

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of Rodney B. Fanning extends our deepest appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness during this time. You are very much appreciated and loved. God bless you all.

### *Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

until we  
meet again

WE THINK ABOUT YOU ALWAYS,  
WE TALK ABOUT YOU STILL,  
YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN FORGOTTEN,  
AND YOU NEVER WILL.  
WE HOLD YOU CLOSE WITHIN OUR HEARTS  
AND THERE YOU WILL REMAIN,  
TO WALK AND GUIDE US THROUGH OUR LIVES,  
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.

To offer condolences to The Fanning Family,  
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## *Homegoing Celebration for*



*Rodney B. Fanning*

February 5, 1960 - January 20, 2024

**Monday, February 5, 2024**

Visitation: 1:00pm Service: 2:00pm

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home

**The Chapel of Peace Mansfield**  
753 McPherson St., Mansfield, OH 44903

## Obituary

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Rodney Benard Fanning, aged 63, who peacefully departed this world on January 20, 2024, at his home. Born on February 5, 1960, to the late Juanita Herans and Frank Wilkins Sr., Rodney was a cherished member of the Mansfield community.

A proud graduate of Mansfield Senior High School, Rodney dedicated many years of his life to the construction field, excelling as a Master Concrete Finisher. His commitment and skill left an indelible mark on his profession.

Rodney was a family man through and through. He found immense joy in spending time with his loved ones, especially his wife, Lisa Fanning, his sons, Shermar Fanning and Donta Waterhouse, and his daughter, Patrice Cunningham. He was a doting grandfather to his nine grandchildren, bringing laughter and love into their lives.

Known for his vibrant personality, Rodney enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. He was passionate about music, loved playing cards, and was an avid sports enthusiast, with the Dallas Cowboys holding a special place in his heart.

Rodney is survived by his siblings, Mike Wilkins, Gregory (Evelyn) Herans, Clayton (Bonnie) Kemp, Shawn McDowell, Cherie (James) Bonham, Stephaine Herans, Shay Wilkins, and Monya McDowell. He is also remembered fondly by special nieces and nephews, Marqutia Lloyd, Jasmine Herans, Demarques Herans, and numerous other relatives, including his special cousin, Twyla Wilkins. Additionally, he leaves behind a circle of friends who were blessed to have him in their lives.

In addition to his parents, Rodney was preceded in death by his adopted parents, Richard (Janie) Fanning; brothers Frank Wilkins Jr., Marvin Vincent Feagain, and stepfather, Elijah Hearn.

## Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE .....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW.....Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING .....Elder Renee Collins  
Old Testament.....  
New Testament.....

PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Elder Renee Collins

SELECTION.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Chapel of Peace Staff

REMARKS...(2 Minutes Please).. Bonnie Kemp, sister in law  
Family and Friends

OBITUARY ..... Read Silently

SELECTION ..... Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

## The Eulogy

Elder Renee Collins

BENEDICTION..... Elder Renee Collins

RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family, and Friends