

*Homegoing Services  
For The Late*



*Sergeant-Major  
Leonard O. Roland, Sr.*  
(RETIRED)

*Saturday, July 28, 2001  
2:00 P. M.*

*First Baptist Church Piney Grove  
1100 N.W. Fourth Street  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311*

*Rev. Joseph L. Roberts, Pastor  
Officiating*

*Interment  
Sunset Memorial Gardens*

**A Roy Mizell and Kurtz  
Funeral Home Service**

# *Reflections*

Sergeant Major Leonard O. Roland, Sr. was born on September 18, 1940 to Walter and Georgian Roland in Matthews, Georgia, the oldest of six children. He departed this life on July 20, 2001 in Tallahassee, Florida.

He received Christ at an early age, joined and was baptized at the First Baptist Church Piney Grove under the leadership of Reverend R.L. Holley.

Leonard was educated in the Broward County School System and was a graduate of Dillard High School class of "58". He attended Florida A & M University where he was a member of the Marching 100.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1966. Sergeant Major Roland's personal decorations include: Bronze Star with Combat "V", Purple Heart with star, 2 Navy Commendation Medals, Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, 2 Presidential Unit Citations and Good Conduct Medal with 8 stars.

Sergeant Major Roland served two tours in the Republic of Vietnam in November 1966 where he served with the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. He served in Southwest Asia during Desert Shield/Desert Storm as part of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. Upon retirement of 30 years he returned to Tallahassee, Florida where he attended Florida A&M University and earned his masters degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Sergeant Major Roland leaves to mourn his passing a loving and devoted wife, Keytheal Carter Roland; mother and father, Walter and Georgian Roland; three sons, Leonard, Jr., Gregory (Phyllis), and Keinan (Nia); one daughter, Carla (Anthony); four sisters, Theretha Eady, Emogene Wilcox, Patricia Thompson, and Joan Smith (Samuel); one brother, Walter B. Roland; six grandchildren, Joshua, Brittani, Suzette, LaShunda, Briana and Brandi; two uncles, Dorsey Beasley (Josephine) and Noah Beasley (Freddie); three aunts, Mattie Roland, Olga Roland and Mattie Cruz; a faithful cousin and friend, Leroy Change, Jr.; three sisters-in-law, Margaret Shepard, Alene Rivers (Naymen) and Wanda Brown (Theodore); two brothers-in-law, Obidiah Dawson and Esper Carter (Afi); a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

# *In Loving Memory*



*Sergeant-Major Leonard O. Roland, Sr.*

Sunrise  
September 18, 1940

Sunset  
July 20, 2001

## The Love of Our Life

He is gone now but he is always around. We see him in our sleep but that is why we never frown. We love him even though he's gone. We did not say good-bye, but we know we must go on.

He is the one who cared about our feelings when we were down. When we needed him he was always around. Grandpa you made our lives complete until you laid down and couldn't speak. Bless your soul because you're somewhere we all want to be.

The love of our life so far away. Lord bless our soul because you know what we all need on this very day. Grandpa guide us thru the way so we can be up in heaven resting by you someday.

When people give us things we say "Please and Thank You" because that is what you taught us to say. When the Lord shall come and carry us away and we'll be ready to leave that very day.

The Love of our life Leonard O. Roland is with us today.

Your Grandchildren

# *Order of Service*

## *The Prelude*

## *The Processional*

*The Final Glance ~ "We've Come This Far By Faith"*

## *The Selection*

*The Choir ~ "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"*

## *The Scripture*

*Rev. Rudolph Wilson*

*O.T. ~ Joshua 1:6-11*

*N.T. ~ I Corinthians 13:1-6*

## *The Prayer*

*Rev. Robert L. Perry*

## *The Solo*

*Wanda Brown*

## *The Reflections (3 Minutes Please)*

*Friend, Emmitt Green*

*Family, Joan Smith ~ Sister*

*Lt. Col. Robert Milligan ~ Comptroller, State of Florida*

## *The Solo*

*"Stand" ~ Lonnie Snell*

## *The Obituary, Resolution, & Acknowledgment*

*Read Silently, Soft Music*

## *The Hymn of Comfort*

*The Choir ~ "Come Ye Disconsolate"*

## *The Words of Comfort*

*Pastor Joseph L. Roberts*

## *Recessional*

*The Choir*

*We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows  
A sympathetic tear.*

# The Resolution

Why do we mourn departing friends,  
Or shake at death's alarms?  
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,  
To call them to His arms.

**WHEREAS**, In the providence of God, He has brought to a close the life of Sergeant-Major Leonard O. Roland, Sr., the Pastor, Officers, and Members of the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PINEY GROVE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, feel that it is befitting to express our love and sympathy to the bereaved family.

**WHEREAS**, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to translate from the labors of this life to the rest and fellowship of his eternal home, and

**WHEREAS**, We bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, and never makes a mistake.

**RESOLVED**, That though Leonard's presence with us will be greatly missed, the Pastor, Officers, and Members of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PINEY GROVE accept with Christian submission to God's Will in calling him home to be with Him.

May God forever keep and bless you, is our prayer.

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, And lean not unto thine own understanding.*

~ Proverbs 3:5 ~

**HUMBLY SUBMITTED**

**THIS DAY OF OUR LORD**

**REV. JOSEPH L. ROBERTS, PASTOR**

**SIS. VIRGINIA T. HANSBERRY-MOORE, CHURCH CLERK**

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Deacons

First Baptist Church Piney Grove

**Active Pallbearers**

Marine Corps Honor Guard

and

Nephews

**Flower Attendants**

Ushers

First Baptist Church Piney Grove

and

Class of 1958

Dillard High School

**Acknowledgments**

The Family of the Late

**Sergeant-Major Leonard O. Roland, Sr.**

*expresses their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Pastor, Officers, and Members of First Baptist Church Piney Grove, to their many friends, acquaintances for the many acts of kindness and expressions of love extended to them during the passing of their loved one. May God forever bless and bestow His choicest blessings upon you.*



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