

## Acknowledgement

The family of Lawrence Parsons would like to express our sincere appreciation for all your love and support during our time of bereavement. Perhaps you sent flowers, whispered a prayer, a card or just kept us in your thoughts, no act has gone unnoticed.

## Pallbearers

BRETT PERDUE ~ DAMON BUTTS ~ PERCY JOHNSON  
HAROLD GREEN ~ DERRICK SHOEMAKE  
JEROME SHOEMAKE ~ DAVID PARKS

*Unless you've been a soldier  
"Unless you've been a soldier,  
You just won't understand.*

*The things that we have seen and done,  
In the service of our land.*

*We were trained to live in combat,  
And to deal with awful sights,  
That shouldn't be seen by anyone  
And keep you awake at nights.*

*We don't discuss the wounds we have,  
To the body or the mind.  
We just put our hurts behind us,  
And turn our memories blind.*

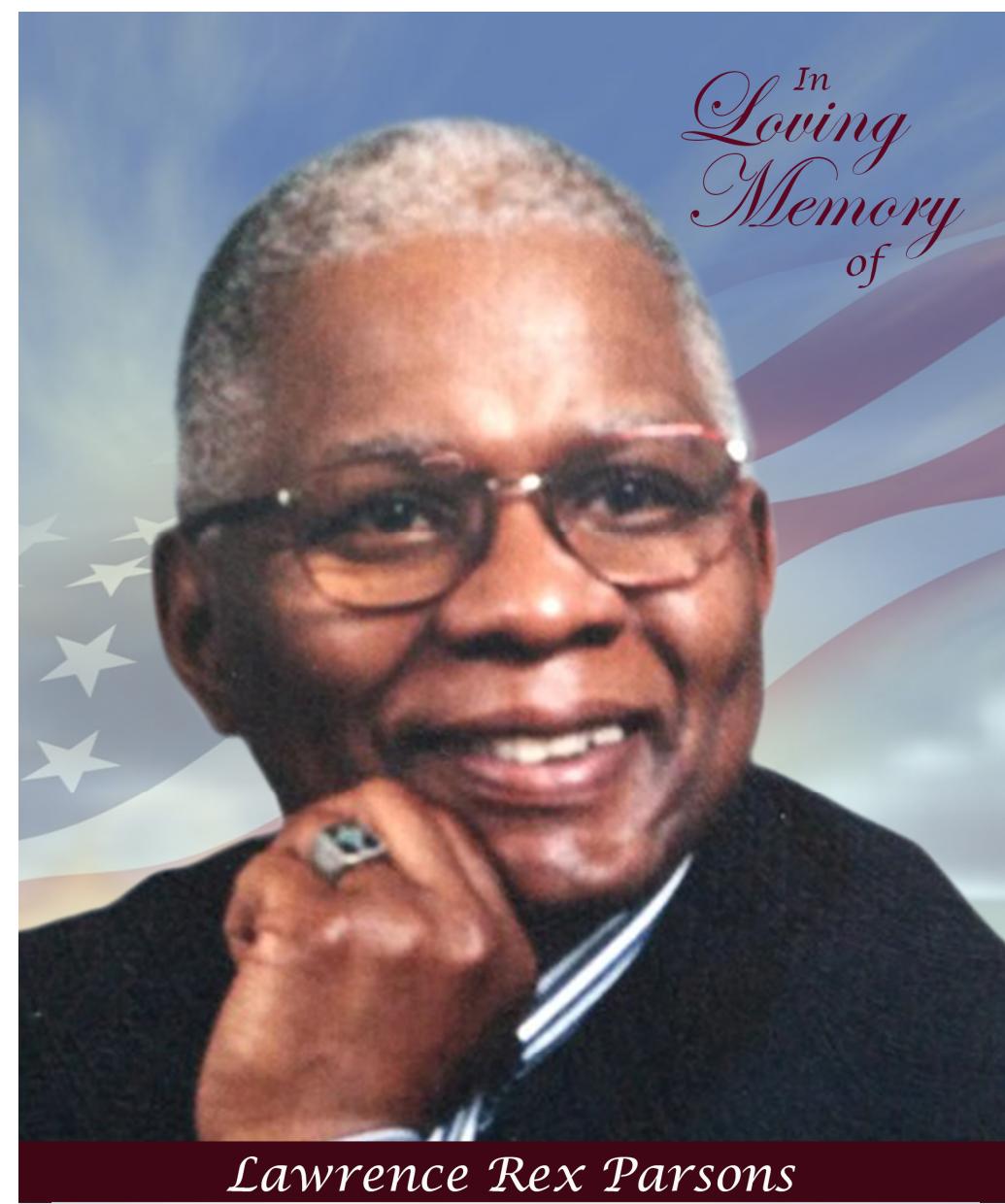
*We are proud we served our country,  
But remember those we lost.*

*For the freedom that you have today,  
They paid the awful cost."*  
—Clive Sanders.

To offer condolences to The Parsons Family,  
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## Lawrence Rex Parsons

AUGUST 20, 1938 ~ APRIL 26, 2021

### ~Visitation~

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 ~ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### ~Graveside Service~

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

### *Mansfield Cemetery*

389 Altmont Avenue  
Mansfield, Ohio

## *The Obituary*

Mr. Lawrence R. Parsons, 82, passed away on April 26, 2021 at his residence with his loving children. Lawrence was born on August 20, 1938 in Mansfield, OH to William Parsons and Maebell Walker.

Mr. Parsons graduated from Mansfield Senior High School, served honorably in the U.S. Army and retired from Empire Detroit Steel. He was a member of at Crossroads Church where he served as a greeter.

Lawrence is preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Parsons, his parents; sisters, Monabell, Mattie Jean, Shirley and Evelyn and his brother William Russell Parsons Jr.

Lawrence is survived by son David Parsons; daughter Kimberly Parsons; sisters, Rita Dulin, Carolyn (Kary Jr.) Catchings and Marietta Thomas; special friends Margaret Roper, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

*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

## *A Prayer for Ushers and Greeters*

*Lord Jesus,*

*You welcome those who seek you with a kindness and gentleness that wins souls.*

*You welcomed conversation with the Samaritan woman.*

*You welcomed the lame, the blind, the broken. You were a friend of sinners that the self-righteous people rejected.*

*You displayed the greatest love of all, that you laid down your life for your friends.*

*As people come to church, help me to be kind to them. Help me to give them a welcome that is worthy of your Name. Help me to display kindness in a way that will prepare the way for them to encounter Jesus in his word, body and blood. Help me to set aside my preoccupations and worries and focus on them.*

*Allow kindness to show forth in me, blocking all negative judgment because of what a guest wears, apparent social status, or ethnic background. Allow kindness to show forth in as I greet each and every person who walks in the door. Allow kindness to help me see an unspoken need and meet it today.*

*Let my ways be pleasing in your sight. May the kindness I share help a person calm down from a stressful morning, a nervous first-time-visitor to feel safe, and share an expression of Your love for someone who needs it today.*

*May the kindness I show help everyone who enters today be at peace.*

*As I walk in kindness today,*

*I will bless each guest and member who walks into our church.*

*I want to help them to experience your presence.*

*In Your Name,  
Amen.*