

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Quiet Songs *Mr. Frank Alowishus, Pianist*
Welcome and Invocation *Rev. Raimon A. Prince*
Hymn “Blessed Assurance” Opening Selection
Scripture Readings:
Old Testament Psalm 121 *Mr. Logan Sasse*
New Testament Ephesians 2:8-10 *Ms. Desiree Golden Cummings*

Prayer of Comfort *Rev. Dr. James P. Quincy, III*
Pastor - Lee Road Baptist Church

Solo “May the Work I’ve Done Speak for Me” *Ms. Billie Mitchell*

Acknowledgments *Dr. Deborah B. Kirby*

REFLECTIONS OF REGGIE’S LIFE

*A tribute from Reggie’s Facebook page

*“Hello Mr. Reggie Turner,
My Wife Holly inspired me to contact people who really meant a great deal
To me in my life. Now that I’m retired and looking back at my career with
CCBDD, your name immediately came to mind. I was always amazed with
your compassion for others. That’s a gift that others could pick up on now
days. With profound respect, Michael-feeling blessed.*

*The Cuyahoga Board of DD - Former Co-Worker *Mr. David Nodge*
*Envoy Condominium HOA - Friend and Neighbor *Mr. Jeff Drude*
*Devoted Friend & Colleague *Mr. William Sasse*
*Family *Mr. James Minter*
Ms. Aaliyah Rabb
Colonel Roger M. Cabiness, II

Reading of the Obituary *Ms. Monique Cabiness*

Musical Selection “His Eye is on the Sparrow” *Ms. Billie Mitchell*

Eulogy *Reverend R. A. Prince*

Benediction *Rev. Dr. James P. Quincy, III*

Recessional “SMILE” *Kirk Franklin*

Pallbearers—Cousins and Friends

Colonel Roger M. Cabiness II (U.S. Army)
John E. H. Golden
Colonel T. Hawkins, III
Alfonzo Hicks, Jr.
Anthony O. Kirby, Sr.

Flower Bearers—Friends and Family

OUR THANKS TO YOU

The Family extends special thanks to ALL the numerous individuals who have helped guide us through this sorrowful period. Thank you for your prayers, which have increased our faith; your words, which have encouraged our hearts; your presence, which has given us arms to lean on, your deeds, which guided our path. Your caring and sharing has made our sorrow a little easier to accept. Reg lived his life in devotion to helping others. If he could leave direction for all of us, it would probably be “let your work speak for you.” Leave here today and continue to pray for or lend a helping hand to someone in need. Consider extending his legacy by donating in his memory to:

*Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
c/o Communications Department
1275 Lakeside Avenue East --Cleveland, OH 44114*

We sincerely appreciate your continued prayers. God Bless you all!
The Family of James Reginald Turner

Graveside Committal Service, Tuesday June 7, 2022, at 12 noon

National Harmony Memorial Park, Hyattsville, MD

Officiated by: Rev. Dr. Barbara Ridley

Comfort Ministry Ebenezer AME Church – Ft. Washington, MD

Arrangements Entrusted To:

R. A. Prince Funeral Services

16222 Broadway Avenue

Maple Heights, Oh 44137

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J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home

7474 Landover Road

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*Celebrating the Life
of
James Reginald Turner*



Heaven Sent
August 16, 1954

Flight to Glory
April 30, 2022

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Visitation—9:45 a.m.

Service—11:00 a.m.

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Rev. Raimon A. Prince,
Officiating Minister



Reginald graduated from Northfork High school in West Virginia and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from West Virginia State University (College), Charleston, WV. There he was inducted into the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity—the same as his “Uncle Mac”.



HIS LIFE

A precious one from us has gone. A voice we love is stilled. A place is vacant in our hearts, which can never be filled.

James Reginald Turner, affectionately known as *Reg* or *Reggie*, was born August 16, 1954 and departed this life on April 30, 2022. Now, he is reunited with his beloved parents James Melvin Turner and Dorothy May Cabiness Turner.



Reg's Parents – James Melvin and Dorothy Cabiness Turner

Reg accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age at the Rice Chapel Baptist Church in Crumpler, WV. The sudden death of his father at an early age created a situation in which Reginald was raised single handedly by his mother. His tribute to her during her homegoing gives greatest honor to her for her sacrifices.

“ My greatest blessing has been my Mother’s love. From the day I was conceived, I have been loved and so today I am feeling lost, but know my Mom is in the perfect place called heaven and she will be watching over me. I am grateful for love, guidance, discipline and patience she gave me. She was proud of me and I was of her for all she did to assure my becoming a decent and respectable man. She always sacrificed for me and for that I owe her my successes and achievements. Love you to eternity, Reggie”



Reg went on to receive a master’s degree from West Virginia University, in Morgantown, WV. Although he had to traverse a difficult road as a Black student in a predominately white institution at that time in history, his achievement there -- as one of a handful of African Americans matriculating there -- emboldened him to always take care of “the least of these” in keeping with his biblical training.

Cleveland, Ohio became Reggie’s home after only being able to find substitute teaching positions in WV. Reg found his niche in 1977 at the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and began what would become his life’s work. During his 35 years of service, he dedicated his life to helping people with disabilities live full and meaningful lives. Reggie progressed through the organization’s leadership to serve in the roles of the General Manager and Director of Adult Services. He managed both the Rocky River and Brooklyn Adult Activities Centers. He retired in 2012 and eventually began spending more time in Maryland caring for his beloved Mother as her health began to decline.

Not only was Reg actively involved at work, he was also a good citizen and active in his neighborhood. For many years, Reggie served as a board member and President of the Envoy Condominium Homeowners Association – often via Zoom from Maryland. A relatively quiet, gentle man, he enjoyed family gatherings – especially eating occasions (when his mom cooked chitterlings or Granny Cabiness cooked anything -- and Monique’s cakes!! His robust laughter would fill the room! And his willingness to lend a hand or engage in discussion about social, and racial and world affairs will be sorely missed.



HIS LEGACY

Along with those whose lives he touched in the world, Reggie leaves behind a lifetime of service and commitment to his family. Deeply mourning his unexpected flight to Glory are:

Aunts Emma (Frances) Cabiness Hicks, NY and Helen Walker Cabiness, MD; first cousins: Dr. Deborah Byard Kirby (Anthony), MD, James Minter, WV, Wilma Alexander Moore (Theophilus), NC, Alfonzo Hicks, Jr. (Yvonne), NY, Monique D. Cabiness, MD, Colonel, T. Hawkins, III, MD, God Son Colonel Roger M. Cabiness, II (Altese), VA; loving second cousin Daisy Golden Perkins, OH, devoted “special niece” Aaliyah Raab, OH, many loving other 2nd, 3rd, and 4th cousins; loyal special family friends – The Sasse family, OH and The Thompson Family, WV and last, but not least, numerous lifelong friends living in West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland and other parts of the world.

