

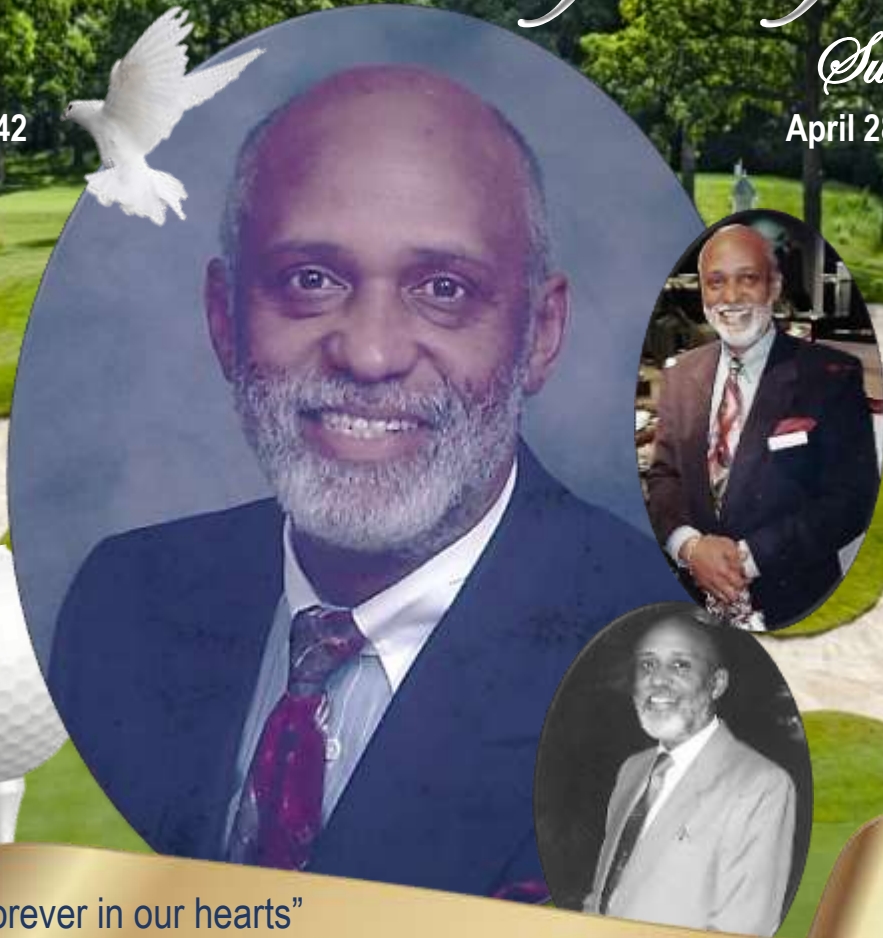
# *Celebration of Life*

*Sunrise*

November 18, 1942

*Sunset*

April 28, 2023



"Forever in our hearts"

*Michael Eugene Winfield*

"May the course be with you!"

