



Legrant "Lee" Blackwell

January 26, 1942 - February 15, 2019

Shirley: Legrant "Lee" Blackwell , 77, of Shirley, died Friday, February 15, 2019 at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

Mr. Blackwell was born in Marion, South Carolina, January 26, 1942, a son of Howard and Marion Jane (Lewis) Blackwell and resided in Acton before moving to Shirley twenty three years ago.

For twenty six years Mr. Blackwell served his country in the United States Air Force retiring in 1988 at the rank of Master Sergeant. Following his retirement from the armed forces Mr. Blackwell worked nearly twenty years in Acton as a Rural Mail Carrier.

He leaves his wife of twenty nine years, Linda Fay (Washington) Blackwell; his son, Roger Blackwell of Connellsville, PA; his daughter, Alexis A. Blackwell of Shirley several grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son, Legrant Blackwell Jr. of Connellsville, PA in April 2015.

Mr. Blackwell was an active member of New Hope Community Church in Ayer where he served as a member of the Fellowship Committee, Brotherhood Choir, Vacation Bible School Prayer Team and also as an usher. He was a

member of the, Shirley American Legion Post # 183, Disabled American Veterans, Past Grand Master of Patriot Lodge of Masons # 24 in Bedford, Shriners and attained the level of Thirty Third Degree Mason at Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Boston. He had been a member of the former Bedford VFW Post 1628.

Funeral services will be held 10 AM Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at New Hope Community Church, 139 Sandy Pond Road, Ayer. Burial with military honors will follow at Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon.

Mr. Blackwell 's family will receive family and friends at calling hours from 4-8PM Monday, February 25th at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., (Rte 2A) Ayer. During the calling hour period, a service of prayer will be held at 5PM a Shriners Service at 6 PM and Masonic Service at 7 PM.

For additional information or to leave an on line condolence please see www.andersonfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery

111 Glenallen Street
Winchendon, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

New Hope Community Church
139 Sandy Pond Rd.
Ayer, MA 01432

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *our thoughts and prayers are with you*



Michelle Farris - May 26, 2019 at 12:07 AM

GW

“ *Farwell my brother-in law ,Legrant Lee Grant from your sister in law Gwendolyn Williams the great state of Mississippi. the state we always joked about , you would say," I got my pretty wife Linda" out that old miserable place: I would say, she was already in MA. shame on you, then you would say, I love you "Bimp", gone somewhere. I called you peter Rabbits every time we talked , you excepted that. Thank you for the great life long memories of sharing with my family. We are going to miss you my brother. however as long as I live I will help my little sister Faye to keep Alexis moving toward her dreams. Why, because I know that is what you would want and what you strive for all her life when you were here with them. Farwell again my friend.*



Gwendolyn Williams - February 26, 2019 at 11:14 AM

JA

“ Dearest Linda and Alexis,
My love and prayers go out to you at this time. I pray that God comforts you. I can picture Lee and Andy goofing around together up in heaven. He was a good friend. I was so honored when you had me sing at your wedding. Remember the joy, love, and laughter. The great cookouts you would have. I was glad when he came to work at the Post Office. One thing I liked about him was that he didn't pretend. He was the same every day. We will miss him. I am here if you need anything.
With Deepest Sympathy
Love,
Judy and Matt Anderson

Judy Anderson - February 26, 2019 at 12:33 AM

JJ

“ Hi Auntie Faye ,
My sympathy goes out to you and my little cousin Alexis. This is your nephew Jerry J. Williams Jr.. You know in life uncle Lee and I had something in common , The masonic; and being one of his brother I cherished his advice at all times and live the life he talked with me about through the years. I love you and I love him. Today I say farewell uncle Lee. I look forward to seeing you again in the New World order. Travel well my brother and my friend.



Jerry J. Williams - February 25, 2019 at 05:58 PM

RM

“ Alexis and Mrs.Blackwell,

I was sorry to receive the news about the death of your father and husband. Although I didn't know him, he sounds like he was a good guy. May your faith and love and support for each other help you to get through this difficult period.

Sincerely,

*Russ Mann
Spanish teacher
Ayer Shirley Regional High School*

Russ Mann - February 25, 2019 at 11:53 AM

JS

“ To my Masonic Brother Legrant Blackwell,
Thank you for making me be the best mason I could be. Yours words of support guided me on my journey and kept me in line. You showed me how to use my working tools in life. You will be greatly missed. Till we make again. May you Rest In Peace. (My brother from the 609)

*Fraternally Yours
R.W. James P. Massenburg Sr D.D.G.M.
10th Masonic District*

James Massenburg Sr - February 25, 2019 at 11:20 AM

MC

My deepest condolences and sympathy for family and friends

michelle farris, cousin - May 26, 2019 at 12:02 AM

ET

“ *Edward washington and Family Azle tx purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Legrant "Lee" Blackwell.*



