whom he raised as his own, Sparkle (Sammie) Williams and DeMario Branch; 16 great-grandchildren, including Payten his track star; four siblings, James Branch, Errie McAfee, James Watkins and Willa Branch-Marselis; four god-children; a host of sisters and brothers-in-law; many nieces,

nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reverend Will H. Branch and Errie Laderson; daughter, Wendy Branch McGee; son, Andre Branch; his brother, Tyrone Davis; two sisters; two uncles; three aunts; one niece and one nephew.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 1111 North 29th Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Pastor Willie Hill, Jr. will officiate. Friends may call at the church on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will be present to greet friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Interment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442 on Friday, May 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
1111 N. 29th Street
Saginaw, MI

Funeral Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
1111 N. 29th Street
Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Browne's Mortuary - May 15, 2019 at 04:40 PM

DW

“ *Denise Walker lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Denise Walker - May 14, 2019 at 06:27 AM

RG

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Leroy we will love you always we will see you again*



Rayford Gould - May 11, 2019 at 11:19 PM



“ *Nedra Ann RileyWilliams lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Nedra Ann RileyWilliams - May 09, 2019 at 12:28 AM



“ *Myrtle Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Myrtle Collier - May 08, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ *Terra Monroe lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Terra Monroe - May 08, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Leroy. We will be praying for the family. Dennis and Gail Porter*



Dennis and Gail porter - May 08, 2019 at 01:37 AM

MB

“ *Mark & Lynne Blakely lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Mark & Lynne Blakely - May 07, 2019 at 08:24 PM

DF

“ *Always enjoyed seeing and talking to Leroy and his beautiful wife as they were picking up Peyton or watching her run in track meets. His smile always brightened my day. RIP*

Doug Frank - May 07, 2019 at 08:11 PM

MT

“ *John and Lillian Thomas*



Mr&Mrs John R Thomas - May 07, 2019 at 01:43 PM

SG

“ *To Mrs, Levetty and Family,*

May God continue to give you all strength to endure the days ahead. I am going to miss Mr. Leroy and his teasing me when ever he saw me.

The boys and I will be praying for you and the family.

*Humbly Submitted,
Sis. Sylvia George and Sons*



Sylvia George - May 07, 2019 at 11:54 AM

TW

“ *Theotis & Teresa (Toot) Wilcoxon lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Theotis & Teresa (Toot) Wilcoxon - May 07, 2019 at 08:43 AM

KW

“ *Levetty and family,
You and Bro. Leroy became family after you moved to Jackson and joined Second Baptist. Dad, the late Pastor Polk Williams, adopted you both, so you became our sister and brother. Our hearts are heavy, but we understand that he is no longer hurting, or troubled with the cares of this world. We rejoice in knowing that we will be reunited in Heaven.*

*Love you much
Minister Kathy Williams White
Jackson, Michigan*

Kathy White - May 06, 2019 at 09:33 PM

RS

“ To the family of Leroy Branch my wife prophetess Linda Sarden and Rev. Edward Sarden extend our prayers and well- wishes to you. Leroy was one of my classmates at Saginaw High, class of 1961. We were involved with sports together. He was a great human and will miss him greatly. God Bless You All.

Reve. Edward Sarden - May 06, 2019 at 03:24 PM

DH

“ FROM YOUR MOUNT NEBO CHURCH FAMILY....

God sent an angel down to lift another angel and guide him up the stairways of heaven. We are going to miss our "Beloved Candy Man" our "Faithful Usher", our "Kitchen Manager" and our Loving Brother who always made sure our Leader-Dr. Hill had everything he needed. God already knows our birth dates and the day we will leave this earth. So this is the day that God has made, and we will rejoice and be glad as we celebrate the homegoing of our dear 'Leroy Branch'. Family, we are always here if you need us; We are going to miss him dearly! We salute this loyal soldier today and forevermore!



Love from Dr. and First Lady Hill and your entire MOUNT NEBO church family!

DR. WILLIE HILL-PASTOR - May 06, 2019 at 12:30 PM

LF

“ Linda Troutmon & Family lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Linda Troutmon & Family - May 06, 2019 at 11:59 AM

DA

“ Dorothy R Brown AFC sent a virtual gift in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Dorothy R Brown AFC - May 06, 2019 at 04:36 AM

DA

“ My the Lord bless and keep you during this time Mrs Dorothy R Brown AFC .

Dorothy R Brown AFC - May 06, 2019 at 04:30 AM

DM

“ Dale And Charles Mitchner lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Dale and Charles mitchner - May 04, 2019 at 09:57 PM

LW

“ Latrice Williams lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Latrice Williams - May 04, 2019 at 08:01 PM

FG

“ Hello, I am, Frank Garth, I spent a large part of my youth living in the same neighborhood with Mr. Leroy Branch. Leroy was a few years older, he was an outstanding athlete, excelling in football and really dominating in track & field. Leroy graduated from Saginaw High and went on to join the military, after several years later and tours of duty in Vietnam, I had graduated and had joined the military were I was stationed a few miles down the road from him on Fort Bragg. We were both paratroopers, he with the 82nd Airborne and I with the Green Beret. I eventually left the Green Beret and was sent down the street to the 82nd Airborne Div., were I ended up in the same company, as Leroy, HDQ. Company 325. It was great having someone from back home stationed with you, we told everyone we were cousins, what was really great was Leroy was mess sgt., so that meant I did not go hungry. See you Coz. Frank Garth