*Saturday: May 6, 2023*

*Visitation: 9:00am*

*Homegoing Celebration: 10:00am*

**Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church**

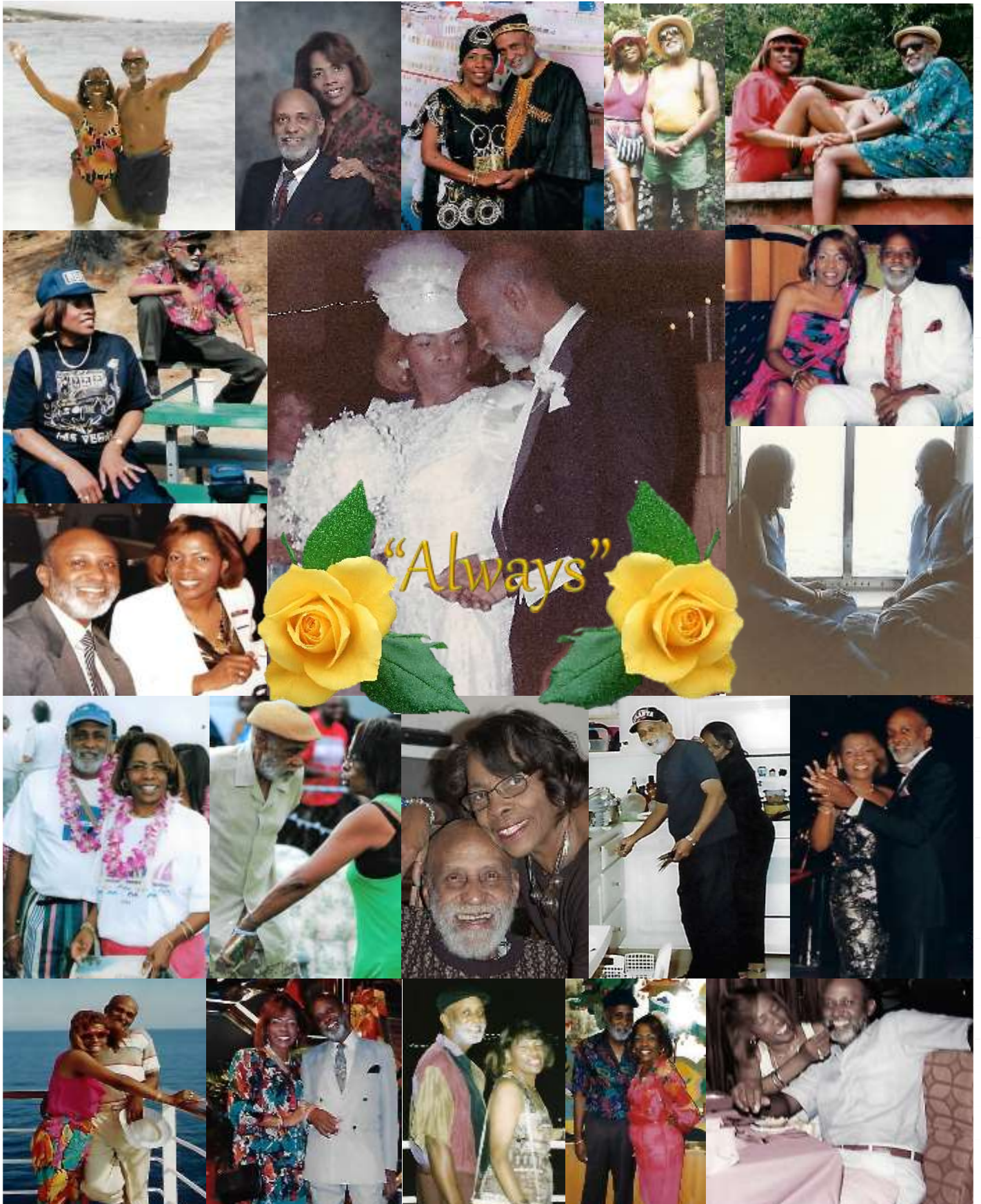
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Columbus, OH 43201

Overseer Dale D. Tucker, Sr. – Senior Pastor ~ Eulogist  
Elder Janet Kimble Smith – Executive Pastor ~ Officiant  
Bishop Jerome H. Ross, Sr. – Pastor Emeritus

"The best thing about memories is making them."



"Whenever I am missing you, I also remember how fortunate I was that you were in my life. I wouldn't trade those moments for the world."



## Obsequies

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A life that was precious to us departed on April 28, 2023 when

*Michael Eugene Winfield*  
was summoned from this life to life eternal.



**Michael Eugene Winfield** was born in Atlanta, Georgia on November 18, 1942 to the Late Eddie Mae Winfield-Smith and the Late Eugene Winfield. He was the first of two sons born to that union. Michael was raised and delicately nurtured by his loving Mom, whom he affectionately called “Ma Dear” and she became his first love and best friend.

