



David Ockletree

November 13, 1944 - February 11, 2021

<https://livestream.com/accounts/7325565/davidockletree>

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The Mount Olive Baptist Church and community sadly lost a pillar on Friday, February 11, 2021, when David Leon Ockletree, affectionally known to many as “Deacon Paw Paw” and “Paw Paw” to his grandchildren, passed away at Seton Medical Center. David Leon Ockletree was born, as the third child on November 13, 1944, in Austin, Texas, to Annie Mae Howard Ockletree and David Ockletree. David was married for 19 years to Dorothy Jean Coleman Ockletree on June 11, 1966. From that union, they became parents of two daughters, Deborah and Donna Ockletree. After the passing of his wife, David reared his daughters in a home sheltered with love. David Leon Ockletree attended Albert Sidney Johnston High School, a comprehensive, coeducational high school in the Austin Independent School District. Then, he pursued higher education by attending Durham Business College in Austin, Texas.

David’s employment journey started at Scarbrough’s Department Store where he was employed as a salesman in downtown Austin. From there, he became the Supervisor of Mail Services at the Texas State Capitol. David’s leadership and stewardship, in that position, were evident by his ability to take the best care possible of people and fulfilling responsibilities under his influence. Later, he worked and served in the Attorney General’s Office. David retired after 28

years of meritorious service. His legacy of service will live on in the hearts and minds of those who were blessed to have known and to have been beneficiaries of his genuine kindness, thoughtfulness and goodness. David Leon Ockletree religious affiliations included being a former member of St. Edwards Baptist Church in Montopolis. Later, he became a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church under the late Reverend Herbert A. Sneed. With a magnanimous spirit of goodwill and Christianity, David was always willing and ready to serve in many capacities. He served as Chairman of Mt. Olive Baptist Church's Deacon Board, President of the Music Ministry, Member of the Male Chorus, Leader of the Van Ministry, Trustee, Treasurer, Member of the Brotherhood, Mt. Olive Senior Saints and the Church's Doorkeeper. As a member of the community, David served as the 1st chairperson for the East Austin Relay for Life at Huston Tillotson University. Yearly, he was a very enthused champion for engaging the active participants of others in the Austin Relay for Life. David is survived by his loving daughters, Deborah and Donna Ockletree, precious grandson, Roosevelt "Tre" Mathews and Granddaughter, Danielle "Lady" Atwood, sister, Virgil Coleman (Willie Coleman) and a multitude of nieces and nephews, other relatives and a host of friends. The tone of David's voice, his warm smile and actions always displayed genuine love and affection for his family, the family of Mt Olive Baptist Church and others. David was preceded in death by his mother, Annie Mae Howard Ockletree, father, David Ockletree, wife, Dorothy Coleman Ockletree and sisters, Netter M. Morris and Mary Ann Cyphers. David's favorite song was God is a Good God. Even now, we praise God for the life, love and legacy of David Leon Ockletree.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

3304 E12th & Airport Blvd
Austin, TX 78721

Previous Events

Public View with CDC GUIDELINES

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olive Baptist Church
1800 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Graveside Services

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Evergreen Cemetery
3304 E12th & Airport Blvd
Austin, TX 78721

Tribute Wall



“ *David Ockletree*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Frank (Pancho) Celedon lit a candle in memory of David Ockletree*



Frank (Pancho) Celedon - February 28, 2021 at 02:30 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Sandy D Jones - February 27, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ *To the Ockletree family Dec Ockletree was a wonderful man always pleasant. May GOD REST his soul the family and friends have our condolences.*

Gertrude Davis/ Davis Security - February 27, 2021 at 01:24 PM

CB

“ We sorry this happened; David was our friend and always was there for us. We are really going to miss him. We are praying for you all. If you need anything let us know. Love The Bradleys ❤️



Curtis and Grace Bradley - February 27, 2021 at 12:36 PM

TB

“ I wish to God I had the right Words to say, just know this, your father and grandfather will be missed. I'm a A phone call away. You all are in my prayers. 🙏❤️ -Truest Bradley



Truest Bradley - February 27, 2021 at 12:28 PM

MF

“ I first met Deacon Ockeltree at the ole Anderson high school Yellowjacket stadium. He was so warm, friendly and engaging, I was drawn to his welcoming smile. Upon visiting Mt Olive Deacon Ockletree was my deciding factor in deciding to becoming a member. Never was there a Sunday that he didn't greet me with a warm smile and hugged. I'm grateful to have met a person so sincere and loving such as Deacon Ockeltree , I will miss him, he was a sweetheart . My sincere condolences to his daughters and grandchildren in their great lost. May God give you strength during this most difficult time.....