Edward washington and Family Azle tx - February 25, 2019 at 05:47 AM

YW

“ *Your Sister Gwen Williams and Neice Kim Williams purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Legrant "Lee" Blackwell.*



Your Sister Gwen Williams and Neice Kim Williams -
February 24, 2019 at 07:04 PM

BJ

“ LeGrant was my brother.in.law and I was, my sister, Linda's Matron of Honor at their wedding. After that day...the four of us (My husband, Norman, Lee, Linda & I (Sister Barbara) spent many years going on vacations together & visiting each other from Ohio to Massachuttes (Chicago, New Orleans, Texas, Mississippi, my Retirement Ceremony, Etc.). Lee kept us all on our toes with his "very" unique, knowledgeable, stern, outgoing & inquisitive personality. Of course - he was the first to pay for most everything with his own money & credit cards. He & Linda always sent Christmas gifts to us and my first two grand.daughters. They insured this was done each December. There was never a dull moment (day, nor night) when Lee & Linda were with us. One year we picked them up at the airport late in the night..and I shall never forget how eight....yes..eight (8) people killed into our vehicle and we all rode home together using a major highway filled with traffic on a rainy night...yes.. in the same car....the four of us..my two children..and two God sons (1 White, 1 Phillapeano)...he treated all races the same..and believed in Human Rights & Equality. Several of the kids rode inside down with their legs all in our faces. Luckily the suitcase were in the trunk of our 1995 Cougar. So..Yes..LeGrant had a great sense of humor..fussed and told us off all the way home while the car was filled with laughter and kids tumbling everywhere while we drove cautiously to avoid being stopped by a Police Officer. LeGrant looked the finest in life..had a Big Heart..and took life vey serious. Everyone - who were acquainted with him knows these comments to be true. Thus, we all shall miss him greatly and may God Bless my dear "Twice-Sweet" Sister Linda and my "Very-intellectual" niece - Alexis: Both, whom, stood by their, now deceased "loved-one" (husband & father) to this very end.

And, now, having performed well on the stage of life in the mortal flesh....may LeGrant's soul be surrendered to eternal rest & peace. Then, I pray that his soul be manifested & returned to the glory, care, salvation, and reconciliation of God to be at home in Heaven on behalf off all the "good deeds" that out-weighed the bad.... as done on Earth...the "Good Deeds...all of which shall remain written

in many hearts by the words of known truths - and never be passed away.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Barbara J. Johnson (Sister)
U.S. Air Force Civilian Officer, Retired
Published Author*

Barbara J. Johnson - February 24, 2019 at 10:06 AM

LB

“ *Lee, my husband, best friend and armour barrier please know that my love for you is and always will be without fail. There was (IS) no limit to it. God allowed us to have 29 + years together (+ IS FOR OUR EARS ONLY). I make a promise to take care of your legacy (ALEXIS) to the best of my ability. WE ARE STRONG WOMEN THANKS TO YOU! R.I.P. LOVE "LINDA"*

As Alexis would say "LOVE YOU LIL MAN"

Linda Blackwell - February 24, 2019 at 08:21 AM

FF

“ *From your Sister Carolyn Sherman & Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Legrant "Lee" Blackwell.*



From your Sister Carolyn Sherman & Family - February 22, 2019 at 03:49 PM

TF

“ *The Ferebee’s purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Legrant “Lee” Blackwell.*



The Ferebee’s - February 22, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Legrant “Lee” Blackwell.*



February 22, 2019 at 09:42 AM

SM

“ *Linda and Alexis, we are so sorry for your loss. We loved Lee and we’ll miss his humor, laughter and singing very much—he, as well as you, are a big part of the Tiny’s family and will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this very difficult time.*

*RIP Lee
Your friends at Tiny’s*

sharon mauro - February 21, 2019 at 09:00 AM

TO

“ *Linda and Blackwell family - We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Linda, family and those who loved him.*
Todd and Staff at Destination Express, Inc.

Todd - February 18, 2019 at 02:01 PM

RE

Linda and Blackwell family, My heart truly breaks for you all. Please accept heartfelt condolences from the Edrington family. We share in your sorrow. Brother Blackwell meant the world to us and we will miss him dearly! May God keep and bless you!

*Your Brother Rex T.
#patriotslodgeno24*

Rex T. Edrington - February 18, 2019 at 07:26 PM

EW

Linda and Alexis we are sorry for your loss of Lee he was a great brother in- law we loved him he always made us smile. your brother Bilbo and Family.

Edward E Washington - February 22, 2019 at 08:31 AM

TH

My apologies for posting this so late, but I just heard the sad news this morning. I did not know Lee well. In fact, I usually called him Sarge because to me he was a proud veteran. He always cheered me up with his smile and his sense of humor. He was a gentleman, a wonderful example of what it means to be a good husband and father! Lee was respected by all and loved by many. He will be missed. Tim Holland

Tim Holland - March 10, 2019 at 11:15 AM