

For Ken Reeves

Today,

He Ain't Heavy...

~~On Monday, May 14th~~ with pride and praise, we will go to Andover Newton Theological Seminary to witness a very special occasion for Louis P. Attles when he receives his doctor of Divinity degree. What a day of rejoicing that will be! Louis, who as a child and young adult had ^{also had} four different kinds of dyslexia (spatial, reversal and mirrored), never gave up. He just persisted, trusted God and continued to do his very best. This is also an important time for LeRoy Jr. who ^{has received} his Master's degree in ^(M.I.T.) Computer Science from Georgia Tech. ^{Master in Information Technology}

April 7, 2001 from ^{The American International University, Atlanta}
LeRoy and Louis — Insert A —

A special bond began to form between the two brothers in elementary school. When Louis was in the fourth grade, he began to take special reading classes to help him with his ^{reading} learning disability. I especially remember a certain novel that the other children in Louis' class were reading which he really wanted to read, but could not because of his dyslexia. LeRoy Jr. who was in the 8th grade at the time, went to Harvard Square to buy the book for Louis and would help him each evening to decode and formulate the words into sentences so that he read the novel the same as his classmates had done. All during his formative years, LeRoy Jr. patiently worked with his brother, helping him learn and become knowledgeable, in spite of his ^{reading} learning disabilities. We could not figure out how LeRoy Jr. was helping his brother, what processes he was using, to figure out the decoding of the words.

When LeRoy Junior started college at Tuskegee, he continued to help his brother with his studies when he came home during the summers. He helped Louis drill for the SAT's every day, deciphering the mathematical formulas, and so on. He wouldn't allow him to take a part time job so that he could devote his time to studying. LeRoy Jr. would reprimand his father and ^{me} for not helping Louis more with his schoolwork. But we just couldn't figure out how to do it the way LeRoy Jr. did.

Soon after LeRoy Jr. graduated from Tuskegee Institute Aero Space Program, he refused to interview with recruiters for positions outside of the Houston, Texas area because he wanted to remain close to Louis to continue to coach him through his ^{reading} learning disabilities so that he would do well in school. When I questioned LeRoy Jr. about his decision, he said he would not be happy being a big time engineer while knowing that his brother, who also wanted to become an engineer (a mechanical engineer) and had the same abilities as he, would experience great challenges in ^{reading} learning because of his reading difficulties. He wanted to remain close by so that he could continue to help Louis with the rigors of college studies. LeRoy Jr. himself did well in his college studies, making the National Dean's list in 1989 and 1990 and was noted as being one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" in 1992.

God provided for both of them by granting LeRoy Jr. a position in a Nassa subsidiary company in Houston while providing Louis with the loving support of his big brother. LeRoy Jr. purchased a house 15 minutes from Louis' (what college?) campus in Prairyview but which was an hour and a half from his job because he was so committed and determined to help his brother. Every time Louis had a major test, LeRoy Jr would review the formulas with him so that Louis would be able to apply them to the problems on the exam. On many occasions LeRoy Jr would wait outside the classroom building and not go to work until Louis had finished the exam just to see how he had done on the

test. Louis, who had a special gift of caring, counseling and sensitivity, was also looking out for his big brother while they were both in Texas. He called me one day and said LeRoy Jr. who had always been somewhat of a perfectionist was starting to have too many headaches. Louis felt that LeRoy's job as a high-powered Aerospace Engineer was becoming too stressful for a young man in his twenty's. Louis felt that this was his brother's time in life to party more, enjoy life and not be ~~worried~~ ^{consumed with work} all the time. We persuaded Louis to quit that job and pursue other employment. ^{related active} and additional
LeRoy Educational Opportunities

While in Texas, the brothers started separate businesses on the side as young entrepreneurs. Louis established a business called "Home Oil Change" and LeRoy Jr. had a store called "Tie One On Ties."

Although Louis was successful in receiving his B.A. degree in Mechanical Engineering, he received his calling to the Ministry at a Revival at St. Paul and soon there after applied to ITC (Interdenominational Theological Center)

Insert A-
As we prepare to enjoy this graduation celebration, I am praising the Lord and The Holy Spirit has moved me to tell this story of my two sons, of two brothers and their love and dedication for one another, the sacrifices they made and their Godly faith. / LeRoy Jr. always told his brother Louis he could do it and he believed everything his big brother said. Even as recently as a few weeks ago, when Louis was preparing to submit his final paper to defend his doctorate of divinity, he waited anxiously around for a call from his brother until almost midnight to let him know that he had read the paper and that it was alright. After all these years, LeRoy Jr is still the "confirming influence" in his brother's life. They are living testimonies of the picture that hangs in their LeRoy Jr.'s dining room, "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother..."
by

under Louis supervision
both started separate business adventures.

LeRoy Jr. currently lives in Atlanta, Ga with his wife Margo and daughter Marilyn. Louis currently serves as the pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church Morristown, Tn. J.



City of Cambridge

R-74.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 7, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: On April 7, 2001, LeRoy Attles, Jr. received his Masters in Information Technology from the American Intercontinental University in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS: LeRoy Jr. received his undergraduate education at Tuskegee Institute; as an undergraduate he was on the National Deans' List for the years of 1989 and 1990, and he was recognized as one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America" in 1992; and

WHEREAS: LeRoy Jr. currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife Margo and their daughter Marilyn; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its congratulations to LeRoy Attles, Jr. on the occasion of receiving his Masters Degree in Information Technology from the American Intercontinental University in Atlanta on April 7, 2001; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to LeRoy Attles, Jr. on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 7, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

723R

Resolution #74

Congratulations to LeRoy Attles,
Jr. who received his Masters in
Information Technology on April
7, 2001.

Councillor Reeves

In City Council May 7, 2001

ORDER ADOPTED