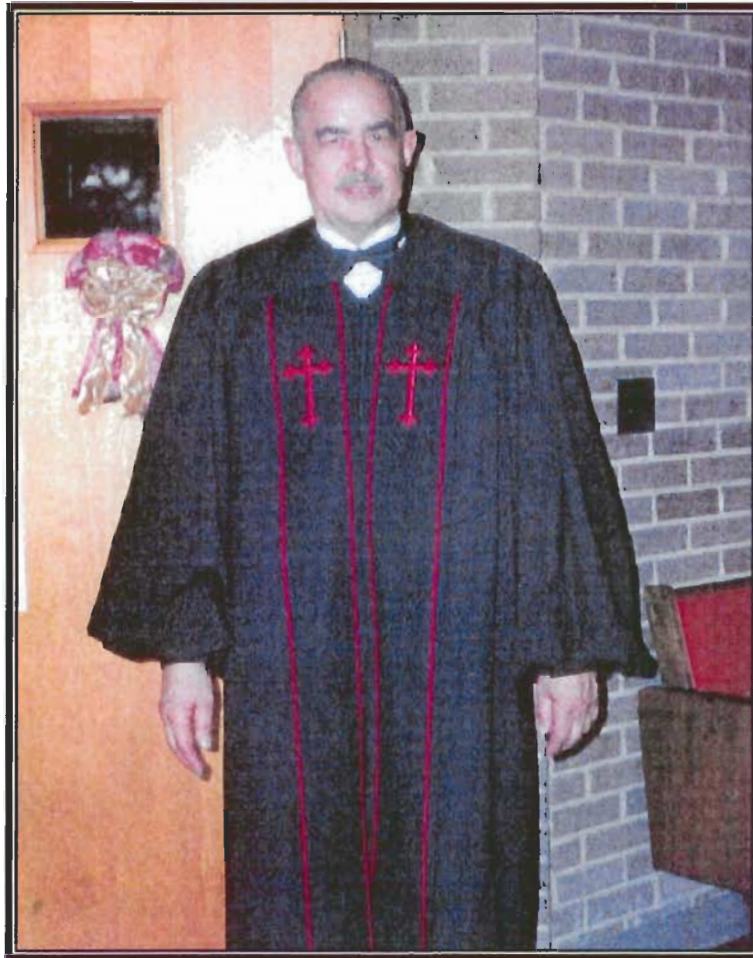


*The Celebration of the Life of*

*Bishop John W. Lee*



**Sunrise**

December 21, 1928

**Sunset**

February 2, 2007

*Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

*~John 11:25-26~*

**Memorial Service**

Friday, February 9, 2007

Viewing 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Service 7:00-9:00 P.M.

The Lord Jesus Christ's Church

634 Gibbard Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43201

**Homegoing Celebration**

Saturday, February 10, 2007

Viewing 8:30 A.M.

Service 9:00 A.M.

Living Faith Apostolic Church

2177 Mock Road  
Columbus, OH 43219



## Memorial Service

Viewing 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 9, 2007

7:00 p.m.

## Order of Service

Opening Prayer	Elder Tovel Young
Scripture Reading	Bishop Thomas Jackson Sr.
Master of Ceremonies	Bishop Willie Johnson Sr.
Musical Selection	Family
Poem	Ciara Gunther
Tributes	Family
Musical Selection	Great-grandchildren
Special Memories	Peace in the Valley
Expressions	Friends
Solo	Shrerod Tyus
Expressions	Church Family
Musical Selection, "It's Over Now"	Grandchildren
Expressions	Clergy
Words of Comfort	Elder Jacob Henderson
Closing Remarks & Benediction	Elder Kenneth Rogiers

# Home Going Celebration

Viewing 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 10, 2007

9:00 a.m.

