

Celebrating the life of

Theodore Wimberly

SUNRISE

October 12, 1941

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February 22, 2024

Celebratory Service

Saturday, March 2, 2024, 11am

Messias Temple Church

200 Harriet St

Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

OBITUARY

Theodore Wimberly was born to Thomas and Lucille Wimberly on October 12, 1941, in Albion, Michigan, as the 5th of 11 children. As a young man, he enlisted in the United States Navy with a desire to travel the world. Theodore served on the USS OKINAWA, handling operations on and under the sea, in the air, and on the ground until honorably discharged. During this time, he acquired a taste for the finer things in life. Music, Art & Photography, and Fashion would become the order of the day. This would be reflected in his everyday lifestyle and to everyone he encountered. While serving as a dedicated sailor, he met Melonae Evans. They married, and three children—Ryan, Dana, and Jan—were born to this union.

In 1965, he began working for Ford Motor Company, where he remained a diligent employee until his retirement in 2000. That's where he met the love of his life, Wilmer Hister. Ted and Wilmer were married November 9, 1985, and remained faithful to one another for thirty-nine years. Their union was full of life, love, family vacations, and outings. A few notable include the Bahamas trip, where locals mistook him for Morgan Freeman, the Chicago trip with his grandchildren, and ice skating escapades with Granny Wilmer.

Ted and Wilmer's home was the standard to the neighborhood, recognized most for its fashionable interior and immaculate yard, which he catered to meticulously. Their abode was a haven for their families and their grandchildren's favorite place to visit for advice, prayer, inspiration, tight hugs, and home-cooked meals. Wisconsin beef sticks, Sargento pepper jack cheese, Wilmer's signature bacon cheeseburgers, and chocolate dessert were often the top requests.

When Ted wasn't tending to his yard, at church, or spending time with family and friends, he was likely on the course. He was an avid golfer and spent many weekends on the green. Terry, Phil, and his nephew Derrick often accompanied him. He passed his love for the sport and Tiger



Woods to his grandkids—especially his eldest, Evan, whom he traveled states away to golf with in Nashville, Tennessee.

He gave his life to the Lord and was filled with the Holy Ghost at Messias Temple Church under the leadership of Bishop Harry S. Grayson. It was essential to ensure his relationship with the Lord was intact. He called over Elder Lundy, whom he referred to as a mentor, so that they could pray. They did just that, praying until Ted spoke in a heavenly language. Throughout his membership, he served faithfully as a trustee, an usher, in the food pantry, and as a Men's ministry and choir member. He was committed to serving wherever needed until his illness prevented him from continuing.



His loving wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and close friends surrounded him in his last moments. They prayed and sang, "I Know it was the Blood," as he raised his hands in praise before leaving this earth for eternity.

Theodore departed Thursday, February 22, 2024, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas; his mother, Lucille; and his brothers, Leon, Charles, Thomas, Bobby, Harvey, and Ricardo. He is survived by siblings: Tony Wimberly, Ruby Crum, Veronica Williams, Esther Wimberly, Sheila and Steve Hickenbottom, and sisters-in-love, Sandra Wimberly and Sarah Wimberly. Children: Ryan and Sharon Wimberly, Dana and David Felton, Jan Coman, Donna Michelle, and Eugene Brown. Grandchildren: Evan Wimberly, Jana Wimberly, Kaylin Eason, Miles Felton, Christa and Jordan Tarnoviski, Jade Wimberly, Jada Wimberly, Christopher Coman, and Emmanuel Wimberly. Great-grandchildren: Jayla Durr, Zavier Wimberly, Evyn Wimberly. Goddaughter: Danielle Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and close friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Minister of Ceremony: Bishop Harry S. Grayson

