

Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Don Allen Sellers would like to thank each of you for your expressions of sympathy in all forms during our time of bereavement. We know that Don touched so many of your lives and we are thankful for what each of you have touch ours!
May God bless each of you!

Pallbearers

Dewayne Cupe - Victor Dandridge - Billy Drew - James Helton
Tihon Johnson - Melvin Owens - Eric Taylor - Londale Towns, Sr.

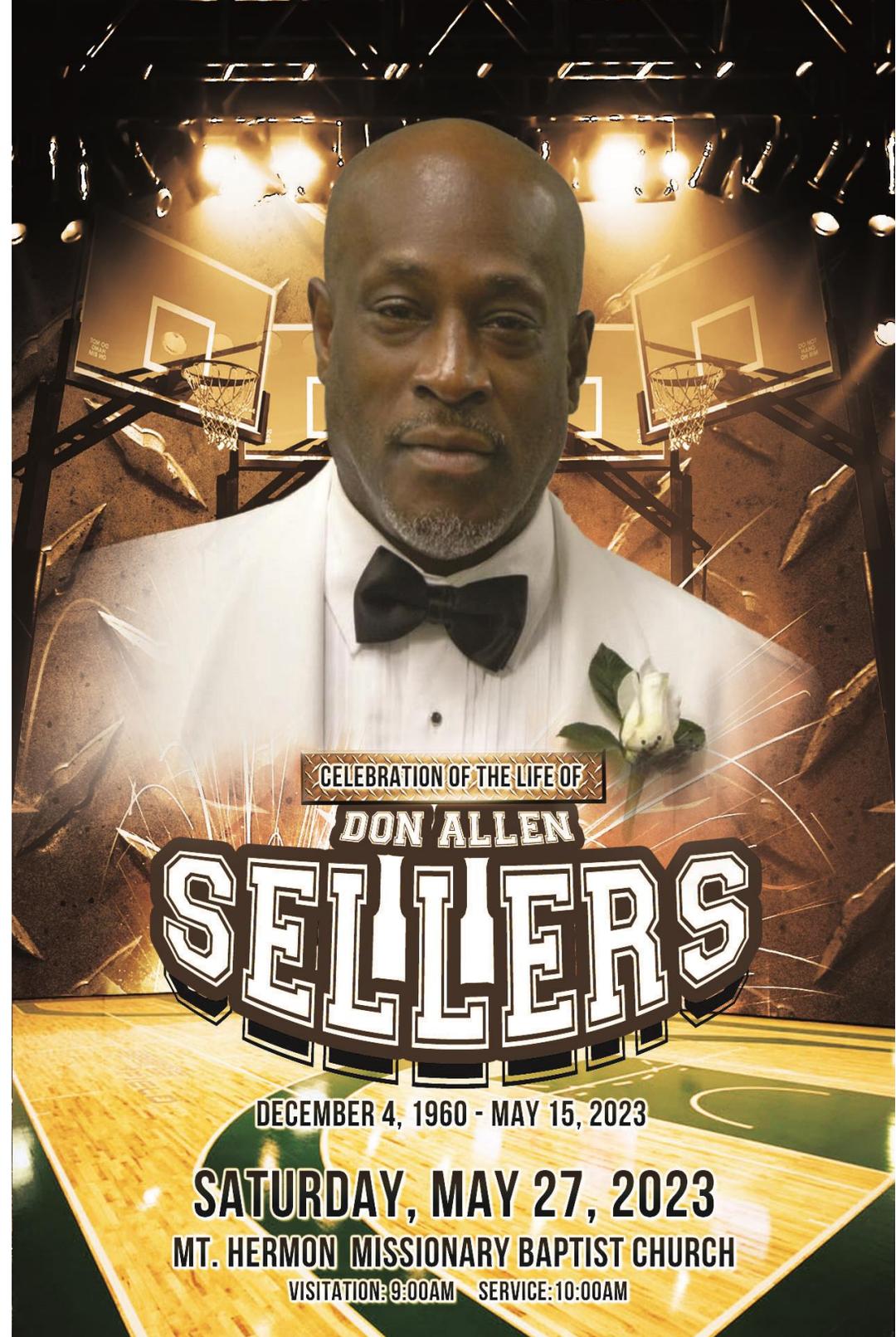


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Obituary

Don Allen Sellers was born December 4, 1960, in Columbus, Ohio to Bishop Eli and Mary Louise (Holmes) Sellers. The youngest of three siblings, Don immediately found a knack for sports and music. Don was a loving son, husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, and uncle who passed away suddenly on May 15, 2023.