He attended the Atlanta Public School System and was a graduate of the Henry McNeal Turner High School.

He was reared in a Christian home and confessed Christ as his personal Savior at a tender age and was baptized at Saint Paul of the Cross Church. He later united with the Philadelphia Baptist Church and matured in faith under the leadership of Rev. W.W. Morris, Sr. After relocating to Columbus, Ohio, he united with Triedstone Baptist Church and remained faithful until his health prevented regular activity and attendance. At Triedstone, he proudly served as a member of the Senior Usher Board and the Male Chorus.

Another dimension of his life included a six-year tour of Military Service in the United States Airforce. After his honorable discharge from the military, he embarked on a career in Insurance Sales with Nationwide Insurance Company. Michael was a people person with a gift of gab which lead him to employment with Walker’s Mens Clothing and Jacobson’s of Columbus, where he became a master salesman of Men’s Suits. When both stores eventually closed, he embarked on a new area of employment with the Columbus City School System, where he worked until retirement in 2016.

His life’s journey fully blossomed while at Triedstone where he met and married his beautiful wife, Nancy on November 25, 1989. They loved, struggled, prospered together and shared in the nurturing of a blended family of six children.

Michael loved all sports but golfing and chess where his passion. He was an avid golfer and was always ready to tee it up even on rainy, cold or smothering hot days. He also loved chess but would always complain because he could not find anyone to play a game with him. Consequently, he taught his granddaughter, Sidney to play.

Michael loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was the life of any party, whether it was a family gathering, on a cruise ship or a guy’s night out. Although he had to endure a progressive debilitating illness, he never lost his gritty determination and courage. No matter how he may have been feeling, he would always tell you, “I’m ok, still standing on my own two feet.” To that end, he did it his way.

Leaving his family and friends with an enduring legacy of tenacity and perseverance. He dearly loved his children and had his own special way of making each one feel that they were his favorite.

Michael was preceeded in death by his *Mother*: Eddie Mae Winfield-Smith; *Father*: Eugene Winfield; *Brothers*: Jerome Winfield and Eddie Smith; *Sisters*: Michelle Winfield and Naomi Muzzi and *Step-Son*: Eric Nesbitt, Sr.

Precious memories will forever be cherished by his ***Loving Wife***: Nancy Winfield; ***Five Children***: Clifford (Eunika) Jordan, Ryan (Asia) Hutchinson, Kimberly (Cory) Burke, Tombi (J. Erick) Williams and Cynthia Jordan; ***Sister***: Janet (James) Anderson; ***Brother***: Rev. Karl Eli Smith; ***Sister-in-Love***: Juanita Winfield; ***Brothers-in-Love***: Bobby Nesbitt, Sr. and Dr. Sokoto Fulani; ***Grandchildren***: Clifford Jordan Jennings, Christopher Jordan, Christina Jordan, Khalil Tucker, John Jalani Dawson, Michael Williams, James Williams, JoVanna Brice, Sidney Brice, Sgt. Miguel Hawkins, Nautica Jordan, Ryan Hutchinson, Jr., Rashad Hutchinson, Joshua Hutchinson, Journee Hutchinson, Brandon Nesbitt, Aaron Nesbitt, Eric (Deanna) Nesbitt, II., and Jahran (Erin) Nesbitt; ***Nine Great Grand Children*** and a host of ***Nieces, Nephews, Cousins*** and Friends.

## In Loving Memory of Michael Eugene Winfield

### May I Go?

May I go now? Don't you think the time is right?  
May I say good-bye to pain-filled days and endless, restless nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best; an example tried to be.  
So, can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?

I didn't want to go at first. I fought with all my might.  
But something seems to draw me now to a warm and loving light.  
I want to go. I really do. It's difficult to stay  
But I will try as best I can to live just one more day...