## Order of Service

*Officiating*

*Bishop Winfer Turner*

Prelude	Elder Karl Frazier
Processional, "We Shall Behold Him"	The Lee Family and Clergy
Hymn of Praise	
Invocation	Bishop Mac Tatum
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	
New Testament	
Musical Selection	New Born Lighthouse Mass Choir
Expressions	Clergy
Musical Selections, "What If God"	Grandchildren
"When I Get There"	Grandchildren
Special Tributes	
Expressions	Clergy
Musical Selections	New Born Lighthouse Mass Choir
Resolutions/Acknowledgements	Sister Gloria Rogiers
Reflections of Life	Debra Harper
Song of Preparation, "I Shall Rise Again"	Daniel Spearman
<b>The Word of God</b>	Bishop David Feare
Recessional, "He'll Welcome Me"	New Born Lighthouse Mass Choir





# Reflections of Life

John Wesley Lee Jr was born on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1928 in Ironton Ohio. He was the second of seven children born to Goldie (Stone) Lee and John Wesley Lee Sr. Two other children had died at birth. The family moved to Pikeville KY where "John Junior", as everyone called him, attended Perry A. Cline Elementary School.

At the age of eleven, his mother died and the family migrated to Millard, KY. Being the eldest son now brought on many responsibilities and his schooling was constantly interrupted with family duties. At age 15 he went to work on the railroad in Hinton, West Virginia to help support his family. With a thirst for knowledge he began educating himself with books on world events and history. At age 16 1/2 he returned to Pikeville, bought a truck to take his siblings to school. While attending Perry A. Cline High school John played on the basketball team. In 1947 John moved to Lafayette Indiana with his Aunt Ida and her four sons and continued his high school education. Even though his mother had passed several years earlier he never forgot her spiritual teachings that started him on a journey of salvation.

In 1948, Fred and Opal Wills further enlightened him to the gospel plan of salvation from the Holy Bible. Pastor James B. Hope baptized John in the name of Jesus Christ. God purposed John to be a living epistle and in March of 1949, he was filled with the Holy Ghost.

On July 10, 1949, he married Virgie Lynn Tyus of Brownville, Tennessee. Brother Lee began his ministry under David L. Brewer, State Overseer of Tennessee of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in October 1950. In 1951, shortly after the birth of his first child, Herndon, John and Lynn settled in Columbus, Ohio, where they were blessed with six more children; Priscilla, Carl, Valorie, Marilyn, Marcus, and Brazil (Cheryl).

Minister John Lee and his family attended Rehobeth Temple and other local churches, until they helped Elder Leroy Hope open a new church. Pastor Sandy Dunlap with John as the primary bricklayer built a church on St. Clair Ave.

During his early years in Columbus John worked diligently as a bricklayer and nights at North American Aviation, yet still managed to play ball with his family then Returning to Evening High School he graduated in 1964 as president and speaker of his class. His speech was "The Three D's to Success: Desire, Drive and Determination." Working as a cable repairman at Western Electric he retired after 25 years and went on to full time ministry.

Desiring to lift up a standard of holiness, he founded Christ's Church with his wife, his children, their friends, and one adult member, Sister Myra Graves. His sister, Gloria, her husband, George Stewart, and their seven children, were the first family to join the Bible study. John purchased several homes as investments but instead used them to assist family and saints. After the coal mines of West Virginia and Kentucky could no longer provide employment, he brought most of his siblings and their families up North, often housing entire families in his own home. John genuinely loved people and cherished his family throughout his entire life.

His Bible class grew into a mission, and then into a small storefront church. With the help of Minister Amos Via, the church purchased a small building on Fifth Ave. On September 15, 1972, the church moved to its present location at 634 Gibbard Ave. Some of the many highlights of the Bishop's ministry include the blind receiving sight, a deaf and dumb woman crying out "Baptize, Baptize", and a small boy raised up from the dead in the streets of Peoria, Illinois. His local church was spiritually rich and full of charity - love in action.

