

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral bouquet, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all; just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part. We gratefully acknowledge the prayers, visits, comforting words, cards, flowers, acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement. We extend a very special and heartfelt thanks to the staff at Country Lane Gardens Rehab. & Nursing Home. Special thanks to: Jackie Smith, Pastor Dr. Kevin Hairston, Shakhan D. King, Bishop Michael Grayson & Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Winfield O'Neal, Linda Holloway, Deitra Wilson, Sharon Hudson, Linda King-Yelder. The family would also like to extend a special thanks to The First Church of God, Pastor Burke, Lady Connie Burke and The Little Rock Church of Christ.

PALLBEARERS

Shakhan D. King - Keith B. King Jr. - Michael King - Markus Cole
Dana C. King Jr. - Terrance Harden Sr. - Timothy Patterson
Steven E. King - Ashiko Hudson

FLOWERBEARERS

Deborah Lewis-King - Kenyuanna King - Shawndella King
Milan King - Tia Hayes - Ha'Diyah Cole - Destiny King
Pure White - Shantel Lewis

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home

The Chapel of Peace East

5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43232

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In Loving Memory of



Rudolph Valentina King
"Sonny Boy"

April 28, 1931 - September 15, 2024

Monday, September 30, 2024

Visitation: 10:00am Service: 11:00am

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Bishop Michael Grayson, Officiant

A Life Well Lived

Rudolph Valentino King, affectionately known as "Sonny Boy", "Rudy", and "Grand Daddy" was born in Eckman, WV on April 28, 1931, to parents, Mary and Ernest King. Our Beloved Father and Grandfather peacefully departed this life on September 15, 2024. Rudolph is the descendant of his 2nd Great-Grandfather "Rogers Dodge King", a tobacco farm slave from Caswell County, North Carolina. His Grandfather James King led a King Family migration from Caswell County, NC to McDowell County, West Virginia in the late 1800's.

In his childhood, Sonny Boy enjoyed playing with his friends, watching the coal mine trains and running up the mountainside picking apples for apple pies. He was also an athlete and shooting guard for his 1947 championship High School basketball team. Rudolph moved north to Columbus, Ohio in 1950 to pursue a better life and opportunities. His parents and siblings followed his journey to Columbus a few years later.

Rudy was a proud Military Veteran serving in the Korean War. He was employed by the Neil House, USPS, Norfolk-Southern Railroad, the Columbus Board of Education and later retired from the Kroger Bakery. After retirement, Rudy enjoyed an immense number of hobbies that included family history research, photography, gardening and listening to music. His media collection includes 300 vinyl records, 150 cassette tapes, 100 VCR Tapes and over 1,000 photos.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Bishop Michael Grayson, Officiant

- MASTER OF CEREMONY.....Bishop Michael Grayson
- ORGAN PRELUDE.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
- PROCESSIONAL.....
- PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Pastor Kevin Hairston
- READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES.....Bishop Michael Grayson
OLD TESTAMENT.....
NEW TESTAMENT.....
- SOLO.....Jackie Smith
"Stand"
- RESOLUTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES.....Winfield O'Neal
- SOLO.....Tiffany Pannell
"Take Me To The King"
- READING OF THE OBITUARY.....Shakhan King
- REMARKS.....(2 Minutes Please).....Family and Friends
- SOLO.....Alvis Moore
"Going Up Yonder"

