

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

FOR

Jeremy

James Leighvard

“Despite his size he was a gentle giant, humble, respectful and mild mannered. He cared for and loved deeply all of his family.”

Sunrise
July 26, 1988

Sunset
February 1, 2024

Sunday, February 25, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Mt. Olive S.D.A. Church
3350 Clarcona Road, Apopka, Florida 32703

Officiating
Pastor Carl E. Ware, Sr.

Eulogist
Dr. Derrick Moffett

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Postell's Mortuary – Orlando, FL

Order of Service

Officiating – Pastor Carl E. Ware, Sr.
Music provided by Alan George Keys

Prelude [Hymns] Alan George Keys
Processional Pastors / Family
Greetings Pastor Carl E. Ware, Sr.
Opening Hymn – *“He Lives”* [#251]
Scripture Reading – *Revelation 22:1-5* Pastor Hugo Kennedy
Musical Selection [2 songs] Elder Charles Hauguabrooks
Acknowledgments Sis. Kem Rampasaud
Church Clerk

Precious Memories / Reflections

Grandmother – Jlonia Page
College Friend – Jonathan Johnson
Friend – Danny Best
Manager – Darius Tolver
Uncle – Dr. Oliver Page

Visual Memories ...CREATED BY Julian Leighvard [Jeremy’s brother]

Musical Selection – *“We Shall Behold Him”* Caron Drake

Eulogy Dr. Derrick Moffett
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

Musical Selection – *“Until Then”* Elder Gladstone McLean

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Carl E. Ware, Sr.

Instructions from Funeral Director Postell’s Mortuary

Recessional

“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

Pastors, Pallbearers, Family Members, Church Members, Musicians

Interment

Woodlawn Memorial Park
Orlando (Gotha), Florida

REPAST

Immediately following the interment, a repast will be held here at Mt. Olive Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Psalm 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

IT IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY

Half a lifetime is a small price to pay for eternal life, and eternity awaits ALL those who love the Lord Jesus. We have an appointment with Him at the sound of the last trumpet, when ALL God’s children will rise to meet again, but this time, it will be forever. Amen!

¹ O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. ² You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my every thought when far away. ³ You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am.

⁴ You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. ⁵ You both precede and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to know!

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

FROM

PSALM 139

God’s Promises and the Order of Service

A Legacy™

a heritage: character qualities, memoirs...

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

– 2 Corinthians 5:8

Jeremy James Leighvard

Jeremy James Leighvard, was born in London, England on July 26, 1988 to Belle and Roy Leighvard. Jeremy, affectionately known as “Jerry” was the third of four children. A happy, gentle and inquisitive child, he saw things in the world with a unique perspective. He utilized this skill when completing jigsaw puzzles with his father or taking picture perfect photography, it had to be just right!



In his early childhood, Jeremy attended Fairfield's Primary School in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom. He was also a fast sprinter in his formative years, and loved outdoor athletics. In 1997 at age seven Jeremy together with his entire family arrived in Orlando, Florida to start a new life in the United States.

Jeremy accepted Christ as his personal Savior as a teenager, and was baptized by his father in the North Orlando Seventh day Adventist Church. He attended both Christian and public schools, in Ocoee and the Orlando areas. He graduated from Ocoee High School, Ocoee, Florida. After leaving high school

he embarked on a career in information technology, studying at Southern Adventist University, in Tennessee. This allowed him to develop academically and professionally, and hone his technical skills. In 2017 he traveled to Kentucky on a College sponsored trip, to participate in the Skills USA State Championship. Jeremy was the only student from Florida to achieve a Gold Medal in IT computing.

He was also an avid freelance photographer, picking up assignments at Universal Studios and Sea World. He was an adept web page designer and host who developed sites professionally, as well as to demonstrate his innovative web-building skills. He was a “gamer” who relished online challenges with his virtual opponents, staying up all night if necessary to win. He also had a passion for fine art, and painted many nature scenes.

After studying at Southern Adventist University, Jeremy continued his virtual studies at the University of Utah to further enhance his career. His professional aim was to advance to a supervisory role through further studies and persistent



cherished every moment spent with his beloved wife, Shani Leighvard, who was his constant source of joy and inspiration. Their frequent date nights, walks in the park, and adventures to new restaurants and theme parks were cherished memories that brought them closer together.

A lover of nature and adventure, Jeremy enjoyed the great outdoors, whether it was boating on the open waters, swimming in natural springs, or exploring the thrill of theme parks. He would never leave the house without his camera, to make sure the memorable moments were captured. His passion for painting and pottery allowed him to express his creativity and leave a lasting impression on those around him.

Jeremy's love for his family knew no bounds, and he treasured every moment spent with them. He adored his wife, Shani, showering her with unconditional love, admiration, and gratitude. His thoughtful gestures, from surprise flowers to sentimental gifts, were a testament to the depth of his love and devotion. He also enjoyed family get togethers for the holidays, and celebrating birthdays around the table with family, enjoying food and fellowship with the ones he loved the most.

In his free time, Jeremy enjoyed sharing his passions with Shani, whether it was binge-watching Netflix movies, teaching her how to play video games, teaching her how to use AI in her real estate business, or brainstorming business ideas fueled by his passion for technology. Together, they embarked on countless adventures, exploring new destinations and creating cherished memories along the way.

Jeremy's legacy of love and kindness will forever live on in the hearts of those he touched. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him, but his spirit will continue to inspire us to live life with the same passion and gratitude that he had.

Jeremy was preceded in death by his one and only **sister** – Cassandra Louise Leighvard, who departed this life in August 2017. He is survived by his loving **wife** – Shani Carty-Leighvard; **parents** – Roy and Belle Leighvard; **brothers** – Julian and his wife Opal (Autherene) Leighvard, and Christopher Leighvard; **nephew** – Jonathan Marc, **nieces** – June Elizabeth Leighvard, Victoria Serari Leighvard, and Olivia Penelope Ann Leighvard; **maternal grandmother** – Jlonna Page; two **uncles** – Dr. Oliver Page, Ph.D., and Junior Page; and a host of other relatives and many friends.

Jeremy had plans of starting a family of his own. He married his wife Shani Carty-Leighvard in a small private ceremony on January 6th of 2023. Even though they didn't get to have children yet Shani will still ensure that their legacy lives on.

work ethics. His most recent position saw him as a leading IT Specialist in Cyber Security. Jeremy was a big man, standing at 6 foot 4 inches, wearing size 16 sneakers (he always wore the latest and greatest sneakers!). Despite his size he was a gentle giant, humble, respectful, and mild mannered. He cared for and loved deeply all of his family. He also loved people, nature and animals, owning and caring for his lap dog called Teddy.

Jeremy was the epitome of love, compassion, and generosity, and his passing leaves a void that can never be filled. He lived life to the fullest, embracing each day with an enthusiasm that was contagious. He

The Love of his life



Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!

- Isaiah 26:19_{NLT}

We'll NEVER forget you!



The Love of his Life and Memories of Jeremy

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

— Revelation 21:4

Pallbearers

Friends of the Family

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

Committal Service

Woodlawn Memorial Park

Dr. Derrick Moffett and Pastor Carl E. Ware, Sr.

Dove and Balloon Release – The Family

Interment

Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road
Orlando [Gotha] FL 34734



In Appreciation

The Family of Jeremy Leighvard would like to express our gratitude with deep appreciation for the many comforting messages, prayers, telephone calls, acts of kindness, concerns and expression of sympathy which has helped us during this very difficult time.

Your kind deeds will always be remembered.

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9.....

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man,
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

— the Family



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