

*"O soul that art at rest, return to thy Lord, well-pleased,  
well-pleasing, so enter among My servants, and enter My  
Garden!"*

*-Holy Quran 89:27-30*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path Allah has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
Allah wanted me now; He set me free.*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of Brother Paul Beard wishes to express their deep  
appreciation and sincerely thank you for your kind expressions of  
sympathy.*

To offer condolences to the Beard Family,  
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*A Service of Memory for*



*Paul A. Beard*

November 21, 1955 - February 23, 2023

**The Chapel of Peace Mansfield**  
**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

Visitation: 12:30pm Memorial Service: 1:00pm



## Obituary

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Paul A. Beard, who returned to Allah on February 23, 2023. Born on November 21, 1955 in Columbus, Mississippi to Joseph Beard and Clara Beasley Beard.

As a resident of Columbus, Ohio, Paul was a devout Muslim who lived a life of service to Allah. He was a cherished son, brother, father, grandparent, dear friend, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Paul was committed to his faith and community as a Muslim.

He spent his life serving others and was known for his kindness, generosity, and compassion. He was a regular attendee of Muhammad's Mosque #43 where he volunteered his time and resources to support the Nation of Islam. Paul was also active in various charitable organizations and causes that aligned with his values and beliefs.

While committed to his faith, Paul also was a highly skilled professional. Earning his Associate Degree through the General Motors Apprentice program, he became a Journeyman Pipefitter. He would later retire from General Motors after nearly three decades, while being highly respected by his colleagues and peers.

Paul is survived by his son; Hassan Beard (Columbus, Ohio), three daughters; Kamilah Jones (Mansfield, Ohio) Nasumbi Beard (Jacksonville, Florida), and Imani Beard (Columbus, Ohio) who will miss him dearly, special daughters; Felicia (William) Lane (Maryland), Kenyada (Sean) Brice (Ohio), and Janae Harris (California). He is also survived by four sisters; Sgt. First Class (Retired) Army Dorothy Beard-Green of Kentucky. Cynthia (Walter) Bonham, Jeannette Beard, and Jacqueline Beard all of Mansfield, Ohio, brother; Joe Beard Jr also of Mansfield, Ohio, grandson, Aasir Beard, granddaughter; Aashi Beard; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clara Beard and Joseph Beard.

We pray that Allah may grant him a place in Jannat Al-Firdous, and that he grants his family and loved ones the patience and strength to endure this difficult time.

## Order of Service

GREETINGS .....Bro. Minister Donell Muhammad  
SCRIPTURE READING ..... Dorothy Beard-Green  
REMARKS (2 Minutes Please).....Family and Friends  
READING OF OBITUARY.....Silently

### *Words of Comfort*

Brother Minister Donell Muhammad

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

### *Interment*

Mansfield Cemetery

### *Repast*

United Steel Workers Hall

*"Indeed, Allah [alone] has knowledge of the Hour and sends down the rain and knows what is in the wombs. And no soul perceives what it will earn tomorrow, and no soul perceives in what land it will die. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted." Holy Quran, 31:34*