

## *Acknowledgement*

**The family of Elder Joseph Woods Jr. would like to thank everyone for their kind, expressions of love and concern. Your phone calls, texts, visits, flowers, thoughts and prayers have all help greatly during our time of bereavement. Also, a special thanks to uncle James and Aunt Willie for your unwavering love and compassion. Thanks to Adrian Harris of Ohio Health and the Hospice nurses, we are forever grateful.**

## *Pallbearers*

**Justin Butler - Joshua Woods - Turrion Wilson - Ennis Thomas  
Demetrius Wilson - Zion Parham - Antwan Brown - Isaiah Parham  
Christopher Woods - Joseph Woods - John E. Webb**

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

**Benjamin Ratliffe III - Rafael Ratliffe  
Byron Woods, Jr. - Elwood Moss**

To offer condolences to The Woods Family,  
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## *In Loving Memory of*



## *Joseph Woods Jr.*

**January 5, 1936 - September 15, 2023**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

**Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home**

***Chapel of Peace East***

**5456 East Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43232**

**Visitation: 12:00pm - Service: 1:00pm**

# Obituary

Joseph Woods Jr, a beloved member of the community, embraced the joys of life and left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who knew him. Born on January 5, 1936, in Welch, WV, Joseph passed away peacefully on September 15, 2023, in his home in Columbus, OH, surrounded by his loving family. He was 87 years old.

Joseph's presence in the lives of his family and friends was truly remarkable. As a devoted husband, he shared 63 years of marriage with his loving wife, Hattie Woods. Together, they created a nurturing environment and raised a beautiful family. Joseph was a dedicated father to his ten children: John E. Webb, Robin (Sylvan) Wilson, Rochelle (Gary) Butler, Fontessa Bridges, Vanessa Thomas, Byron Woods, Christopher Woods, Joseph Woods, Trina Brown, and Maelin Woods. He cherished his role as a father, offering guidance and support throughout their lives.

An Elder at Bible Way Church of our Lord Jesus Christ and Devine Refuge Ministry, Joseph's faith played an instrumental role in his life. He devoted countless hours to his church, inspiring others with his spiritual guidance and unwavering commitment. Joseph's love for God's word was evident to all who knew him, as he possessed an exceptional knowledge of his faith.

Outside of his spiritual endeavors, Joseph had a zest for life. He approached every day with an infectious laughter and a jovial spirit, bringing joy to those around him. Known for his love of sports, Joseph enjoyed playing softball and was always ready for a friendly competition. He also had an appreciation for good food and was considered a true connoisseur.

Joseph's work ethic was unparalleled. He served his country as an Air Force Veteran and dedicated 45 years of his life to the U.S. Postal Service as a mail handler. Even in his retirement years, he continued to work diligently, putting in hours at L Brand and Walmart, showcasing his work ethic and determination.

In addition to his many accomplishments, Joseph left a lasting legacy as a mentor to countless individuals. He possessed a genuine desire to guide and inspire others, leaving an indelible impact on their lives.

Elder Woods was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Woods and Mary (Elwood) Moss and sister, Evangelist Ophelia Peacock; great-grandson, Ayaan Wayne Lesley.

Along with his wife and children, Joseph was deeply loved and will be dearly missed by a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and special nephews and nieces. His kind spirit, wisdom, and guidance will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

# I'm 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 him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work and play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place 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;  
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 savoured much;  
Good friends, good time, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to 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 Celebration

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Chapel of Peace Music Ministry  
PRAYER.....Dr. Terry Jamison-Gary J.D.  
Divine Kingdom Builders Church  
MUSICAL SELECTION.....Marva Bozeman  
SCRIPTURE READING .....  
Old Testament.....Henderson Gordon  
New Testament.....Elder Ray Thornwell  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES ..... Christina Hutchins  
REMARKS ..... Kennedy Butler  
Byron Woods  
Amber Woods-Parham  
READING OF OBITUARY ..... Silently  
MUSICAL SELECTION.....Maelin Woods  
POEM.....Peyton Woods  
Roshod Wilson  
PARTING VIEW.....Vickie Winans  
"Safe in His Arms"

## *The Eulogy*

Pastor Timothy Latta  
Bible-Way Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ

BENEDICTION ..... Pastor Timothy Latta  
RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family, and Friends

## *Repast*

Deb's Celebration and Event Center  
5508 East Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

17. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;  
behold, all things are become new. 2 **Corinthians 5: 17**

# Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

