



Acknowledgements

The family of Anthony Tyrone Davis is extremely grateful for everyone that called, texted, and prayed for our family during this difficult time. Never more than now is your kindness needed and appreciated. May God continue to bless you!

Pallbearers

Eric Davis - Jermaine Dean Sr. - Kevin Jackson II
Jerrmiah Wright Sr. - Jerron Dean Sr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Thomas Davis - Donald Holmes - Kevin Jackson Sr.

Anthony Tyrone

Davis

Sunrise:
June 1, 1955

Sunset:
September 28, 2024

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
1000 Yankee Road
Middletown, OH 45044

Visitation: 9:30am
Service: 10:30am

Pastor Leon Wilkinson, Officiant
Minister Patricia Wilkinson, Eulogist



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*A Celebration
of the Life of*

You Meant So Much

You meant so much to all of us
You were special and that's no lie
You brightened up the darkest day
And the cloudiest sky

Your smile alone warmed hearts
Your laugh was like music to hear
I would give absolutely anything
To have you well and standing near

Not a second passes
When you're not on our minds
Your love we will never forget
The hurt will ease in time

Many tears I have seen and cried
They have all poured out like rain
I know that you are happy now
And no longer in any pain.

From your loving family

Obituary

Anthony Tyrone Davis was born on June 1, 1955, in Middletown, Ohio to Joseph Davis and Margie M. Davis. His death was unexpected however; he passed away peacefully and gained his wings September 28, 2024. He was 69 years old.

Tony attended Dayton City Schools for a brief time, but the family later moved to Middletown, Ohio where he received his high school diploma from Middletown High School in 1973. He played city league baseball and gave up his high school basketball position because he refused to cut his afro.

Upon graduating from high school, Tony went on to further his education at Kent State University. After that, he attended Broadcasting School in Dayton, Ohio. In 1978, he enlisted and served in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged from active duty and transferred to the naval reserve. He was married first to Jan Swaggerty (deceased) and later to Lisa Graham.

He was a long-time Veterans Affairs employee for the Prosthetics Department in Columbus, Ohio where he retired in 2016 and began to enjoy what he called 'his days of freedom.' Tony didn't bite his tongue for anyone, but he was a gentle giant. He loved to play chess and always had a board and chess pieces in tow. He would challenge anyone to a game, and if he lost, his opponent had to give him a rematch with no questions asked. In addition to chess, he loved dominoes and enjoyed having a good time with family and childhood friends Kevin Hubbard, Alfie Stallworth, Kenny Williams and Gene Walker (deceased) to name a few. Since his retirement, Tony was active in family events, traveling, and going to games. He was passionate about sports. He loved basketball and football and was an avid Los Angeles Lakers and Cleveland Browns fan, but he also enjoyed the rivalry with Bengal fans, specifically his brother Tommy as well as Steelers fans, Lakesha, Melody and George. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and family near and far. He was a loving and caring son, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He was willing to go the extra mile and help whenever he could. Tony was very laid back and was a simple man by choice.

He is preceded in death by his father, Joseph Davis; maternal grandparents, Roosevelt and Flora Bass; fraternal grandparents, James Davis and Mary Brown and most recently his sister, Margo (Kevin) Jackson.

He is survived by his mother, Margie Davis; daughter, LaTisha Cottman; son, Jerrmiah (Amanda) Wright; daughter, LeAngela Davis (Martin); sisters, Sabrina (Donald) Holmes, Gail Davis, Thomas (Kelly) Davis; grandchildren, Jazming Castillo, Jerrmiah Wright Jr, Gianna Wright, Cadence Wright, twins Liv Melius and Lea Melius and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Tony will forever be missed.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE
Bro. Jimmy Stewart

PARTING VIEW
Immediate Family

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS
The Old Testament
The New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT
Minister George Evans

MUSICAL SELECTION
Frances Heard

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

REMARKS
Family and Friends
(2 Minutes Please)

OBITUARY
Read Silently

MUSICAL SELECTION
Frances Heard

THE EULOGY
Minister Patricia Wilkinson

THE BENEDICTION
Patricia Wilkinson

THE RECESSIONAL
Clergy, Family and Friends

INTERMENT
Dayton National Cemetery