



Mr. Leonard "Tidi" T. Underwood

September 19, 1954 - October 24, 2025

Leonard T. Underwood (Better known as Tidi) was born on 9/19/1954 in Lexington, Kentucky, to the late Leonard and Mattie Underwood. He peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord on October 24, 2025.

Tidi's faith in God was evident throughout his life. At an early age, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at Evergreen Baptist Church in Lexington. He was educated in the Fayette County Public Schools and graduated from Henry Clay High School in 1974.

Tidi worked as a manager at Winn Dixie, RC Cola, and went onto work at Frito Lay where he retired.

A proud entrepreneur, Tidi was the owner and operator of Pit Stop, a beloved local barbecue restaurant known for its good food and welcoming atmosphere. His passion for cooking extended beyond the restaurant—he was happiest surrounded by family and friends at summertime barbecues and gatherings at his home. One of his favorite traditions was participating in the annual White-Shackleford Family Reunion, where he faithfully helped with cooking and organizing the festivities.

Tidi was a proud member of the Flamingos and enjoyed yearly trips to Historically Black College Universities (HBCUs) Football Classics.

Tidi was also a dedicated member of Swahili Elks Lodge #1611, where he served with distinction as Exalted Ruler. His leadership and commitment to fellowship served the organization and the community he loved.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Larry and Aaron Underwood; and his sister, Leonora Underwood.

Leonard leaves to cherish his memory his two beloved children, Joyel Searight of Florida and Leonard Underwood III of Arizona; his devoted sister, Joyce (Howard) White; nieces, Lanisha (Freddie) Hostler and Tamara Davis; nephews, Dr. Derrick (Dr. Stephanie) White and Jerome (Jenell) White; great nephews Nicholas Douglass, Avery and Langston White, his dear aunt, Ms. Mildred Garrett of Cincinnati, Ohio; and a host of other relatives and friends who will miss him deeply.

Tidi's life was one of faith, service, and love. He will be remembered for his generosity, laughter, and the joy he brought to everyone around him.

Previous Events

Family Gathering

NOV 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Total Grace Baptist Church
1313 N Limestone St
Lexington, KY 40505

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rest my Friend, I'll miss you



Theresa Davis - November 02, 2025 at 07:05 AM

EN

“ Condolences to the the family, mercy this loss caught me off guard. My special friend your smile and kindness, will truly be missed forever in my heart, gone but never will you be forgotten 🙏🌸💕

Earlene .Adams Neal - November 01, 2025 at 07:13 PM

DL

“ Rest in peace Tidi

Dee Lewis - November 01, 2025 at 05:53 PM

DG

Good Man Great Friend

Damian Gerton - November 02, 2025 at 06:10 PM

YJ

“ Tidi was a wonderful friend and neighbor to me. His kind heart and ways will never be forgotten. Prayers to his family and children.

Yolanda Jackson - November 01, 2025 at 02:19 PM

LM

Prayers sent to a dear friend

Laura McGraw - November 03, 2025 at 10:28 PM