



## PSALM 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*

*He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:*

*He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## “DON’T”

*Don't spend too much time in mourning, tears are for the sad. He left to be with Jesus and this should make us glad. Don't waste your hours grieving, no need to feel distress. He was tired of life's frustration, and he had to get some rest. Don't vex yourself with questions, or try to reason why, life here has ended, and he had to say good-bye. Don't lose the love He has given us, fill it with your care, grow it with devotion, and spread it everywhere. Don't fret because his leaving came in such a way. We'll have another meeting, on God's Eternal Day.*

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# HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

*Honoring the Life of*



*Sunrise*  
August 7, 1948

*Sunset*  
October 5, 2020

## *William Matthew Leak*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020 • 12:00 NOON**

### **NEW LIFE BIBLE CHURCH**

1420 Hoke Loop Road  
Fayetteville, North Carolina

*Pastor Allen McLaughlin, Eulogist*

# Order of Service

SONG SELECTION  
Leigh Montague

SCRIPTURE READING  
*Old Testament / New Testament*  
Minister of New Life Bible Church

PRAYER  
Minister of New Life Bible Church

REMARKS

OBITUARY  
Reading Silently

EULOGY  
Pastor Allen McLauchlin

SONG  
Leigh Montague

RECESSIONAL

## *Acknowledgement*


*The family of*

**William Matthew Leak**

*Sometimes when life seems empty and we feel alone we discover the importance of the kindness of others. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, your generosity, prayers and your support during this difficult time. Every act of kindness means so very much and will never be forgotten.*

# William's Life...

*"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."  
(COLOSSIANS 3:13)*

 **R. WILLIAM MATTHEW LEAK** was the first child born to Henderson DeWitt and Sarah Frances Leak on 7 August 1948 in Ansonville, North Carolina.

**WILLIAM** attended Church Street High School in Thomasville, North Carolina. After graduating high school, **WILLIAM** entered the United States Air Force in 1968. He, later, met and married the love of his life, Joyce Alston Leak, in Durham, NC. During his 29 years of military service, he was stationed in Texas, Hawaii, Virginia, Taiwan, Philippines, Florida and North Carolina where he made Fayetteville his permanent residence. William also traveled to many other places and received numerous accolades, awards, and recognitions, while attaining the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. Upon retiring from the Air Force in 1997, he continued his gift of service as a USAF JROTC instructor for 12 years at Pine Forest High School. Undoubtedly, he made an immeasurable impact on many high school students.

After his retirement from Pine Forest High School, he excelled in his concentrations on serving God, loving his caring wife, proudly guiding his children and humbly being the world's greatest grandpa. He was also a mastermind of home improvements, a go-to mechanic, a skilled fisherman, and his ultimate love of gardening became a talent he enjoyed sharing with anyone who had a listening ear. He was a neighborhood favorite in the community and an active member of his home church, New Life Bible Church. Those who knew him are familiar with his generous personality, continuous smiling face, his constant offering of encouraging words, and his unwavering faith in the Lord's plan.

With beautiful memories to cherish, he leaves his devoted wife of 47 years, Joyce; his children, Tanya, Brian, Tyrus, and Timothy; his precious granddaughters, Danielle, Aaryanna, Maleia, Aniya, Amilia, August and Aaryn; two granddoggies, Lance and Lola; his siblings, Carolyn (BW) Whiteside, Jaqueline (Isaiah) Rich and Gerald (Gloria) Leak; his mother; his mother-in-law, Velma Boone Alston; two brothers-in-law, Clayton Alston and Philip S. Alston; sister-in-law, Beverly (Reginald) King; his uncle, Amos (Margaret) Duncan; aunts, Edna Gordan, Elizabeth Richardson and Emma Smith and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

**WILLIAM** was preceded in death by his father; his brother, James Henderson Leak; his father-in-law, Philip K. Alston and sister-in-law, Regina Hope Alston.