



## Leonard Blakeley, Sr.

June 14, 1962 - March 17, 2020

Mr. Leonard Blakeley age 57, passed away March 17, 2020 at his home in Hampton, FL. Mr. Blakeley was born in Philadelphia, PA, and moved to Gainesville nine years ago. He was a member of Greater Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, Lake Butler, FL. He served in the United States Army and was employed as a Director at O2B Kids.

He is survived by his devoted, loving, and caring wife, Mae Rushing Blakeley, Hampton, FL, children, Gerald Coney(Whitey), Laquanda Woulard(Felton), Lashand Coney, all of Gainesville, FL, Vanessa Lewis(Travis), Orlando, FL, Shantel Brister(Chance), Lynette Blakeley, Leonard Blakeley, Jr. , all of Gainesville, FL, siblings, Simon Blakeley(Gwen), Gainesville, FL, Robert Blakeley, Jr.(Pearl), Patricia Carter(George), Dianna Blakeley, all of Philadelphia, PA, Vanessa Pitts(Byron), Tampa, FL, and fourteen grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Mr. Blakeley will be held 3:00pm, Saturday, April 4th, 2020 at the Female Protective Temple, Pastor Tommy Hines, Eulogist. Burial will be held at a later, date. Arrangements entrusted to Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc., 18 N.W. 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

Mr. Blakeley will repose in the Chestnut Memorial Chapel on Friday, April 3, 2020 from 2:00pm until 7:00pm, and on Saturday at the Temple from 2:00pm

until the hour of Service. Family and friends are asked to meet on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Reynolds, 2310 S.E. 15th St., Gainesville, at 2:00pm to form the Cortege.

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# Tribute Wall



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Chestnut Funeral Home - March 14, 2024 at 10:23 AM

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“ I came to know Mr. Blake ten years ago when I started to work at O2b Kids. He had worked there since the beginning, knew everything about the buildings from top to bottom... A wealth of knowledge packed in his head. He didn't mind sharing his knowledge which I sure appreciated. We worked together a lot, doing all kinds of projects. One thing that I thought was neat was how he talked on the phone. He would call someone and say, "Hello, this is Mr.....Blake, from O2B Kids." He would always draw out the Mister. Blake was one of the mildest persons I have ever known. He never got mad, or at least he didn't show it, but he could get disgusted, like all of us. I will miss his smile, his happy disposition and the camaradiere we all shared. He would help anyone, any time, when ever they called. HE WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY!!!! GOD BLESS YOU, MR. BLAKE. Bless Mae, and all the family. It has been pleasure knowing you. Mike and Sue Mr. Mike Sr.

Michael Booth, Sr - April 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Mr. Blake and his family were my neighbors for 8 years. He always had a smile on his and was such a kind man. He would sure help you in anyway he could. His passing is a terrible loss. My condolences to his family and friends. Also, my sister and her 2 grandchildren who visited with me send their love and sympathy too.*

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**Sylvia Jackson** - April 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Blake was a remarkable man. The world will have a little less sunshine in it, with him being gone. He will live forever in our hearts and we will do our best to keep his memory alive at O2B Kids, each and every day!*

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**Heather Todd** - April 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Gwendolyn Blakeley lit a candle in memory of Leonard Blakeley, Sr.*



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**Gwendolyn Blakeley** - April 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM