

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of Danny Rawls wishes to thank the staff of Liberty Dialysis Center and Mount Carmel Hospital East for the care given to our loved one. We extend a special thanks to Pastor Timothy J. Clarke, First Lady Clarke, Reverend Nancy Jones, The First Church of God Family and to EVERYONE for your prayers, love and support during this time of our bereavement.

### **PALLBEARERS**

ANTHONY WHITE ~ JOHN WHITE JR. ~ DAVID MURRAY  
BRYON REED ~ J.T. LAWSON ~ SHAMON STONE

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

WILLIAM CLAYBROOKS ~ JAMES LAWSON, SR. ~ CURT MARINER  
AL KINARD ~ JOHN KNIGHT ~ BILLY TAYLOR ~ GENE WHITE

### ***"I Am Always with You"***

-Author Unknown-

When I am gone, release me, and let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust

That it is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

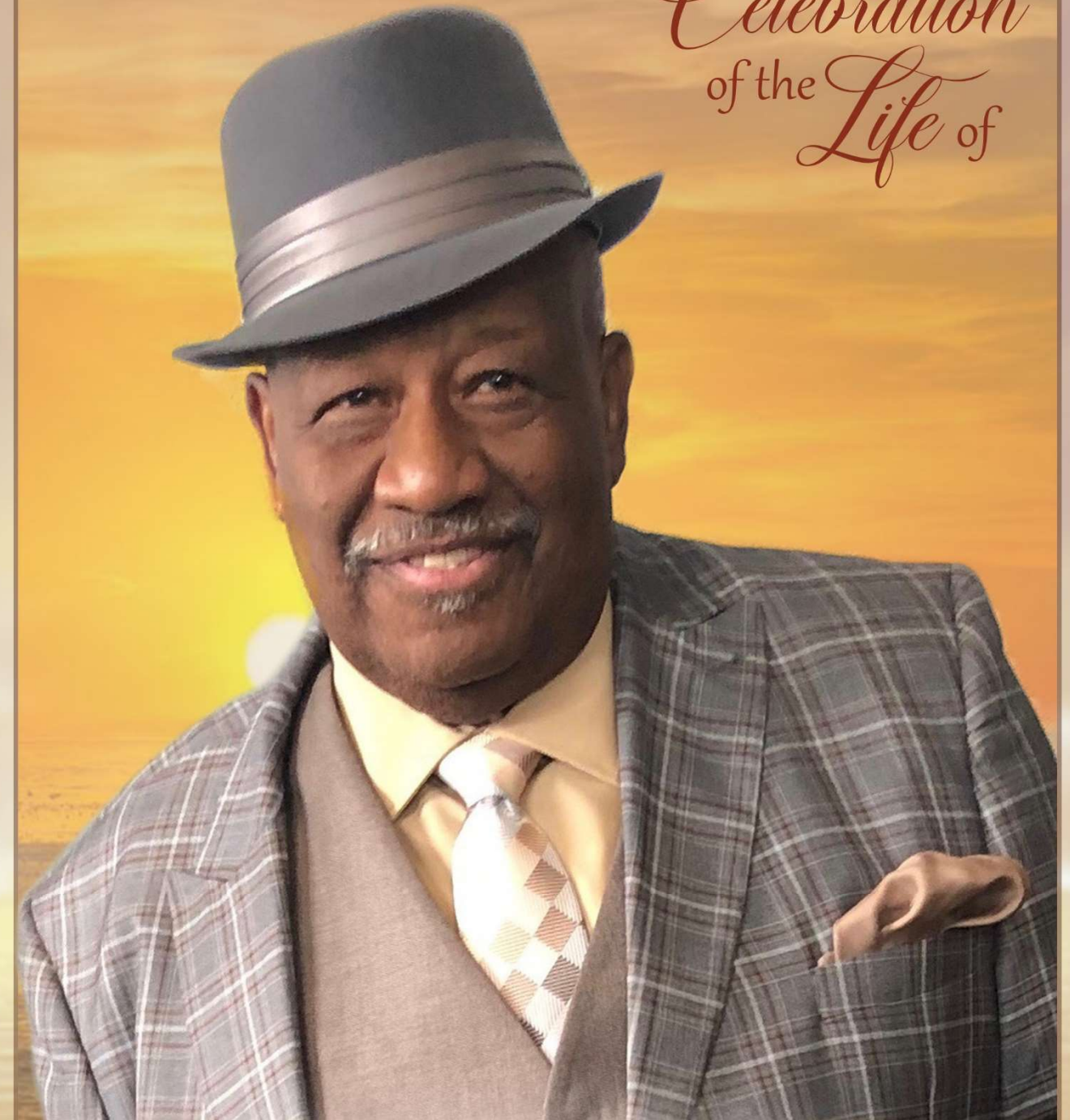
All my love around you soft and clear  
And then, when you come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'

To offer condolences to Rawls Family,  
visit [www.TheChapelofPeace.com](http://www.TheChapelofPeace.com)



## *Celebration of the Life of*



## *Joe Daniel Rawls*

NOVEMBER 6, 1946 ~ OCTOBER 3, 2021

~Service~

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

***First Church of God***

3480 Refugee Road  
Columbus, Ohio



# Obituary

Joe Daniel (Danny) Rawls transitioned to our Heavenly Kingdom on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at the age of 74. He was born in Mansfield, Ohio, on November 6, 1946.

After graduating from Malabar High School in 1965, he joined the Air Force and served in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Upon returning, Danny married his childhood sweetheart, Evelyn J. Reed. To that Union was born one son, Jason Rawls. He later transferred to the Army to retire with the rank of Sergeant Major. He then took his skills to the U.S. Government and worked at Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) Columbus as a Labor Relations Officer, where he retired in 2007.

Danny was a faithful member of First Church of God, under Bishop Timothy J. Clark, where he served as a Man of Valor and on the Funeral Team. He was a Past Grand Master of St. Mark's Lodge #7, where he continued to serve as wise counsel.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, but most of all those grandsons - relaxing with the oldest, shopping with the middle one and enjoying a good laugh with the youngest. When he wasn't just hanging out, Danny was attending football games, track meets and wrestling matches to support them. Go Hawks and Pickerington Tigers! Danny also had a love for fishing and held the best annual family fish fries.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Wilma Rawls; brother, Harold Frank Rawls; sister, Phyllis Jackson.

Danny is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Evelyn J. Rawls; son, Jason (Patricia) Rawls; grandchildren, Josiah, Joshua and Justus Rawls; sisters, Dorothy L. Still and Wilma Y. Rawls; brother-in-Law, Arthur Jackson; nieces, nephews and loving family members and friends.

## *I Am Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his 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've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



# Order of Service

HYMN OF FAITH ..... “Blessed Assurance”

## READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament ..... Psalm 23

New Testament ..... John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Clergy

## MINISTER OF MUSIC

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Clergy

SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Bishop Timothy J. Clarke

BENEDICTION .....

RECESSIONAL..... Family & Clergy

### *Private Repast*

988 E. LONG STREET | COLUMBUS, OHIO 43203

1:00 – 3:00 PM

### *Entombment & Military Honors*

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

1:00pm Saturday October 16, 2021

*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

## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free!*

*Miss me a little, but not for long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love we once shared,  
Miss me but let me go!*

*For this a journey we all must take,  
And each must go alone;  
It's all a part of the master's plan  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me, but let me go.*



