

## **The Broken Chain**

We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
in death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
you did not go alone.

For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,  
your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

Author Ron Tranmer

**Pallbearers**  
**Family and Friends**

**Flower Bearers**  
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**Acknowledgements:**  
The family of Dalon Banks wishes  
to thank you most sincerely,  
for your expressions  
of kindness and sympathy.

**Arrangements Entrusted To:**  
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## *Celebrating the Life Of Dalon Banks*



Sunrise  
May 13, 1997

Sunset  
February 20, 2022

Saturday, March 5, 2022

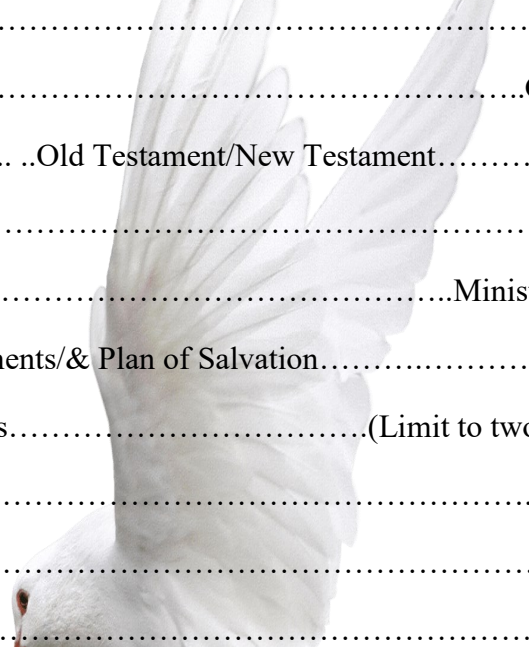
Wake: 9:30 A.M.      Funeral: 10:00 A.M.

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Karl Beus, Officiant

# Order of Service

# Obituary



Organ Prelude.....	
Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Scriptures.....	Old Testament/New Testament.....
Prayer.....	Karl Beus
Solo.....	Minister DBrain Cross
Acknowledgements/& Plan of Salvation.....	Karl Beus
Special remarks.....	(Limit to two minutes please)
Obituary.....	(Read silently)
Eulogy.....	Leroy Forte
Recessional.....	

**Interment:**  
**Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery**  
**5505 Northfield Road**  
**Bedford Heights, OH 44146**

(Those driving in the Funeral Procession turn your headlights on, then off before entering the gates.)

Dalon Maurice Banks was born on May 13, 1997, in Cleveland, Ohio, to LaKeisha Banks and Damon Williams. The oldest of five children, Dalon—or “Fredo,” as he was also known—attended Maple Heights schools and worked several jobs. As a youth, he was a Boy Scout and a member of his church youth group, participating in numerous athletic leagues, service projects and extended camping trips, which he loved. He was ordained to the junior lay priesthood in his church, where he was responsible for blessing and passing the Lord’s supper to members of the congregation. Dalon loved music. Especially Rod Wave. He could also rap pretty well himself! He enjoyed eating at Chipotle and the Cheesecake Factory, and he made a mean taco salad, which his family enjoyed weekly.

Dalon was a loyal and trusting friend and a hard worker, with a particular knack for household repairs. Blessed with a gentle heart, a fierce devotion to family, deeply felt emotions and an infectious smile, he was inclined to see the good in everyone—“he never met a stranger!” his family liked to say. He loved to make people smile and laugh, and he had a talent for telling funny stories. His sister Magic recalls him as “kind hearted” and “lowkey responsible,” “the first I’d text if I needed something”—“a true big brother who cared for his siblings dearly.” Even after he had moved out, he still called to check on his brothers and sister nearly every day, often encouraging them to do their best in school..

Dalon loved being a father to his two young children, Carter and Avy’onna. He enjoyed taking them for walks in the park, or to the playground, or to the Sky Zone Trampoline Park. Often the kids would be literally bouncing with joy in anticipation of an outing with their dad. Even just talking to them on the phone, Dalon’s eyes would dance with fire. Some things in life were difficult for Dalon, and at times, like all of us, he struggled to remain true to the things he knew and believed and most wanted. But he never stopped trying, and he never lost hope. With a child-like optimism and belief in his ability to do better, he was often able to wade through anger or disappointment or the consequences of bad decisions and find something about himself that he could try to improve.

Dalon was called home by his Heavenly Father on February 20, 2022. Among the many who mourn his early departure from our lives are his son Carter and daughter Avy’onna; his mother and stepfather, LaKeisha and Will Conway; his father, Damon Williams; his brothers Deon Banks, Donovan Cook and Da’Carter Banks, and his sister Sharlaine Banks; his grandmother, Faith Forte; his uncles Leroy and Tony (Katrina); and his aunt Laketa (Virgil) Satterwhite. Dalon was preceded in death by his grandfather Leroy Forte, with whom he is certainly even now enjoying a lively and joyous reunion.





It's alot going on utw 🍷





