

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR



Johnnie B.
DAVIS

FEBRUARY 4, 1945 | DECEMBER 24, 2024

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025
VIEWING 11:00AM
FUNERAL SERVICE 12:00PM

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH
112 W SIXTH ST., MANSFIELD OHIO 44902
Mark Cobb, Officiating Minister
Pastor Gerald D. Murphy, Eulogizing Minister

INTERMENT

Mansfield Cemetery
389 Altamont Ave, Mansfield, OH 44902

PALLBEARERS

*Eric Keon Johnson ~ Ravon Reaves ~ Jason Shelley
Romellow Reaves ~ Jalen Shelley ~ Evan B Johnson*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Dion Norman ~ Bobby Crawford ~ Lenell Shelby
Bakari Epps ~ Eddie Harris ~ Fred Atwater*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Johnnie B. Davis would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who shared their love, prayers, and support following Johnnie B's passing. Your kind words, thoughtful gestures, and presence have been a great comfort to us during this difficult time. He lived a life filled with love and joy, and your kindness is a testament to the many lives he touched.

We are especially grateful to all who visited and cared for Johnnie B during his extended illness. A special acknowledgment goes to his beloved sister, Lillie Taylor, whose unwavering presence and dedication meant so much to him and to us.

Thank you all for being a part of his life and ours.



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COLUMBUS, OH 43211

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COLUMBUS, OH 43232

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Obituary

Johnnie B Davis, 79, of Mansfield, Ohio, peacefully passed away December 24, 2024, at the Kobacker House in Columbus, Ohio, surrounded by family after an extended illness.

He was born on February 4, 1945, in Rich, Mississippi, to the late Bennie and Walter Lee Davis. As a young child, he moved to Mansfield, where he was affectionately known as "Johnnie B" by everyone who knew him. After graduating from Mansfield Senior High School in 1963, he went on to dedicate 35 years of service to AK Steel before retiring in 1999. In addition to his career at AK Steel, Johnnie B earned his real estate license and also provided tax preparation services.

A historic moment in Johnnie B's life was becoming the first known African American to earn a pilot's license in Mansfield, Ohio.

Johnnie B was an avid fisherman. You could find him most summers at his Lake House, fishing or having BBQ'S for friends and family. When it came to sports, he took great pride in following his Grandkids football and basketball careers, cheering them on from high school through college with unwavering support.

He was a devoted football fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes and Cleveland Browns. He loved rewatching Buckeyes football games and often insisted that others join him, sharing his enthusiasm. For Cleveland Browns games, Sundays were a special tradition filled with football parties hosted by friends and family. They proudly called themselves "The FCSB&O" (Friends, Cousins, Sisters, Brothers & Others). Celebrating the camaraderie and excitement of the game together.

Johnnie B leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. He is survived by his 3 children, Eric Johnson, Daphne (John) White, and Janine (Jason) Shelley; 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. His 3 siblings, Lillie Taylor, Floyd (Sylvia) Davis, Brenda (David) Williams. His former wife and life long friend, Anita Davis. His friend Rita Cochran and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order Of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE
Garlan McCruiter

SCRIPTURE READING
Old and New Testament
Carol Scott

PRAYER OF COMFORT
Pastor Mark Cobb

MUSICAL SELECTION
Pastor James Davis

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Providence Staff

FAMILY TRIBUTE
Lillie Pearl Shelby

REFLECTIONS
Limit to 2 Minutes

READING OF THE OBITUARY
Read Silently

MUSICAL SELECTION
Pastor James Davis

THE EULOGY
Pastor Gerald D. Murphy
Garden City Church

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL