

*Celebration  
of Life*



*Leonard*  
**THIGPEN**

**(Stick)**

Sunrise: March 22, 1950  Sunset: February 2, 2023

# Life REFLECTIONS

**Leonard Thigpen** was born on March 22, 1950, in Chicago, IL to the late Earnest and Malinda Thigpen. He was the eldest of thirteen children. Leonard was filled with a ton of energy. Leonard accepted Christ at an Early Age and visited different churches.

**Leonard** began his education at Riley Elementary School, Markham, IL earning his diploma in the class of 1964. Leonard had an inquisitive mind and learned quickly. He continued his education at Thornton High School up until 1966, where he met several of his long-term friends. At age 16 years old, Leonard enrolled in the Military Army Service, shortly after went on to pursue other dreams. Later, Leonard began his own business in Limo, Towing, and Auto Repair Shops (auto mechanic), where he has managed for over 40 years. Leonard loved helping others and being of service. He was known for his commitment and dedication. He did a lot of Community work in Harvey, IL. Community which consist of giving scholarships and sponsored proms.

As a youngster, Leonard would run, jump, roll, and play like there was no tomorrow. His personality was electric. Throughout the years, Leonard loved to travel, bowl, play cards, dance, po-man racing club, go to the casino and spend time with his family and friends, especially his Wife and the Jackson extended family. Leonard spirit, kind heart, faith in God attracted you to him and kept him as a forever friend. Leonard was the Life of the Party and known for his love of fashion, always meticulous about his appearance. He was a people person and he developed some of his closest relationship with his family, high school classmates, community member and just anyone who met him. Leonard knew people from all walks of life. Leonard lived a diverse lifestyle and he left quite a unique legacy.

**In 1990**, Unconditional Love brought Leonard Thigpen and Sabrina Hall on New Year's Eve and 6 months later, they joined hands together in Marriage. They were married 32 years. They were always seeking a better life for themselves and their family. They love to travel and dance together. The love that they had for each other continued every Sunday for dinner and movie night.

**Leonard** made his transition on February 2, 2023. He was preceded in death by his *father*, Earnest Thigpen, *mother*, Malinda Thigpen, *daughter*, Len Latrice Thigpen, *brother*, Earnest Thigpen Jr., *sister*, Linda Scott, and *grandson*, Rashawn Crockett.

**Memories of Leonard's Love** are left to cherish by *his beautiful wife*, Sabrina Thigpen; *his loving children*, Terry, Ronald, Donnie, Terri, Anthony, and Leonard Jr. (Michel); *his caring siblings*, Robert (Corrine), Catherine, Betty Mae, Donnie, Thomas, Joe-Lewis, Terome (Jackie), Jerome (Stephanie), Monica, James (Teresa); *his vibrant brother-in-law*, Jeffery (Twanna), and *loveable sister-in-laws*, Antoinette, Victoria, and Zencta Jones ON (Bao ON); *lovable grandchildren*, Romaya, Aia-len, Lamont, Amauree, Dajuan, Tierra, Shytterra, Donald Jr. and October; *bonus sister and brother-in-law*, Aldrenna (Megrit) Smith, Jackson Family and a host of very special cousins, nieces, nephews and lifelong friendships.

# Order of Service

Processional

Scripture.....

Prayer.....

Musical Selection.....

Acknowledgement of Cards.....2 minutes

Announcement.....Aldrenna Smith

Remarks.....2 minutes

Obituary.....Shania Hall

Musical Selection.....

Special Remarks.....Rev. Lamorris Crawford

Eulogy.....Rev. Carl Harris

Benediction.....Rev. Carl Harris

Parting and Recessional.....

~Professional Arrangements Entrusted To~

Nabors Family Funeral Home-470 W. 172<sup>nd</sup> St. Thornton, IL 60476~ (708) 704-5023

Professional Obituary Designs by JJDESIGNS~FB: JJPRINTS~IG: JJDESIGNS39:

