Acknowledgement

The family of Jeffery Hairston 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.

May God continue to bless you all.



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 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.

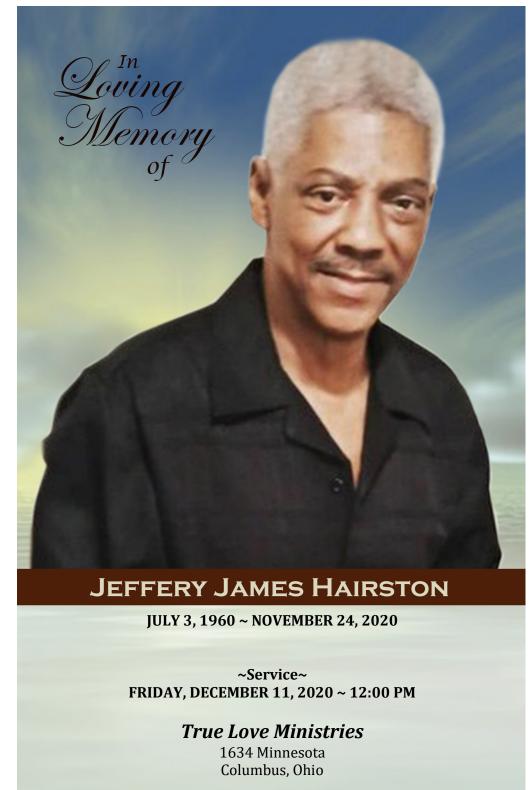
If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My Life's been full, I savoured 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.

To offer condolences to The Hairston Family, visit www.TheChapelofPeace.com





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Order of Service

Jeffery James Hairston, age 60, unexpectedly went to be with the Lord on November 24, 2020. Jeffery was born on July 3, 1960 to the late Ida Mae Woods and Jesse J. Hairston in Welch, West Virginia. Jeffery moved to Columbus, Ohio with his mother and siblings. He attended Mifflin and Linden McKinley High School. Jeff resided in Columbus until his untimely passing and was lovingly referred to by many as "Daddy", "Pops", "Big Jeff" and "Uncle Jeff".

Jeff was formerly married to Tamra "Tami" L. Hairston and that union formed a family of 3 children whom he loved very dearly. Big Jeff was a family man and fiercely protected them, was very outgoing, full of energy and loved being part of his community – North Linden. Jeff loved the Lord. Jeff held various positions within The Linden Resources Center with Executive Director Terry Towns. He formed a community clean-up crew with his son Lil' Jeff and other teenagers in the North Linden area during the summers, under the direction of Boyce Stafford III. Jeff was also a bus driver for St. Stephens Community Center, COTA, and CABS for OSU students & athletes. He also installed drywall for many years. Of all his various jobs, Big Jeff was most compassionate about computers and was excellent at programming and repairing them. He also worked at OSU installing computer systems after earning his certification as an IT technician. Big Jeff was passionate about all genres of music and playing the piano, organ and Casio keyboards. It brought him overwhelming joy. He had an uncanny ability to play music on the keyboard by ear. He loved fishing, going on boating trips, lifting weights, playing pool, watching Jeopardy, raising dogs, family reunions and he especially loved to DJ at parties.

Big Jeff is survived by his sons Jeffrey "Lil Jeff" A. (Kimyahta) Hairston and JaJuan J. Hairston and only daughter, born on his birthday Jasmine S. Hairston. He loved all of his children unconditionally and was extremely proud of them for becoming black-owned entrepreneurs. Jeff is preceded in death by brothers Charles Lee (Ann) Woods, Rodney L. (Tami) Woods, Gary Jerome Woods, and his grandson Jeffrey T. "Baby Jeff" Hairston. Big Jeff leaves to cherish his memories his brother, Ray A. Woods, sister Benita S. Hairston, grandchildren Niyana L. Hairston and JaVion A. Hairston, great-grandchildren Averi M. and Antonio A. Shamburger, and a host of other family members, cousins and friends and will be sadly missed by all.

Big Jeff and Tami were foster parents for many years. He loved all of them, especially "T-Weezy" Terrance Williams.

ORGAN PRELUDE	Music Ministry
PARTING VIEW	Immediate Family
SCRIPTURE READINGOld Testament	
New Testament	
PRAYER	Pastor Sherwin Armstead
SELECTION	Music Ministry
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES	Kristy Armstead
REMARKS	Family and Friends
READING OF OBITUARY	Silently
SELECTION	Latoia Burgess

The Eulogy PASTOR SHERWIN ARMSTEAD

BENEDICTION	Pastor Sherwin Armstead
RECESSIONAL	Clergy, Family, and Friends

Interment

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

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.

