

Acknowledgement

The family of Ira Cross Jr. would like to thank everyone who sent food, drinks, cards, calls, condolences, and prayers. The support and help offered to the family will never be forgotten. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and sympathy during this time.

I Am 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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the 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.*

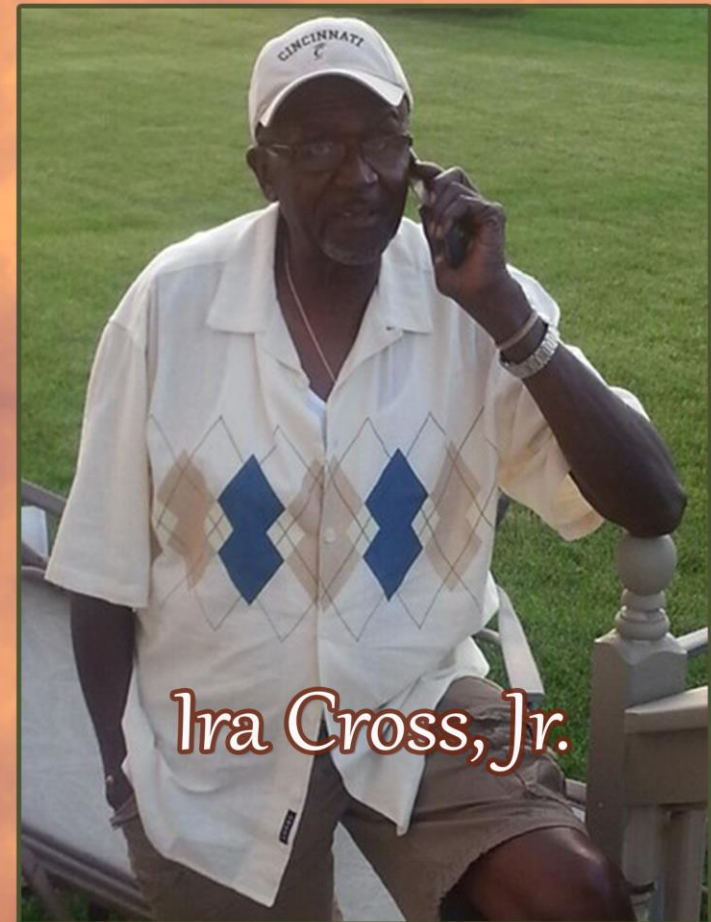
*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free*

To offer condolences to The Cross Family,
visit www.TheChapelofPeace.com



IN LOVING MEMORY OF



MARCH 25, 1942 ~ MARCH 7, 2022

~Service~

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 ~ 11:00 AM

MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME

Chapel of Peace North

**2500 Cleveland Avenue
Columbus, Ohio**

Obituary

Ira Cross Jr. was born on March 25, 1942 in Greenville, Alabama to the late Ira and Ethlene Cross, and was the oldest of four children. In 1961, Ira moved to Columbus, Ohio. He transitioned peacefully on Monday, March 7, 2022 at the Ohio State University at the tender age of 79.

Ira, affectionately known for many names including "Slim", "Ivy", "Dude", "Jr", and, of course, "Paw Paw", retired from Delille Oxygen after forty years of service. Ira had a passion for bowling, fishing, and hunting. In his spare time, he loved to sit on his porch and wave to everyone, play board games with his grandchildren, cut grass, grill, cook, play his numbers, listen to gospel, and deliver bounce houses with his son. He was often known for his favorite sayings of "Gots to be more careful" and "I'm telling you the truth".

When not watching his favorite television shows, he would watch his favorite sports teams: the Cincinnati Bengals, Cincinnati Reds, and Ohio State. Most of all, Ira cherished his family.

Ira is preceded in death by his parents, Ira and Ethlene Cross and brothers, Gene and Wylie Cross Sr.

Ira leaves a legacy and precious memories to be cherished by his wife, Celestine Cross of 33 years; children, Ira Freeman (Miranda), Leah Lomax, Wanda (Ronald) Hilliard, Christine (Jerome) Woods, and Joshua Chafin; brother, David (Kim) Cross; sisters-in-law, Irma Cross and Sharon Cross; grandchildren, Taylor Lomax, Dejah Freeman, Ira Freeman, and Isaiah Freeman; goddaughter, Regina Jackson; caregivers, Schneada Chavis (niece), Paula Massey, and Jackie Gwynn; special friends, Debbie Twosome and Steve Hairston; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Ira will be truly missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

Order of Celebration

ORGAN PRELUDE	Music Ministry
PARTING VIEW	Immediate Family
SCRIPTURE READING	Dr. Elon Meeks
Old Testament.....	
New Testament	
PRAYER.....	Dr. Elon Meeks
SELECTION	Emanuel Calloway
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES	Kristina Booker
REMARKS (2 minutes please)	Family and Friends
READING OF OBITUARY.....	Silently
SELECTION	Emanuel Calloway

The Eulogy

DR. ELON MEEKS

Senior Pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church

BENEDICTION	Clergy
RECESSIONAL	"I'll Fly Away" Emanuel Calloway

Repast

6561 E. LIVINGSTON AVENUE
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

*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