Jade Jackson: (773) 751-8482

**Wake: 11am-12pm Service: 12pm-1pm**

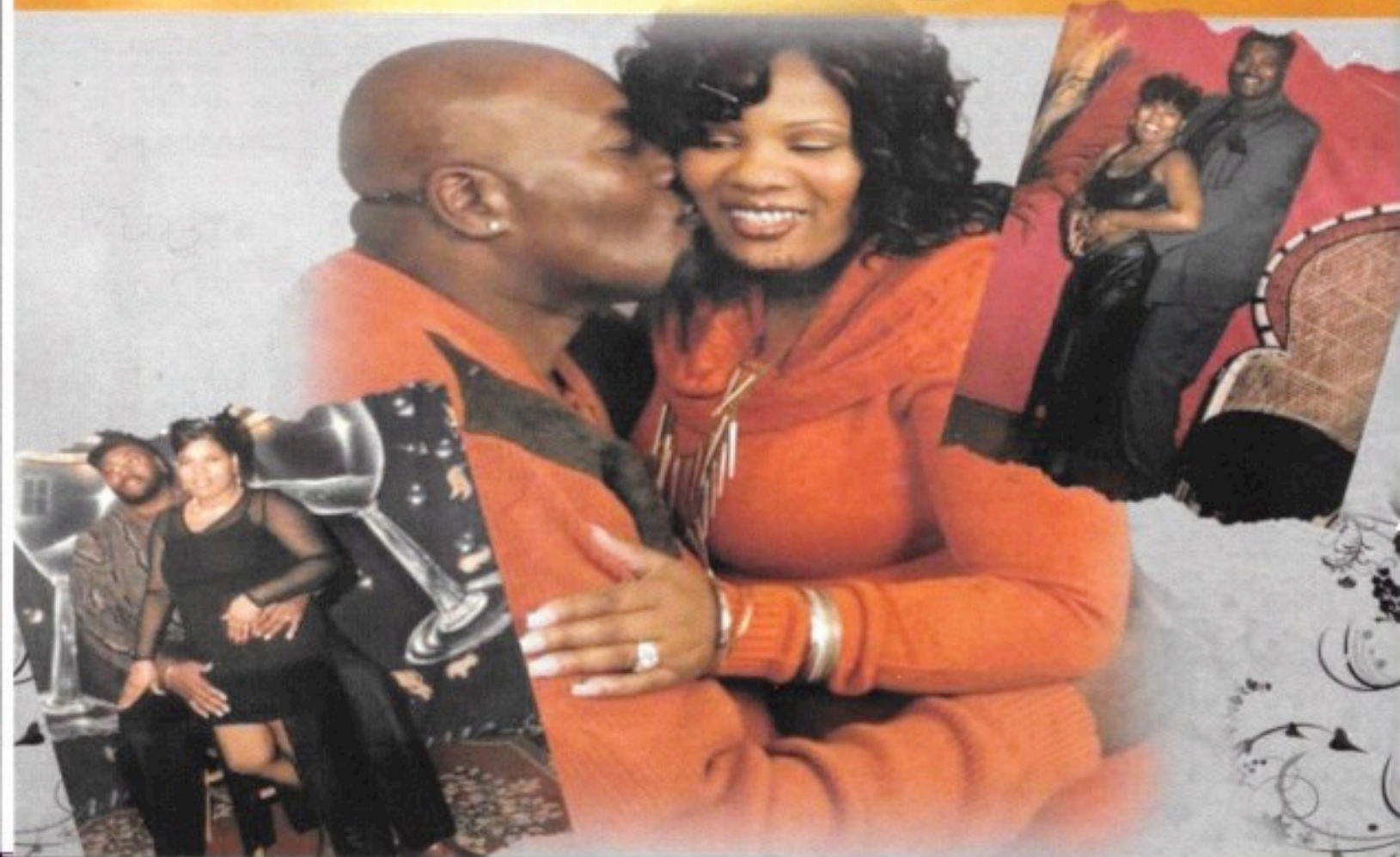
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32 Years of  
Marriage



Leonard & Sabrina



♥ *Special Tributes* ♥



My Mr. Thigpen, My Husband. I was blessed to be the one you chose to marry. You were the love of my life. You will forever be attached to my heart. We were married for thirty two years and you were my bestfriend. As you would always say, "We are a Team".

Leonard you were a true workaholic. You provided well for your family. You loved us all. I miss you so much. I am especially going to miss your special name for me...Honey. Our plan was to retire, but God knew best. Leonard, I know you are resting well.

**I LOVE YOU FOREVER, *Your Honey Sabrina (Wife)***



To my brother, you've been the brother that any sister would be proud to have. You have been there for me and my kids threw it all- Good and Bad. You were my best friend, my dancing partner, the only person that could make me laugh when I wanted to cry.

So, rest my brother and don't ever forget that. You are loved and will be missed dearly and keep making people laugh.

**I LOVE YOU, *Dreanna***

**DAD**  
*we miss you*

**WE WILL MISS YOU**

**BRO**

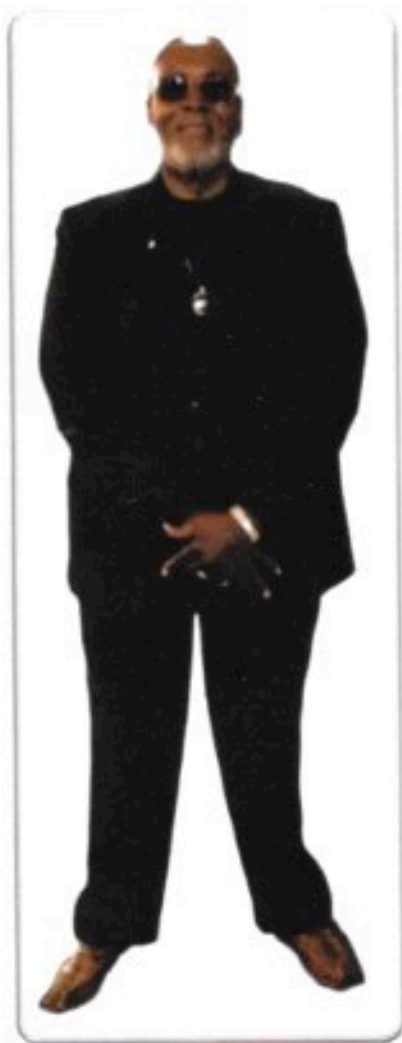




STICK'S

*Garage*





## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my spirit has left a void  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of *Leonard Thigpen (Stick)* wishes to extend our love, our thanks, our blessings to all persons who have offered their support to our family during our time of bereavement. Your visits, phone calls, your cards, your thoughts, and your prayers have helped strengthen and encourage us. Please keep our family in your prayers.

