



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Raymond Warren Hardimon

SUNRISE - DECEMBER 30, 1944

SUNSET - MARCH 25, 2021

Funeral Service on Friday April 2, 2021

Viewing - 11:00 AM est.

Service - 12:00 PM est.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
1535 Dewey Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43219

Elder Lance E. Humphrey, Senior Pastor



ORDER OF SERVICE FOR
Raymond Warren Hardimon

MUSICAL PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 91
JOHN 14:1-7

Elder Joyce Townes
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PRAYER OF COMFORT

Elder Timothy Williams

MUSICAL SELECTION

First Lady Nichole Humphrey

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sis. Shaniece Spencer

REMARKS

*ORGnG Member
*Daniel Sinclair
*Elder Jeffrey Phillips Sr.
*Jalauna Phillips

OBITUARY READING

Silently

EULOGY

Elder Lance E. Humphrey,
Senior Pastor

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

*Department of Airforce
*ORGnG Group (Retired Firefighters)

RECESSIONAL

***RAY DID IT HIS WAY!
WE WILL MISS YOU!!***

Obituary

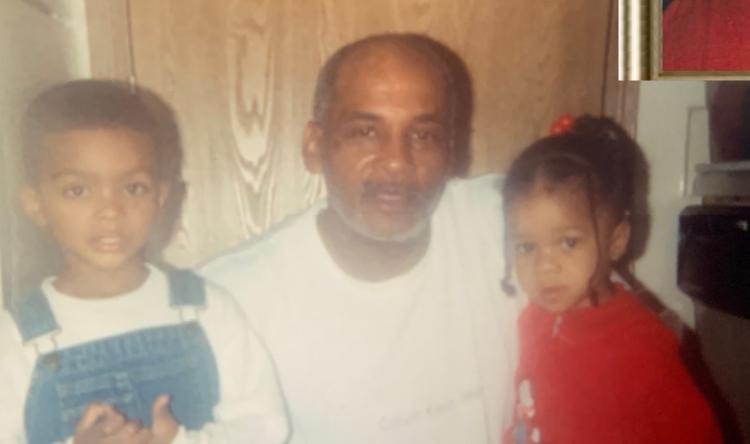
On December 30, 1944 Raymond Warren Hardimon was born to Pearl (Stewart) and AC Hardimon in Luther, Oklahoma

Ray attended Arcadia High school (Oklahoma) where he played basketball and baseball. He was the first one in the family to go to college and received a basketball scholarship to attend Murray State College. After one year he decided to join the armed forces in the department of Air Force. Known to many as "Butch" he was outgoing, independent, smart and athletic. Butch enjoyed horseback riding, playing cards, and fixing things. He loved spending time with family at reunions and cookouts where he could be found on the grill.

Ray was stationed at the Lockbourne Air Force base in Lockbourne Ohio, now known today as Rickenbacker International Airport. He served as a Police and Fireman during his time in the Air Force and played basketball. His duty as a fireman in the Airforce carried over to being a firefighter with the Columbus Division of Fire. With his love for sports Ray served as a softball umpire and basketball referee for Columbus City Recreation and Parks. Always on the go, he was a truck driver for Schneider Trucking Company. He was a self-proclaimed, avid golf player, loved his TV Western movies and enjoyed spending time with his buddies in the Blue Ice Social Club. At any given time he could be found sporting his favorite team logos, Cleveland Browns and Ohio State.

He is preceded in death by parents AC and Pearl Hardimon; siblings Willie Hardimon, AD Hardimon, Clarence Hardimon and daughter Sonya Hardimon.

He leaves to cherish his memories, loving wife of 52 years of marriage, Barretta Fields Hardimon; siblings Darlene Caldwell, Ted Hardimon and Dwight (Sonya) Hardimon; sisters-in-law, Wynella Hardimon and Doris Hardimon; Children Demetrius Thomas, Trina (Jeff) Phillips and Tasha Hardimon; 8 grandchildren Demetrius Jr. Diache, Donte, Julian (Del-Jean), Jania, Jeffrey Jr., Jalauna and Arronté; 4 great grandchildren; Father-in-law Charles L. Fields Sr.; Brothers-law Charles L. Fields, Jr., Larry C. Fields and Christopher L. Fields (Lorna), loving nephews Lionel C. and Lance C. Fields and extended family, Marlan, D'Andrea, David and Kennedy Gary. Best Friends Daniel "Danny" Sinclair and Charles "Chopper" Williams



Garden of Grief

I feel like somebody lied to me.

I've always thought I was scared of death but I'm
realizing that I was scared of grief.

I was afraid of seeing my family dressed in black and sadness.

I was afraid of going through old photos and reliving each one.

I was afraid of the abundance of flowers and food.

I was afraid of what grief would make of me.

But somebody lied to me.

Grief isn't some monster looking to feed on broken hearts or a chaotic sea
looking to pull you under its waves. The truth is, grief is a garden grown
out of love.

It has the potential to wilt and dress itself in gloom, but it also has
the potential to fill itself with blooms.

Blooms of happy memories, warm embraces and honor.

Because even if my family is dressed in black, at least we'll be together.

The photos remind us that his smile and life will be with us forever.

The flowers remind me that there's still beauty here

And the food reassures me that the ache in my chest will one day disappear Because this grief is a
garden that I choose to water with happy memories, warm embraces and honor.

We will remember you Pawpaw Ray,

In blooms of grandfather, husband, father and friend And one day soon,
we will see each other again.

J.Phillips

*~To my family, the friends of my grandfather and anyone else who has experienced loss, I wish you a
beautiful garden of grief.*

One filled with beauty and peace.

I hope your tears are collected by fresh water and used to nourish new life.

And I hope your hearts always know what it's like to walk in love.~

Heartfelt Thanks

The family of Raymond Hardimon is extremely grateful for the love, thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. Whether you sent a card, flowers, lent a shoulder, whispered a prayer, or words of comfort, it has not gone unnoticed. Thank you to Pastor Lance and First Lady Nichole Humphrey as well as Marlan Gary and the Chapel of Peace.

Pallbearers

Curtis Bosley Jr., Lance Fields, Arronte' Landrum,
Jeffrey Phillips Jr., Julian Phillips-Steele, Chad Wise

Honorary Pallbearers

Charles Fields Jr., Christopher L. Fields, Larry Fields,
Kevin Sutton, Demetrius Thomas, Lionel Fields

Flower Bearers

Jalauna Phillips, Jania Phillips, Del-Jean Phillips-Steele
Diache Thomas, MTZ Nurse Ministry

Funeral Arrangements

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home
Chapel of Peace

2500 Cleveland Ave. Columbus Ohio - North Chapel
5456 Livingston Ave. Columbus Ohio - East Chapel