Frank J Garth - May 04, 2019 at 04:22 PM

MG

“ Mr. And Mrs. Frank Garth lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garth - May 04, 2019 at 03:18 PM

NL

“ Nola M Levelston lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Nola M Levelston - May 04, 2019 at 09:04 AM

SS

“ *Shelva Scott-Veal sent a virtual gift in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Shelva Scott-Veal - May 04, 2019 at 08:23 AM

DM

“ *Deacon Dennis And Yvonne Mullins lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Deacon Dennis and Yvonne Mullins - May 03, 2019 at 10:59 AM

DB

“ *Our deepest condolences to Mrs. Levetty Branch and Family....Mr Branch aka Candy Man, will always be in our hearts, will miss dearly*



Deacon Larry & Marilyn K Bowman - May 02, 2019 at 10:39 PM

MS

“ *Mother Snow sent a virtual gift in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Mother Snow - May 02, 2019 at 05:29 PM

OK

“ Olivia Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of
MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Olivia Kincaid - May 02, 2019 at 01:18 PM

PC

“ Priscilla Craig lit a candle in memory of MSG
(Ret.) Leroy Branch



Priscilla Craig - May 02, 2019 at 08:25 AM

GC

“ Lavetty and the Branch family and all the
extended families of Mr. Leroy Branch , you all
have our deepest condolences in your loss
always remember that, God is good.....
" weeping may endure for a night but joy
cometh in the morning "
Sending love to you from the Ellison-Conway family
Gwen, Larry, Deon & Deidra



Gwen Conway - May 02, 2019 at 12:08 AM

DK

“ Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley - May 01, 2019 at 10:23 PM



“ Nedra Ann RileyWilliams lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Nedra Ann RileyWilliams - May 01, 2019 at 09:17 PM

PC

“ Peter Cooper lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Peter Cooper - May 01, 2019 at 06:15 PM

PC

Willie Mae, you're in my thoughts & prayers.

Peter Cooper - May 01, 2019 at 06:15 PM

RB

“ We send our hearts, prayers and deepest condolences to Sister Levetty and the entire Branch family. We are going to miss the one and only loyal "Candy Man" as he was affectionately called and known for. We already miss his presence and his candy treats at Mount Nebo. Hold on to God's unchanging hand and may His grace sustain you during this most difficult time of loss. We will keep you in our prayers and, if you need anything, don't hesitate to call on us.



Love from Larry/Linda Adams; Robert/Sponcia Bates; Mike/Dorothy Bradley; Mark/Lyndell Blakely; Steven Adams; Angela Bates; Mike/Shontella Bates; Sharon Bates; Theron/Crystal Bates and the entire Bates/Adams/Whitley family.

Robert/Sponcia Bates - May 01, 2019 at 02:36 PM

IH

“ Inez Hinton lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Inez Hinton - May 01, 2019 at 02:27 PM

AL

“ Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch



Annie Lowery - May 01, 2019 at 01:46 PM

VS

“ *Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Vermell Sangster - May 01, 2019 at 12:42 PM

WD

“ *William & Geraldine Doxie lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



William & Geraldine Doxie - May 01, 2019 at 10:23 AM

BF

“ *To Payten (Flash) and the Branch family the Bearcat Track & Field athletes, parents, and coaches send our prayers to you that God will grant you peace during this very difficult time. We appreciate all that love and support that you have given over the years. Mr. Branch presence made a huge difference and he will be missed. Keeping you all in our prayers God Bless.*



Bridgeport Track & Field - May 01, 2019 at 09:43 AM

EH

“ *My Deepest Heart felt Sympathies and condolences to the family. Sgt. Branch it was a Great Honor to have Served with you at American legion post 312*



Edward Hardy - May 01, 2019 at 06:06 AM

DT

“ *Denecho Turner lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Denecho Turner - May 01, 2019 at 12:41 AM

MJ

“ *Mr & Mrs Audrain King Jr. lit a candle in memory of MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Mr & Mrs Audrain King Jr. - April 30, 2019 at 11:09 PM

RT

“ *Brother Branch loves to fish!!!*



Rev Thomas - April 30, 2019 at 10:55 PM

DD

“ *Debra Dillard sent a virtual gift in memory of
MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Debra Dillard - April 30, 2019 at 10:25 PM

DD

My deepest condolences to you family. We have truly lost a strong and kind soul. Know that God never makes a mistake and i pray his comfort for you. Mom you will never walk alone. Hold to Christ loving hands. It is in him you will find his peace, comfort and love for you. Sending love your way.

Debra Dillard - April 30, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of MSG
(Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Frank Johnson - April 30, 2019 at 06:02 PM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of
MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Dona Austin-Bigby - April 30, 2019 at 05:27 PM

RV

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Leroy.
Prayers are with the family. Much love to you
all. Bobby and Linda*



Robert and Linda Veasley - April 30, 2019 at 04:25 PM

BT

“ *Bobbie J Turner lit a candle in memory of
MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



Bobbie J Turner - April 30, 2019 at 03:01 PM

LC

“ *Larry Clemmons lit a candle in memory of
MSG (Ret.) Leroy Branch*



larry clemmons - April 30, 2019 at 02:58 PM