

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard him call,
Then turned and bid farewell to all.
I could not stay another day, to laugh,
to love, to sing, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss, ah yes these
things I too will miss. Be not burdened deep with sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow my life's been good
I savored much good friends, good times a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief don't lengthen it now with
undue grief. Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Special Tribute to Dad

Our hearts are full, but we rejoice that the Lord blessed you with a full life!
You were the man who loved us, provided for us, protected and cared for us!
You loved us unconditionally; and you were our strength, comforter, confidant,
and always reassured us that everything would be ok!

Thank you, Dad! We will miss you!

Love: Toni, Margo, Yolanda, Shawntae, and Shalanda
Bonus Daughters Kimyana and Latraycie

Special Tribute to Papa

If Roses grow in heaven. Lord, please pick a bunch for us
place them in Papa's arms and tell him they're from us.
Tell him we LOVE him and MISS him And when he turns and smile
place a KISS upon his cheek and hold him for a while.

Because remembering him is easy we do it every day,
but there's an ache within our hearts because we miss him today.

Love: Arien, K'vion, and Ladale

Family Expressions of Gratitude

With sincere appreciation we wish to thank our family and friends for their
kindness during our bereavement for our loved one. May God bless each and
every one of you.

The Family

Arrangements Entrusted To
R. A. Prince Funeral Services
16222 Broadway Avenue
Maple Heights, OH 44137
Phone (216) 518-1777 Fax (216) 518-1975
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Celebrating the Life Of Louis Ward, Jr.



Sunrise:
December 16, 1934

Sunset:
November 21, 2024

Wake: 10:00 AM Funeral: 10:30 AM

Thursday, December 5, 2024

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16222 Broadway Avenue
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Rev. Raimon A. Prince, Officiating Minister

Order of Service

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11: 25-26

Organ Prelude.....Eric Dyson

Processional.....

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Deacon Allen Vernon
North Gayton Baptist Church, Henrico VA

New Testament.....Eric O'Dell
Progressive Evangelist Missionary Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Willie Thomas
Progressive Evangelist Missionary Baptist Church

Selection.....Authorine McKnight Solomon

Acknowledgement/Resolutions.....

Special remarks.....(Limit to two minutes please)

Obituary.....Yolanda Vernon

Poem.....Arien Williams

Selection.....Authorine McKnight Solomon

Eulogy.....Rev. Raimon A. Prince

Recessional.....

Interment
Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery
10705 Rawiga Road
Rittman, OH 44273

Obituary

Louis Ward Jr. was born on December 16th, 1934 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Geneva Toliver and Lous Ward Sr. He was the 3rd oldest child of his 11 siblings. Louis entered into his eternal rest on Thursday, November 21st, 2024.

During his early years of life, Louis practiced the Muslim faith. He continued to practice the Muslim faith but he later converted to Christianity and confessed Jesus Christ as his personal savior. He was a member of the Union Grove Baptist Church and served faithfully under the leadership of the late Pastor, Rev E. L Rogers. He worked tirelessly around the church in various ministries such as the Culinary Art, Missionary and Custodial Ministry.

Louis was educated through the Cleveland Public School System in Cleveland, Ohio. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country faithfully. While serving in the Air Force he played on the basketball team.

Louis was employed with Tip Top Bakery as a delivery salesman. He also worked for Wonder Bread for over 15 years as a delivery salesman. He was fondly called the "Bread Man" because he would give away bread to many people in the area on his delivery route. He had a "Big Heart" and believed in helping others.

In testimony to Louis, most relatives and friends remembered him for his dynamic personality; always fun; and willing to help! He was such a thoughtful, unselfish and relentless provider to his children; and to his nieces and nephews, he was known as their favorite uncle. He was an advocate and a member of several civil organizations locally and nationally fighting for the injustice of others especially African Americans. During his earlier years, he was an avid golfer, bowler and he loved to play pool.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Eldridge "Tee" Toliver Sr., 2 aunts; Beulah "Boo Boo" O'Neal and Virginia Harper, 3 brothers; Melvin "Man" Toliver, Ronald Toliver and Anthony "Tony" Toliver, 3 sisters; Rona Ward, Lenora "Fanny" Shaw and Phyllis "Bunchie" Jordan and 1 granddaughter, Paris Bradley.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Alicia Ward of 22 years, 1 brother, Eli Toliver, 3 sister; Delores "Sister" Robinson, Brenda Toliver of Cleveland, OH., and Alma Brewton of Tampa FL., 11 children, Toni Rodriguez (Alfredo), Louis Ward III (Renee), Margo Jackson (Anthony), Yolanda Vernon (Allen) , Jamael McLemore, Shawntae McLemore, Shalanda McLemore, Kimyana Williams, Latraycie Williams, Tramaine Williams and Darrion Williams, 24 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family members and friends.



