

# HOMEGOING CELEBRATION



*Chief Adjutant*

*Reuben*  
**L. LINDSEY**

**1/29/49**  
SUNRISE

**2/12/22**  
SUNSET



**FEBRUARY 19TH 2022**

**OFFICIANT: SUPERINTENDENT MARK BAYMON**  
**EULOGIST: SUPERINTENDENT ZACHARY REYNOLDS**

**VIEWING 9:00AM | SERVICE 10:30AM**

**STATE TEMPLE COGIC**

16-18 Fessenden St Mattapan, MA  
**MASSACHUSETTS FIRST JURISDICTION**  
**BISHOP SAMUEL BYRON HOGAN, SR**



# *The Obituary*

## **Elder Reuben Leonard Lindsey**

Sunrise

January 29, 1949

Sunset

February 12, 2022

Reuben Leonard Lindsey was born on January 29, 1949, to the late George Washington Lindsey Sr. and Jessie Lee Coats-Lindsey in Gadsden, Alabama. He was twinborn and affectionately known as baby boy as he was the last of eight children. Reuben was a humble quiet giant, raised as a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Gadsden, Alabama, under the leadership of Pastor W.J. Davis where he accepted the Lord at an early age and was baptized. He worked in various capacities of the church but his love for singing landed him in the youth choir. From there he and a few young friends formed a singing group known as Bill Avery and The Love Company and they later went on to land a recording deal right there in Gadsden, Alabama.

Reuben was educated in the Gadsden School system and graduated from Carver High School in 1967. While at Carver High School he was a member of the Marching Band and Reuben mastered playing the Big Bass Drum. He was known to have the crowd up on their feet while he was working the bass drum and twirling the sticks. The performer that he was. All during his Junior and Senior year of High School he worked at Getter & Adams Funeral home and later transitioned to Watson Funeral home. It was there he developed his passion for Mortuary Science.

Upon completion of High School Reuben relocated to Boston MA. in 1967. Two years later his whole life changed in 1969 when he met the true love of his life, Katie M. Owens.

In 1970 he received his Associates in Science and Funeral Services from the New England Institute of Anatomy, Sanitary Science, Embalming and Funeral Directing. From there he became Manager of several food service chains such as Freedom Foods and Purity Supreme.

In 1974, Reuben and Katie were united in Holy Matrimony before God and their family. This union brought three children, Grayson, Maliaka and Darcie. In 1977 he attended the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University where he received his certification in Managing & Training, and Effective Communication. During this time, he also worked nights at Friedman Bakery. In the 1980's he was the manager of Kim's Kaps Carrolls where he spent several years in Retail Management while still working for Funeral Homes: Lee Barrett's Funeral Home, Roger Shields Funeral Home and Riley-Antoine Funeral Home.

Although Reuben would occasionally attend church with his family, in 1989, he officially joined State Temple C.O.G.I.C., under the leadership of the late Bishop L.C. Young. In 1991 Reuben got saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, a special day he shares with his daughter Maliaka as she too was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost that same day! Shortly afterwards, he was consecrated as a Deacon at State Temple C.O.G.I.C under the Late Bishop L.C. Young. In 2009 Reuben accepted his calling into the Ministry as a Minister. In 2010 Reuben attended the Boston Christian Academy School for Practical Ministry under Bishop Samuel B. Hogan Sr. and in 2011 received a certificate of Practical Theology and Formation for Ministry - Preaching Principles and

Practice. In June of 2012 Minister Lindsey was ordained Elder under the leadership of Bishop Samuel B. Hogan, Sr. and in July 2012 he was appointed to the National Adjutancy of the Church of God in Christ, Incorporated where he has served diligently on the Local, State and National levels.

Elder Lindsey served on a District level as the Treasurer for the Metropolitan District for many years. A faithful worker at State Temple COGIC in whatever he found his hands to do. He formed a Men's Bible Study and was the president of the Male Chorus. Elder Lindsey was instrumental in formulating the Annual Pastoral Anniversary Service with the sole purpose of honoring the Pastor. This was under both leaderships of the late Bishop L.C. Young and presently Pastor Paul Odom. He also diligently served on the ministerial staff and served Pastor Odom to the absolute best of his ability until the end. Even when sometimes he did not feel well in his body, that never deterred him from his task of serving and bringing order to wherever he was. In fact, his motto since learning of his illness was 'I Won't Complain.'

