

BLACK INK ①



In Cherished Memory
of
God's Own
and
Our Beloved

Teroy "Nem" Ross

Sunrise: August 1, 1896 Sunset: January 3, 1995
Ninety Eight Years - Five Months - Two Days



HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Saturday January 7, 1995 1:00 P.M.

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

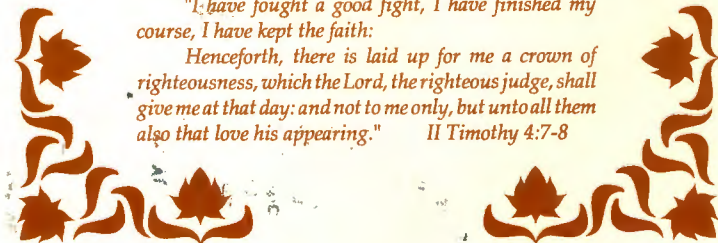
1202 Cain - Lufkin, Texas
Rev. Cedric Kenebrew - Pastor

OFFICIATING CLERGY

Pastor Cedric Kenebrew
Rev. H. E. Fowler, Sr.
Rev. Lannis Sudds
Rev. Whitt Brown
Rev. H. Dolphus, Sr.

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my
course, I have kept the faith:*

*Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall
give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them
also that love his appearing." II Timothy 4:7-8*



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The Blessed Life Of Mr. Leroy "Nem" Ross

Birthday: August 1, 1896
 Birthplace: Rockland, Texas
 Parents: Martin and Angie Ross, both preceded him in death
 Educational Background: Completed his education at Colmesneil High School in Colmesneil, Texas
 Religious Affiliation: United with the Baptist Church at an early age
 Marriage: To Mable (Hutson) Ross, who preceded him in death
 Livelihood: Self-employed in Houston, Texas, until moving to Lufkin, Texas
 Residence: Resided at 1201 Keltys Street in Lufkin
 Demise: Departed this life Tuesday, January 3, 1995 at 9:00 P.M. in Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin
 Survivors: Daughter; Zelma Evans of Lufkin
 Sons & Daughters-in-law; Carl & Leatrice Ross of Lufkin
 Charles & Loise Ross of Lufkin
 H. W. & Georgia Ross of Houston, Texas
 N. M. Ross of Lufkin
 Sisters & Brother-in-law; Ruby & R. Z. Lampkin of Nacogdoches
 Nina Patterson of Dallas, Texas
 Lydia Ann Matthew of Nacogdoches
 Grandchildren; Twenty three
 Great Grandchildren, Great Great Grandchildren,
 Nieces, Nephews, other relatives & friends; host



HE WAS TIRED

God saw that he was getting tired,
 and a cure was not to be,
 So He put His arms around him,
 and whispered, "Come with me."
 With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
 and saw him fade away.

Although we loved him dearly,
 we could not make him stay
 A golden heart stopped beating
 A determined spirit was at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us
 He only takes the best.

THERE'S A REASON

For every pain that we must bear
 For every burden, every care
 There's A Reason.

For every grief that bows the head,
 For every teardrop that is shed,
 There's A Reason.

For every hurt, for every plight
 For every lonely, pain-racked night
 There's A Reason.

But if we trust God as we should,
 It all will be worked out good.
 He Knows The Reason.
 Romans 8:28

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 Beautiful flowers and words of Prayer
 Because you cared enough to do,
 Words of comfort and cards came, too.
 Because you cared we were not alone,
 Calls and visits reached hospital and home.
 Because you cared, we're grateful indeed,
 You've been a comfort and friend in need.
 Because you cared, we're praying too,
 For God's richest blessing for each of you.
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To my Loved ones

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 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul:
 He leadeth me in the path of righteousness
 For his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley
 Of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
 For thou art with me
 Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me
 In the presence of mine enemies:
 Thou anointest my head with oil:
 My cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 All the days of my life:
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



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*When I am gone release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years
I gave you my love, You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on along.
To grieve awhile for if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So keep the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see or touch me,
I'll be near.*

*And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and dear.
And then when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say,*

"Welcome Home."