Processional and Prelude Evangelist Patsy Gordon

Invocation Reverend Solomon Kinloch

Old Testament Scripture Minister Terry Blackmon

New Testament Scripture Minister Phillip Peterson

Musical Selection Darrin Patterson

Special Remarks

Acknowledgements Sister Ruby Bostic

Reflections Family

Obituary Deborah Felton

Musical Selection Darrin Patterson

Eulogy Elder William Lundy

Committal Bishop Charles H. Ellis III

Recessional and Postlude Evangelist Patsy Gordon



MY HUSBAND

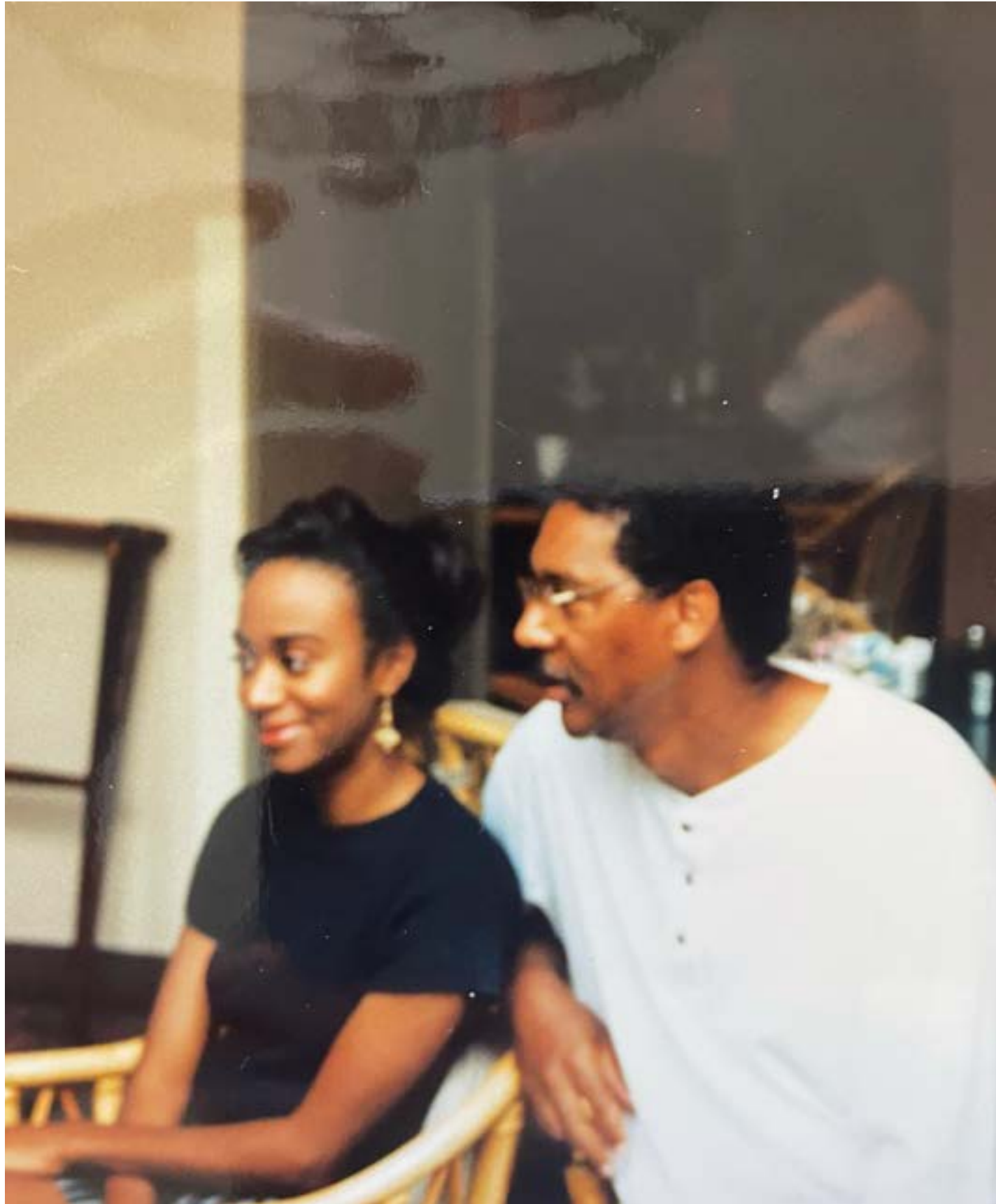
Teddy, you and I, in the presence of God, family, and friends made a promise to love for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish til death do us part.

God helped us to keep the faith and the promise.

"I LOVE YOU"

Your wife Wilma





MY DADDY

Daddy,

I'm crushed and still wrestling with reality that you're no longer here. I keep playing back our last moments together and the weight I felt as you asked for your oxygen mask to be removed. I knew what it meant but struggled with what would come next. You can imagine the myriad of emotions for at that moment. But I needed to remain strong and composed for you, like you did for me and the rest of the family.

After removing your mask you said "Let's pray?" Prayer was so important to you, so much so you had each of your grandchildren to pray for you, and then you uttered "I love you" to each of them. The bravery, the strength, the consistency you display will always be with me.

I will miss our relationship, Daddy. The times we laughed, the time spent together, the phone calls, the calls for David to come help around the house, the vacations, the dinners and even the punishment on the golf course for breaking my curfew.

Even in your transition, you taught me. I will put into practice the lessons of bravery, strength, and consistency. I am glad you're free from all the discomfort and pain. You fought a good fight, you finished your course, and you kept the faith.

Thank you for being the best dad you could be.

I love you!
Danae

MY TEDDY

You are my Father.
You are my Friend.
You are my Mentor.
You are my Protector.
You are my Confidant.

Daddy

Notice Daddy that I said "You Are" because your spirit remains with me. The Lessons. The Love. The Grace rem I feel your embrace ever now Daddy! Your spirit lives

Genesis 1:27 reads we were created in the image of God & such we are expected to reflect God's image - His exarn His nature.

And Daddy, You did that for me!!!

You showed me focus through exemplary love!!!

Your example lives through me! Your legacy of love w continue through each of us.

I'm so thankful that the fruit of God's spirit flow effortlessly through you. I'm so grateful that I was ch to be your daughter. You are my forever example of Kingdom Man!!!

Loving You Always,
Jan





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We'd also like to thank the medical staff at the University of Michigan Hospital for ensuring Theodore a comfortable and dignified transition.

Pallbearers

Evan Wimberly
Miles Felton
Christopher Coman
Derrick Crum
Durant Crum
Jason Herron

Honorary Pallbearers

Tony Wimberly, Trisch Girty, Marvin Wimberly, Terry Blackmon, Terry Collier, Phil Peterson, Steve Hister, Michael Witherspoon

Flower Bearers

Messiah Temple Church Family

Internment

Lakeside Memorial
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Holly, Michigan 48442

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