The Lord Jesus Christ's Church joined the Lighthouse Church of the Apostolic Faith, in 1973, under Bishop David Brewer. Upon Bishop Brewer's passing, John was elected by the Board of Elders to be the new Presiding Bishop and General Overseer. Bishop Lee reunited with Bishop David Feare and began local and foreign ministry in Canada, Jamaica and the U.S. He joined the Alliance of Apostolic Churches, served as its President for four years. He then met and befriended Bishop Woodrow Roach. In 1988, they merged to form the New Born Lighthouse Church. In 1997, Bishop Lee was elected as the Presiding Bishop and General Overseer of the New Born Lighthouse churches.

After 47 years of laboring together and striving to spread the gospel, Mother Lynn Lee passed on. Bishop Lee was joined in marriage to Sister Louise Graves. Together they have been carrying on the work to win souls for Christ.

"The Road Master", as he often called himself, traveled to all fifty of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, Eurasia, and Africa, mostly on church missions. His giving, humble, yet diligent works took him from a meager beginning to heavenly places. His deeds of kindness and laboring, both spiritually and naturally, are too numerous to list, but they have earned him crowns as promised in his favorite book of the Bible, Revelation.

John departed this life on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 while working for the Lord; assisting the saints, tending to the snow at his beloved church and delivering a vehicle for mission work. After driving off, he lifted up his hands, looked up to heaven, and his breath returned to the God that gave him life.

John W. Lee was preceded in death by his wife, Virgie Lynn, parents John and Goldie Lee, and siblings Phyllis Mitchell, and Gladys McCann. He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife of nine years, Mattie Louise; siblings Gaynell Miller, Paul Lee, Gloria (Oliver) Mitchell, and Dorothy Tartt; sons Herndon, Carl (Maria) and Marcus (Pati) Lee, daughters Priscilla (Allen) Roach, Valorie (Stanley Sr.) Gunther, Marilyn (Donald) Craig, and Brazil Morningstar Lee, 22 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, friends, church family and fellow laborers in Christ throughout the world.

# Bishop's Favorite Scriptures

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

~Luke 21:36~

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

~I Corinthians 15:51-52~

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and **understanding**.

~Jeremiah 3:15~

Go through, go through **the gates**; **prepare ye the way of the people**; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; **lift up a standard for the people**.

~Isaiah 62:10~

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, **and preach the gospel to every creature**.

~Mark 16:15~

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Father** of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the **knowledge** of him.

~Ephesians 1:17~

And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every **man according** as his work shall be...Blessed are they **that** do his commandments, that **they may have a right** to the tree of life.

~Revelation 22:12&14~

**Be** thee faithful unto death, **and I will give thee a crown of life**.

~Revelation 2:10~

## Christ Gaveth Us The Victory, We Have The Victory

Chorus: We don't have to win the battle, just fight the fight.

Believe the Word of God, and do what is right.

The battle belongs to the Lord, he giveth us the victory.

Jesus won the battle on Calvary, don't you see?

Verse 1: Just fight a good fight and keep the faith.

Lay aside every sin and weight, and run this race.

We'll overcome and gain the victory.

Christ Jesus won the victory and gaveth it to me.

Chorus

Verse 2: This moral must put on immortality.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Jesus arose from the dead, don't you see?

He took the sting out of death and gaveth us the victory.

Chorus

Verse 3: Christ Jesus is coming again, like he said.

Coming to raise the saints from the dead.

He will change the living saints and catch us up above.

We have the victory and his everlasting love.

Chorus

Written by Bishop John W. Lee, March 18, 1992, his 25<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary.

*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. I Thessalonians 4:16-17*



### Pallbearers

Jamar Lee  
Jeremy Lee  
Stanley Gunther II  
Micah Rogiers  
Michael Cudgel  
Damien Lee

### Honorary Pallbearers

Brian Lee  
Carl Lee II

### Flower Attendants

Saints and Friends

### Ushers

Newborn Lighthouse

### Interment

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens  
5600 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH

### Repast

### Arrangements

Diehl Whittaker Funeral Service  
720 E. Long Street  
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