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Order of Service

Prelude Instrumental Music
 Processional Funeral Directors In Charge
 (Clergy, Pallbearers, Family & Friends)
 (Instrumental Music Played)
 "Amazing Grace" Tanya Mills
 Old Testament Scripture Rev. Whitt Brown or Appointee
 New Testament Scripture Rev. Lannis Sudds or Appointee
 Prayer Rev. H. E. Fowler, Sr. or Appointee
 "Jesus, Sweet Jesus, How I Love Calling Your Name"
 Jo Carolyn Ross, Brenda Simmons,
 Willie Mae Durham & Clarence Ross
 Resolutions Deloris Richard
 Brief Words of Consolation Rev. H. Dolphus, Sr.
 Remarks Limited to two minutes each, please!
 Acknowledgment & Special Acknowledgment Doris Fears
 Obituary (Instrumental Music Played) Read Silently
 Dedicatory Solo Jael Lynn
 A Word From The Lord Pastor Cedric Kenebrew
 Final Glimpse Until Glory Funeral Directors In Charge
 (Clergy, Pallbearers, Friends & Family)
 (Instrumental Music Played)
 Recessional Funeral Directors In Charge
 (Clergy, Pallbearers, Body of the Deceased, Family & Friends)
 (Instrumental Music Played)
 Postlude Instrumental Music

*Cortege to the Cemetery
 All drivers turn your bright lights on, please!*

INTERMENT
 Mt. Zion Cemetery
 Colmesneil, Texas

Arrangements Entrusted To & Services Professionally Directed By
TIMS FUNERAL HOME, INC.
 222 Leach Street - Lufkin, Texas 75901
 (409) 634-7911 or 634-2893

Frederic S. Tims and Billy H. Daniel, Sr.
 Licensed Funeral Directors in Attendance

Jacquelyn L. Tims - Deloris Richard - Ivies Ford - Susie Skillern - Dr. Patricia McKenzie
 Willie E. Swindle - Doris Tims - Juanita Garrett - Shirley Crain - Lavell Myers - Pat Ligon
 Sophie Lamb - Sylvia Yarbrough - Pearlle Smith - Jennie Jones - Willie Mae Durham
 Lady Attendants

Cioffi "Binky" Ross - J. R. Shankle - Kenneth E. Williams - Darwin Richard - Bishop Leroy Shankle
 George Harris, Jr. - Dennis Garner - Olu Brown - James Shankle - Ted Shankle - Ben Deason, Sr.
 Minister Reginald Shankle - James Edens - George Barnes, Sr. - Devin Richard - Myric Richard
 Marcus Jefferson - P Nut Ash - Charles H. Shaw - Kenneth W. Murphy - Curtis R. Runnels
 Joseph McGee - Rev. Lawrence Young - Rev. Cedric Kenebrew - Dr. Harold Edwards
 Rev. Richard Randle - Elder Robert Owens - Howard Tisby - Oran Upshaw - Jeffrey Shaw
 Greg Cole - Roy G. Crain - Melvin Hicks - Andrew Beamon III - Robert Ayers - James Specks
 Reginald Hamilton - Michael Greer - Ellis Carrington, Sr. - J. A. Hackney, Sr.
 Elder W. A. Shepherd - Rev. Vernon Austin - Amos Kiel, Sr.
 Assistants to the Funeral Directors

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HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Carnell "Bo" Evans	Larry Evans
Donnis Evans	Emmitt Jordan
Henry Evans	Steve Ross
Anthony Watts	S. J. Garvey

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Damieon Collins	Anthony Ross
Randy McKelvey	Cioffi Ross
Tyron Mark	Roderick Ross
Lloyd Yancy	

FLOWER BEARERS

Members of the New Zion Baptist Church
and
Friends of the Family



**TIMS FUNERAL HOME, INC.; DIRECTORS
Lufkin, Texas**

*In your hour of sorrow you conferred upon us a priceless confidence which we hold to be a sacred trust...
With this trust always in mind, we endeavor to serve and assuage your sorrow...*

Dinner for the Family and out of town Friends, will be served in the New Zion fellowship hall, immediately following the conclusion of these services this afternoon.