### Acknowledgement

The family would like to thank everyone for all of your prayers and support. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to The Laurels of Gahanna and The Marlan J. Gary Chapel of Peace. The countless kind expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.

#### **Pallbearers**

Paul Aaron Howard - Coty Grant Howard - Jay Turner - Nephew

When tomorrow starts without me And I'm not here to see If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me

I wish you wouldn't cry The Way you did today While thinking of the many things We did not get to say

I know how much you love me As much as I love you Each time that you think of me I know you will miss me too

When tomorrow starts without me Please try to understand That an angel came and called my name And took me by the hand

The angel said my place was ready In heaven far above And That I would have to leave behind All those I Dearly Love

But When I walked through Heaven's Gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From his golden throne

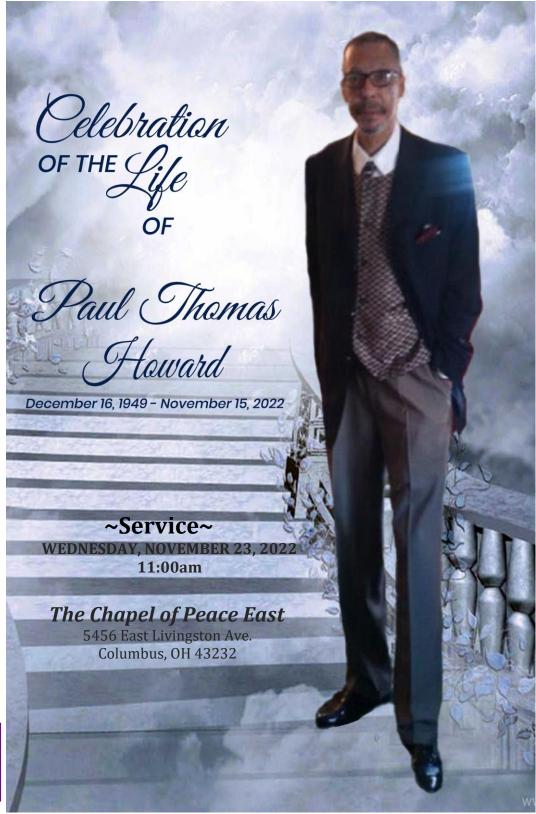
He said This Is Eternity And All I promised you Today for life on earth is done But here it starts a new

I promise no tomorrow For today will always last And since each day's the exact same way There is no longing for the past

So When Tomorrow starts without me Do not think we're apart For every time you think of me Remember I'm right here in your heart

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## Obituary

Paul Thomas Howard, 72 sunrise December 16, 1949, in Lima, Ohio to the late Fred and Roberta Howard. Sunset November 15, 2022. Paul was preceded in death by both parents and two sisters Ladonna Bell and Jean Howard.

Paul leaves to cherish his wife Laticia Howard of Columbus Ohio, 10 children: Candice (Lester), Tonia, Leia, Kathryn (Kay-Kay), Monti, Coty, Paul Aaron, all of Columbus, Ohio; Mark (Samantha) of North Port, Florida, Robin (Maurice) of Powder Springs, Georgia, Shawn (Philip) of Saraland, Alabama and 24 grandchildren; Brothers Steven Howard of Columbus Ohio, William Howard (Helena) of Aurora, Colorado, Greg (the sauce man) of Lima Ohio; Sister Valerie Howard of Columbus, Ohio. Paul also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Paul was a 1968 graduate of Lima Senior High where he was instrumental in leading his team to the State Basketball Championship. To this day Paul is in the record books of Lima Senior High were his record stood for years. Paul continued his academic and athletic career as he went on to attend college in Colorado.

He loved sports and could be caught yelling at a TV on any given Friday, Saturday, or Sunday! Paul loved to dress and could break down a hat like no other, if there was an occasion, you know Paul was coming suited and booted. Paul was a great person, a kind and gentle soul, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He loved his family and friends with his whole heart.

In 2014 Paul retired to a senior community where he was nominated to be Activity Coordinator. He enjoyed planning events and volunteering his time to help his neighbors. Not only did Paul's neighbors love the events he planned, but they also loved him. Paul was a man of God first. He was a jack of all trades around the house and enjoyed tinkering with knick-knacks. He was a master painter and probably painted a room, hung a picture, or did something around the house for half of you here (raise your hand). He also enjoyed fishing, loved jazz music, was a wordsmith and was "smart as a whip" as momma would say. After suffering a stroke in 2018 that left Paul unable to walk or talk, he spent the last 4 years of his life in a nursing facility. Throughout, Paul exhibited dignity, resilience, and grace with a smile on his face until his passing. As Paul took his last breath, he was surrounded by those he loved. After a relentless fight he is now at peace with the Lord.

# Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE	"I'll Be Missing You" by Puff Daddy
PARTING VIEW	Immediate Family
Old Testament	Rev. Wayne T. Vaughn
PRAYER	Rev. Mitchell Ellison
SELECTION	"Precious Lord" by Aretha Franklin
POEM	"When Tomorrow Comes"
REMARKS (1-2 minutes)	Family and Friends
READING OF OBITUARY	Cheryl Lloyd
SELECTION	"Going Home" by Kenny G

# The Eulogy Reverend Wayne T. Vaughn

#### Interment

Glen Rest Memorial Estates 8029 East Main St. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26