A proud 1978 graduate of Linden-McKinley High School, Don cultivated his love of sports there. During his time as a student, he played basketball, football and ran track. He played on Linden-McKinley's 1976 State Semifinal and the 1977 State Title basketball teams. After graduating Don headed west to Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon to play football.

Don lived his life in love of basketball, community, family, and shenanigans. His journey afforded him the opportunity to serve as an NBA scout for the Memphis Grizzlies, Portland Trailblazers and New Orleans Pelicans. He also served as the Director of Player Development for the Harlem Globetrotters East Coast Team, head coach of International Championship teams for the Chinese Basketball Association, Lebanese Basketball Association, and the Hong Kong National Team. He served as Director of USA player personnel in Beirut, Lebanon. He also served on the coaching staff of minor league championship teams in Rochester, NY (2008 & 2016) and Yakima, WA (1998).

When Don returned to Columbus, he continued his work developing basketball players and coaches. He also put his efforts into working to make Linden a better community for all. His beloved 14th Avenue and Linden-McKinley became another of his passions. He worked with the youth programs at Saint Stephens and participated in many Linden area events. He served as the keynote speaker for the 2023 Linden Area MLK March. Because of his love and efforts in the community, some gave him the title of the "Mayor of Linden".

Also, after Don's return, he re-connected with a friend from Linden-McKinley, Sharon Taylor through social media. Their friendship blossomed into something more and they were married August 23, 2014. One would often find Sharon and Don at Linden related events where they provided us with "first-hand investigative reporting" on Facebook. You would also find Don on the dance floor, the life of the party.

Don remained close to the game of basketball through the development of the Sellers Interactive Coaches Clinic where he worked to provide support and insight for coaches and players in their personal and professional development. Through this work, he has assisted many to pursue their careers in professional basketball both domestically and abroad. One of his greatest honors was being inducted into the Greater Columbus Basketball Legends Association Hall of Fame in 2019.

Through all his travels to all 50 states and many countries abroad, Don never met a stranger. His love of people afforded him the opportunity to find friends who became family. Family was very important to him, and he loved his mother Mary, his wife Sharon, daughters Debbie and Taija, his sister-in-law Virgie, and extended family and his many friends dearly.

Don is preceded in death by his father, Bishop Eli Sellers, sister Lillie Mae Sellers, brother Eli Jerome Sellers, Grandmother Lillie Mae Holmes, son-in-law Wayne Joyner and granddaughters, Whitney Joyner and Imani Jazlynn Dominguez-Coffey.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Mary Louise Sellers, wife Sharon Taylor Sellers, daughters Debbie Joyner of Caldwell, ID and Taija Coffey-Sellers of Umatilla, OR; sons Rashad DeBose (Nikitta) and Emanuel DeBose (Shanelle); grandchildren Melice (Jose) Barber and Mekeia Rodriguez of Caldwell, ID, Nyah Dominguez-Coffey of Umatilla, OR, Davy Wheeler, Rashad DeBose, Jr., Lailani DeBose, Amierah DeBose, Amyiah DeBose, A'Ryiah DeBose; great-granddaughter Tru Wheeler; sister-in-law/second mom Virgie Sellers; sister-in-law Tina Taylor; brothers-in-law – Mark Taylor and Tony (Rhonda) Lucas; mother-in-law Barbara Taylor-Lucas; nephews Wesley (Paula) Sellers and Erynn Sellers of Oklahoma City, OK; nieces Tiffany (Kendall) Nesbitt of Chicago, IL and Crystal (Lawrence) Sellers Battle of Rochester, NY, great-nieces Tynequia Dudley, Kennedi Nesbitt of Chicago, IL, and Carey Battle of Rochester, NY, great-nephews Kendall "KJ" Nesbitt and Orlin Nesbitt of Chicago, IL; a host of cousins and other family members, special friends of which there are too numerous to name, friends who were his family and a host of people who played or loved the game of basketball from around the world.

Order of Service

Pastor Wesley L. Sellers, Officiant

REFLECTIONS *(15 minutes prior to service)*

Tihon Johnson, Adam Troy, Debbie Joyner, Taija Coffey,
Elder Robert James

PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy

SCRIPTURE READING Elder Leslie Cole

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament John 14:1-6

PRAYER..... Elder Edward Lewis

MUSICAL SELECTION "Safe in His Arms"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Missionary Nadine Holmes

MUSICAL SELECTION Dr. Crystal Sellers Battle

The Eulogy

Bishop Donald J. Washington

Pastor, Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church

BENEDICTION Pastor Wesley L. Sellers

RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family, and Friends
"God Is"

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

1401 Woodland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219

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