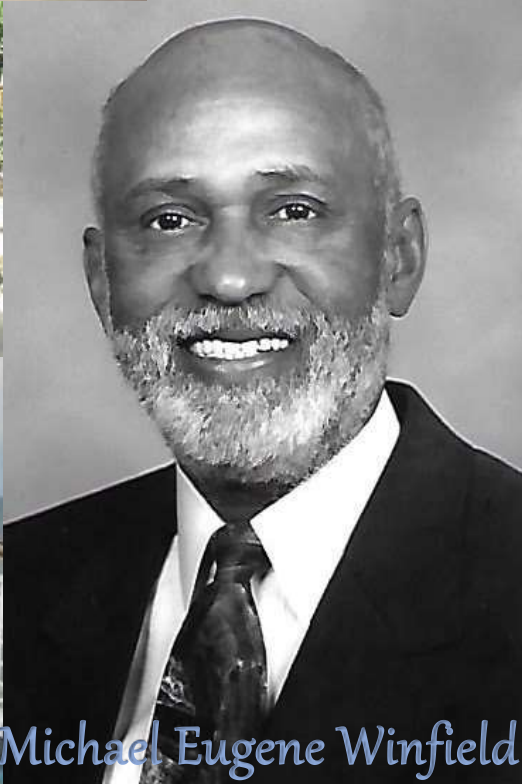
To give you time to care for me and share your love and fears.  
I know you're sad and are afraid because I see your tears.  
I won't be far, I promise that, and hope you'll always know  
that my spirit will be close to you wherever you may go.

Thank you so for loving me. You know I loved you, too.  
That's why it's hard to say good-bye and end this life with you.  
So, hold me close, just one more time and let me hear you say  
because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.

-Anonymous

The Family

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Michael Eugene Winfield



**Celebration of Life in Honor of**  
*Michael Eugene Winfield*

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*Elder Janet Kimble Smith*

Triedstone Baptist Church – Executive Pastor  
Officiant

Musical Prelude.....Musicians

Parting View

Reading of the Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Psalms 23.....Elder Robin Darden

New Testament.....John 3:16.....Elder Robyn Darden

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Roger Hairston  
Temple of Faith COGIC – Columbus, Ohio

Musical Selection....."Farther Along".....Deacon Jeff Turner

Tributes..... Two Minutes Please.....Triedstone Senior Usher Board

Bishop Jerome H. Ross, Sr.  
Triedstone Baptist Church – Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Karl Eli Smith  
Brother – Atlanta, GA

Children

Acknowledgement of Resolutions.....Deaconess Denise Reid

Musical Selection.....Triedstone Music and Arts Ministry

**Eulogy**

*Overseer Dale D. Tucker, Sr*

Triedstone Baptist Church – Senior Pastor

Recession....."Let The Church Say Amen"