Mattie Flowers-Pannell - February 27, 2021 at 06:49 AM

YC

“ Yvette Carter lit a candle in memory of David Ockletree



Yvette Carter - February 26, 2021 at 11:15 AM

LF

“ Love, Albert & Jackie Hawkins & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Ockletree.



Love, Albert & Jackie Hawkins & Family - February 25, 2021 at 03:57 PM

LL

“ To the Ockletree family and the Mt. Olive family, my prayers are with you. David was a sweet sweet spirit who will be truly missed.
LaMonica

LaMonica Lewis - February 25, 2021 at 02:14 PM

DM

He always had a great spirit about himself, one some of the memories I remember was at our family reunion and at his sister Netter's funeral when I sang and I played the piano and he played the organ, he just jumped right in on time. We are going to miss him. Fly on with the Angels cousin. Love You family ❤️❤️❤️

Derrick McVea - February 26, 2021 at 04:34 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of David Ockletree.*



February 25, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Ockletree.*



February 25, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *Harvey J Williams purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of David Ockletree.*



Harvey J Williams - February 25, 2021 at 11:01 AM

JB

“ To the Ockletree family - I am so sorry for your loss, as David was such a bright light and a wonderful weekly addition to my Life. I had only known him the past 4-5+ years, but he brought me a LOT of JOY and wisdom to my world. He was a TrailBlazer for his time, and I loved learning about his history growing up, his successful journey in the workforce, and I can still hear him saying, "OKAAAAYYY!" I told him one time that I was going to record him saying, "OKAYY" for my Ringtone, but now I regret that we never actually did that. Some of y'all have met me, as I came to some of the Musical concerts as his church and came to visit him with Carol at the hospital a couple of years ago. I snuck him in some Topo Chico and delivered it to him right after he had told me he wished he had a cold one. We had a good laugh about that. David was a servant to the Lord, and he just had a JOY about him. We shared several meals at Matt's el Rancho together, and he even made a special trip there to meet my Mother when she came in town for her 75th birthday. David was a good friend to me, and I will miss him much but keep doing my best to spread God's JOY as David was so keen on doing. David was also very encouraging and kind to me after my father was killed, so I know the loss of a father all too well. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help in this time. I'll be making a donation to the church on his behalf. And I wanted to FLY back for the funeral (I have since moved to Florida from Austin), but unfortunately that will not work. So, I'll be watching the funeral streamed. Thank you for streaming it for those out of town, bc David and I did have a talk one time that I would make it to his funeral. We said it jokingly of course (at the time), but I want to honor my word to a GREAT Man that I appreciated and ADMIRE. I've been praying for y'all during this time, and I will continue to do so. Much love and God's best to y'all as you move through this season. -
Jordan Barlow

Jordan B - February 24, 2021 at 05:56 PM

ER

“ *Eleanor Roe purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of David Ockletree.*



Eleanor Roe - February 24, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of David Ockletree.*



February 24, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of David Ockletree.*



February 24, 2021 at 12:02 PM

CB

“ *CORA E Baker lit a candle in memory of
David Ockletree*



CORA E Baker - February 23, 2021 at 07:15 PM



David and I share a bound that can't be broken, the love of our Grandchildren, Tre' and Danielle, and the love for his two beautiful Daughters, Debra and Donna. J. B. and I send our love to Deb, Donna, Tre', and Danielle. He's at home now. God bless you all. We are here for you all, don't hesitate to call! Love Mother and PopPop!

Cora Beth Baker - February 23, 2021 at 07:19 PM

RB

“ To the Ockletree family, I wish to express my heartfelt condolences. I will always remember Dea. Ockletree as a kind, gentle, and debonair servant leader who served the Mt. Olive MBC family and community well. You all will remain in my prayers for peace and comfort that surpasses all understanding.

Rosalind Winn Baty - February 23, 2021 at 04:39 PM

GS

“ To the Ockletree family you have our sympathy we have been doing security for Mt. Olive for many years he has always been business like and very nice. We will be praying for his family and church family GOD BLESS!!!!

Gertrude Davis/ Davis Security - February 22, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Ockletree.



February 22, 2021 at 03:49 PM

DJ

“ To my dear friends The Ockletree Family,
I will always remember Deacon Ockletree's solos and his devotional
songs he lead. He knew how to get the church riled up with his
songs! A devoted servant of the Lord and a trusted Deacon who
wore many hats at Mt Olive for many many years. He will be missed
but never forgotten. Love you guys and you know I'm a phone call
away if you need anything

Dee Dee Jones - February 20, 2021 at 04:05 PM