

PALL BEARERS

Honorary Darrell Berry Family & Friends

FLOWER BEARERS

Nefertiti Temple #1377



Steven Berry was a huge Ohio State Fan! Here are the TOP 10 ways you now that are a big fan like he was. " you won't step foot in Ann Arbor, your dog is named Woody, Brutus or Sloopy, you don't shop at Meijer or IKEA, weather isn't a factor, you proudly wear your OSU gear, you stay in your seat at half time, you shout 'O-H' anywhere and at any time, you refuse to call that state" Up North" by name, you are true to your team and you are at Harvey Alston Sr. Lodge #1755 every year for the best OSU Versus Michigan rivalry ever!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of Ms. Naomi Stevenson, Brother Darrell Berry and family, we would like to extend our gratitude for every act of loving kindness that you have shown our family in the loss of our May God reward you richly and openly in the days ahead.

Thank you Shepherd Hands, LLC for being such a blessing throughout our journey. Special recognition of Danielle Hague, Ms. Thomas and Ms. Lovely; may God continually bless you for your love and support.

Much gratitude to Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MRDD), Peggy O'Grady for your dedication to the work you have done for us.

Thank you, Harvey Alston Sr. Lodge #1755 & Nefertiti Temple #1377 for the Brotherly & Sisterly love, displayed to our family and our loved one. Harvey was always a place where Steven could go. Where everybody knew his name and they were always glad he came. Many blessings to you all.

Peace and many blessings to Marlan Gary Chapel of Peace for the kindness and love you shown our family during this time. May God keep and bless you and your staff for the excellence in taking care of our dearest loved one, Steven Berry

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God has laid you see. I took His hand when I heard him 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 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, oh 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 your heart and peace to thee. God wanted me now; He set me free!

Final Ceremony entrusted to Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home, Chapel of Peace
5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH

Celebration of the Life of



Mr. Steven Lamont "Stevie" Berry

Sunrise- September 2, 1970

Sunset- March 30, 2023

April 10, 2023

Visitation ~ 6 p.m.

Celebration Ceremony ~ 7 p.m.

Marlan Gary Chapel of Peace

5456 East Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43232

~Officiant~

Pastor Barbara Johnson- Church of Perpetual Promise

~Presiding~

Rev. Carmen Allen- Peace Kingdom Ministries of Ohio

Celebration of the Life of Steven Lamont "Stevie" Berry
Obituary

Steven Lamont "Stevie" Berry was born on Labor Day, September 2, 1970. His mom fondly referred to him as her 'little eskimo' because of his chunky little body and his huge smile. As he grew older, to his parents' surprise he loved his birthday because he was born on a holiday. In reality his mom said that "Stevie" loved his birthday because he liked to party and have a lot of fun. He had the whole neighborhood as friends and when he was a child everyone was invited to his birthday party. Stevie loved sports and played basketball. He graduated from Linden McKinley High School in 1991 and was a part of the Panther Nation.

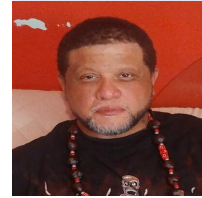
"Stevie" went to work at Arc industries at the Vern Riffe Center. Because of his good work ethic, he was later moved to Rhoads Tower. Stevie was kind to all of the up-and-coming politicians. He even carried Joyce Beatty's briefcase every time he saw her. She remarked that the was the nicest young man. For 27 years "Stevie" provided commercial cleaning for the company. He was an exemplary employee with high standards of satisfaction and performance. Stevie received numerous awards for outstanding presentation, attendance, employee of the month and other various other recognitions.

Stevie worked hard and Stevie also played harder. He was what you call a sharp dressed man. Stevie was always in style and matched from head to toe. He was representing the light skinned brothers and was "clean as a chitlin." He didn't play about his sports gear either. Stevie was an avid rowdy Ohio State Buckeyes and Pittsburgh Steelers fan. When it was game time, it was game time and he liked to be right in the middle of the crowd cheering his teams on.

Stevie loved his brother Darrell. They were only two years apart and like frick and frack, they bumped heads every once in a while, but Stevie always admired his big brother and affectionately called him "Bro."

Stevie had a wonderful outlook on life. He never let anything stop him from being the best version of himself and was unapologetically "Stevie" a wonderful brother, son and friend. Stevie's mom Naomi was his road dog. She and Darrell sat by his bedside for four months nourishing him and uplifting his spirit. Stevie was a member of First Church of God and had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. After extended illness, Steven Lamont "Stevie" Berry ran the last mile of the way, straight into the master arms where he is at peace and can now rest.

He is preceded in death by maternal grandparents William and Mary Grant, step-father Raymond Stevenson and special aunt Julia Brown and special cousin Ilene Alverson. He leaves to cherish his memory mother Naomi Stevenson, Brother Darrell Berry, special friend of the family Lynette, Niece Maya Berry and a host of relatives and friends.



*"And now these three remain faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love"
I Corinthians 13:13*

Prelude ----- "I shall wear a Crown"

Processional ----- Clergy

Musical Selection-----Andrea Murray

Old Testament -----Reading 23 Psalm

New Testament ----- Reading I Thessalonians 4:13 -18

Prayer of Comfort ----- Pastor Barbara Johnson

Musical Selection ----- Andrea Murray

Acknowledgements ----- (2 minutes)

From A Mother's Heart _____ Ms. Naomi Stevenson

I am my Brother's Keeper _____ Brother Darrell Barry

Obituary Reading

Musical Selection ----- Pastor Don Johnson

Eulogy -----Pastor Barbara Johnson

Final Family Viewing
Benediction
Recessional

Family Gathering ~Repast.

Immediately following the Celebration of Life, Harvey H. Alston Sr. Lodge #1755 & Nefertiti Temple #1377 will receive friends and family at 1593 East Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43205.