*"The moments may have ended but the memories last forever."*

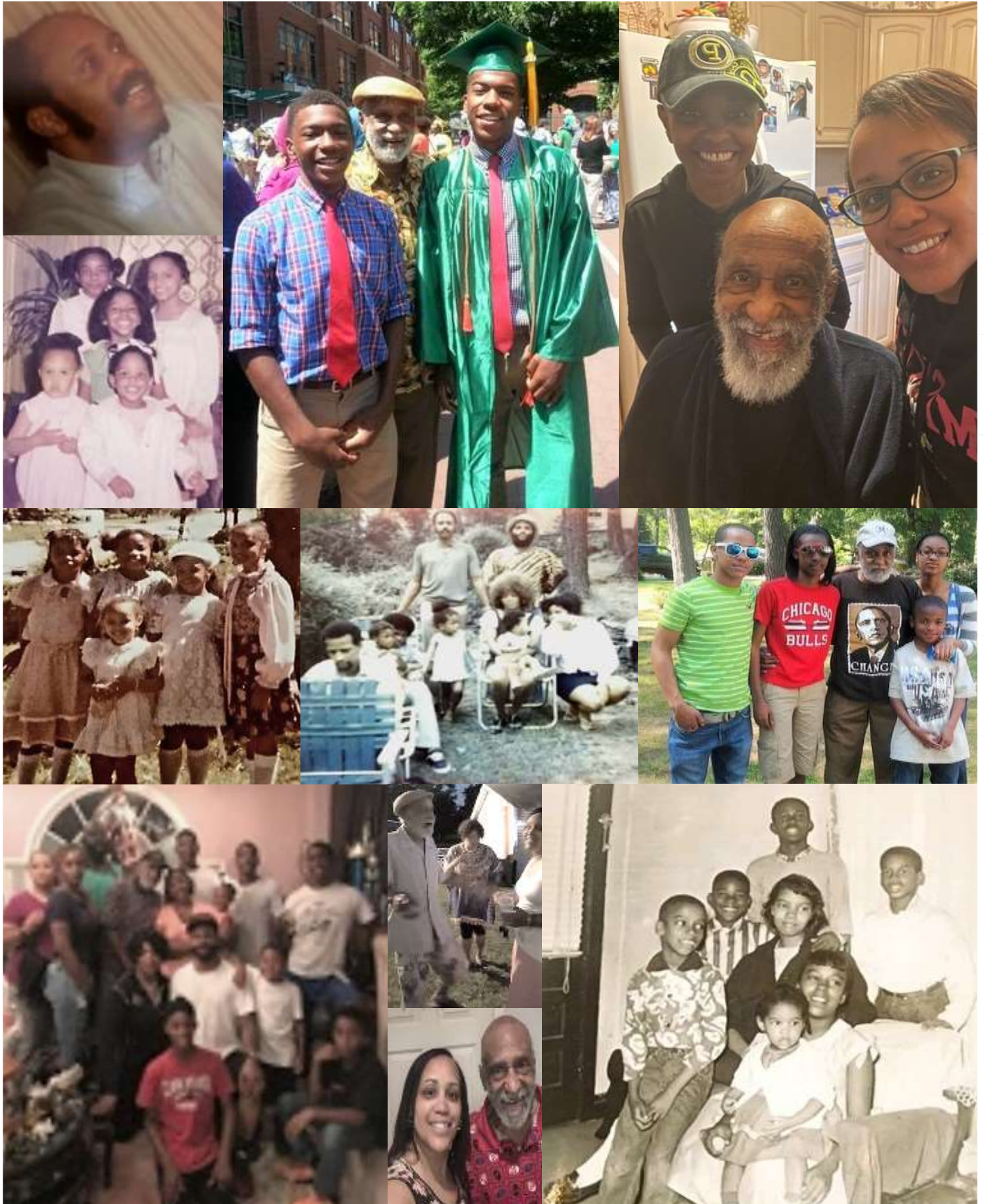




Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal



*"Life brings tears, smiles, and memories.  
The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the memories last FOREVER."*



# Moments Last for A Second

but there's those moments in life when time stands still.  
Those moments are what we consider memories that last forever



Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14: 1-6

### *Interment*

#### **Green Lawn Cemetery**

1000 Greenlawn Avenue ~ Columbus, OH 43223

### *Pallbearers*

Jalani Dawson – Sgt. Miguel Hawkins – Ryan Hutchinson, Jr. – Clifford Jordan-Jennings  
Christopher Jordan – James Williams – Michael Williams – Khalil Tucker

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

James Anderson – Cory Burke – Bobby Nesbitt, Sr.  
Nino Nesbitt – Mark Rucker – J. Erick Williams

### *Flower Bearers*

Family and Triedstone Baptist Church Senior Usher Board

### *Acknowledgements*

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### *Ministry of Comfort Entrusted to:*

**Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home  
Chapel of Peace**

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