THE EULOGY

Pastor Dr Kevin Hairston

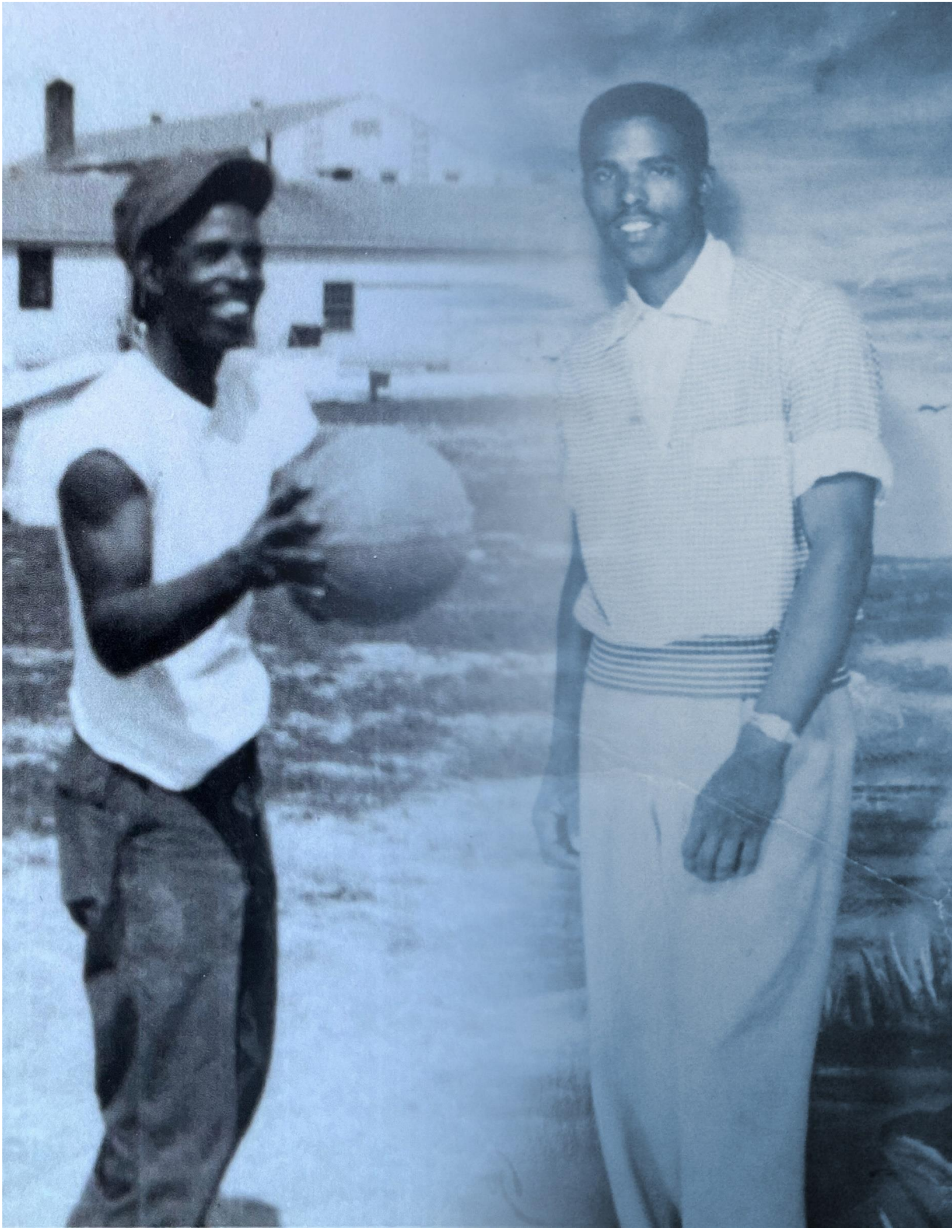
- BENEDICTION.....Pastor Dr Kevin Hairston
- RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

REPAST

Deb's Celebration and Event Center
5508 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43232



He was an amazing cook that made the best sweet potato and coconut pies! He loved spending his evenings watching Andy Griffith and Sandford & Son with a bowl of vanilla ice cream. By far, his passion was being an avid "Fishing" connoisseur. He was well known amongst the fishing communities, local fish warehouses, Buckeye Lake, Hoover Dam and The Olentangy. Fishing was his peace of mind. As technology and the internet ignited in the 1990s, he fell in love with rebuilding computers and became a self-taught computer technician. Rudy was a man of innovation and always willing to learn something new.

Rudy had a tremendous gift of giving and a heart of gold. He was a family man to the fullest. He was always willing to lend a hand to assist, no matter how big or small the task. He was an exceptional human being that treated everyone with kindness, dignity and respect. He consistently displayed a natural talent for making people feel special and he had the most infectious laugh you'll ever hear! The special moments Sonny Boy coveted most was spending precious time with his parents, Mom Mae & Daddy Earnest. Rudolph was an awesome Son, Father, Brother, Cousin, Nephew and Friend. He was a Man of God that has touched the lives of many, and his presence will truly be missed.

Rudolph Valentino King was preceded in death by his parents, Mary & Ernest King; former wife, Etta Jean King; son, Keith King; daughters, Wanda King, Regina Whiteside; sisters, Arnetia Reavish, Verda O'Neal, Ramona Tolber, Barbara Mack, Sandra Mack; brother, Leotis (Buddy) Ray.

Rudolph leaves to cherish his memory Kevin (Debi), Kathy Valentina, Timothy (Carol), Dana (Michelle), D'Juana Lisa (Mark), Rick and Stephanie, 29 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren, 19 great-great grandchildren; sisters, Sharon, Linda; brother, James and a wealth of extended family and friends.

To God Be the Glory. A Life, Well Lived.