Elder Lindsey's hard work, his passion and the vitality of his spirit and tireless work ethics was truly reflected in everything he did. Hard work was unanimous with his name. Whatever the task or the job, Elder Lindsey gave 200%. He worked hard for the businesses he managed, he worked hard for the business he owned, and he worked hard for God's business as a servant for the Kingdom. Elder Lindsey was always kind, pleasant and an ever-friendly presence throughout the community. He was dependable, reliable, trustworthy, and faithful. In every conversation with people he met, Elder Lindsey showed the love of Christ that was in his heart. Elder Lindsey touched countless lives wherever he was called or assigned whether it be through the businesses he managed, right down to his own business. His commitment to serve the House of God will never, never be forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his Parents George Washington Lindsey Sr. and Jessie Lee Coates-Lindsey. Brothers Samson Lindsey and W.M. Lindsey and twin sister Ruth Lindsey.

He leaves rejoicing in the memories of his life, his loving wife Katie M. Lindsey. Son; Grayson, Daughters; Maliaka, and Darcie all of Boston MA. His 6 Grandchildren; Lauren, Zachary, Khira, Makiah, Hannah and Khyla. Two Great Grandchildren; Aurora and Mila. Two Brothers; Reverend G.W Lindsey Jr. of Huntsville AL, Robert Lee Lindsey of Conyers GA. Three Sisters; Lillie Pritchard and Mattie Thornton of Gadsden AL and Mae Francis-James of Cleveland OH. Mother in Love; Sophie Mae Owens, 6 Brothers in Law, Eight Sisters in Law, Special Son James Holder, Special Daughters Annette Edler, Milena Fidalgo-Waters and Julie Barros, grandchildren; Lashanda, Ajay and Brandon, Godson; Dr. Tyson Bell, Goddaughters; Christine Cofield, Naomi Mays and Precious Anderson, and a whole host of nieces and nephews, family, and friends.

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*A heart like yours is rare, one that's so generous, smart, and kind.*

*A heart like yours is what the world needs more of, full of smiles and laughter, and always doing great deeds.*

*Forever Remembered.*

# Order of Service

The Officiant, Superintendent Mark Baymon, Sr.

Organ Prelude

The Processional ..... The Jurisdictional Officials and Clergy  
Jurisdictional Adjutants

The Palling ..... Jurisdictional Prelate, Dr. Samuel B. Hogan,  
Sr.

The Invocation..... Superintendent Mark Baymon, Sr.

The Old Testament .....*Isaiah 40: 28-31*..... Elder Fred Odom

The New Testament .....*1 Corinthians 15: 51-58*..... Minister Jon Van Rader

The First Choral Selection .....The Jurisdictional Choir

The Prayer of Comfort..... Administrative Assistant Sean Clark

## **State Temple C.O.G.I.C. Remembers (2 minutes)**

Pastor Paul Odom  
Deacon Melvin Brooks  
Mother Eula Kirkland

The Local Church Resolution ..... Assistant Supervisor, Mother Vernessa Fountain

The Second Choral Selection .....The Jurisdictional Choir

## **Family and Friends Reflections and Tributes (2 minutes)**

### *Friend*

Pastor Tony Robinson

### *Family Reflections*

Reverend G. W. Lindsey - Brother  
LaNette Peavy- Niece  
Khira Waters- Granddaughter

### *The Children*

Grayson Waters & Maliaka Lindsey

## **The District Reflections and Tributes (2 minutes)**

Missionary Vickie Tate  
Pastor Troy Smith

The Third Choral Selection .....The Jurisdictional Choir

**Jurisdictional Representation (2minutes)**

*Apostolic Adjutant*

Elder Samuel B. Hogan, Jr.

*District Superintendents*

Administrative Assistant Timothy Bouknight

Administrative Assistant James Allen, Sr.

Superintendent Ivan Cutts, Sr.

Superintendent Eric Shelton

Acknowledgments & Obituary ..... Missionary Charlynn Mines-Smart  
Jurisdictional Finance Secretary

Sermonic Selection.....*I Won't Complain*.....Sister Mary Ann Brock  
Mount Olive C.O.G.I.C.

*The Eulogy*

**Superintendent Zachary Reynolds**

Assistant Regional Servant Leader Region #6 National Adjutant Church Of God In Christ

Chief for Greater Massachusetts Ecclesiastical District

Superintendent of Greater Faith District

The Recessional..... Organ Voluntary

The Final Blessings

## *The Interment*

Forest Hills Cemetery  
Jamaica Plain, MA

## *Pall Bearers*

Grayson Waters  
James Holder  
Carl Anderson  
Ronald Flynt  
Philip Owens  
David Higginbottom

## *Repast*

IMMEDIATELY AFTER BURIAL  
Perkins Community Center  
155 Talbot Ave  
Dorchester, MA

## *Thank you*

The Lindsey family extends thanks and gratitude to all who have shown love and support to us during this time of sadness. Your prayers and words of comfort have sustained us. For this we are grateful. Please remember us in the days ahead and include us in your prayers.

*The Lindsey Family*

