

Acknowledgements

The family would like to thank everyone for all of your phone calls, texts, prayers, and acts of kindness shown during our time of sorrow. We would like to extend a special thanks to the Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home, The Chapel of Peace, Sean Rogers, and the Flames Motorcycle Club.

Pallbearers

Brian Cofer Sr. – Brian Cofer Jr. – Kevin Cofer Sr. – Kevin Cofer Jr.
Taylon Cofer – Craig Fawbush – Ray Franks – Kameron Franks

“Light”

*Engines rescinding, revoking chasing the sky into a sunset stadium.
I among others, have been prepared for.*

*As I grow closer, I feel the battle scars Fade into not a memory
But a memoir of a precious life, now called to be your spirit of light.*

*Knowing my love resides within you,
I can close my eyes and know that this is right.*

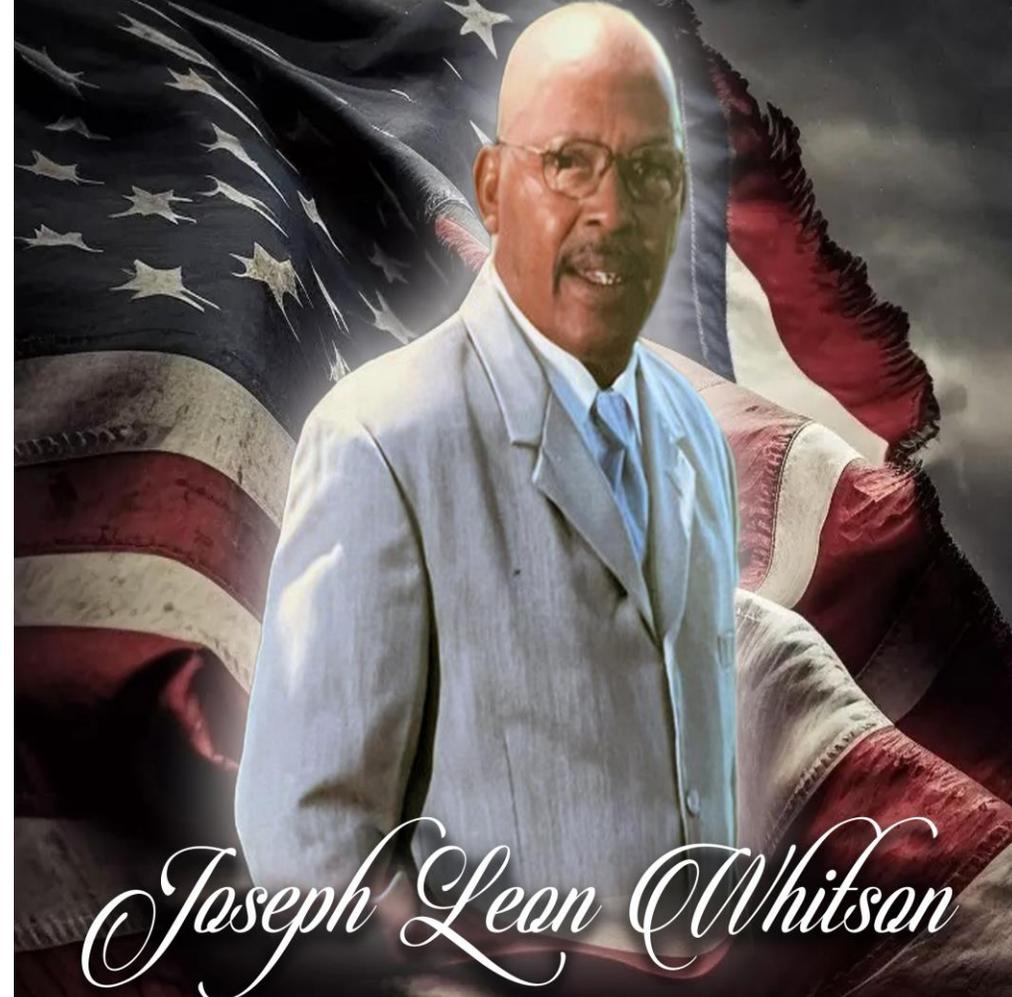
*The experience of life was not stored just in my mind, but in my soul
and as a result look for me in a sunrise full of my favorite things
because this is where we'll never divide.*

written by Great-Granddaughter, Amya Brown

To offer condolences to The Whitson Family,
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In Loving Memory of



Joseph Leon Whitson

November 14, 1944 - February 21, 2024

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Visitation: 10:00 am Service: 11:00 am

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home
The Chapel of Peace North
2500 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, OH 43211



Obituary

Joseph Leon "Road Dog" Whitson, an esteemed member of the Columbus community, will be honored and remembered in a celebratory memorial service as we gather to pay tribute to a life well-lived. Born on November 14, 1944, in Berry, AL, Joseph later served his country with honor and courage, completing two tours in Vietnam and achieving the rank of Sgt. in the Army.

Throughout his life, Joseph was known for his dedication and hard work as a Foreman/Supervisor at Action Bumper Company, where he made a lasting impact. He was also a proud member of the Ohio Army National Guard and a passionate participant in various community organizations, such as the Flames Motorcycle Club where he also served as the National Secretary. He was also a member of the Masonic Order, Temple #1.

Joseph's love for his family and friends was evident in everything he did. He cherished his role as a husband to his beloved wife of 53 years, Norma Jean, and as a father to his daughters, LaVita (Craig) and Kelly (Ray). He found joy in spending time with his grandchildren, Tierra, Arianna, and Kameron, as well as his great-granddaughter, Amya. Also left to cherish his memory, his sister, Mildred Louise Brewer and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Velma Whitson and siblings, Hosea, Joe, Mary Jewel, Willie Frank, Charles, Marveline, Robert L., Lorenzo, and Arnell.

A man of diverse interests, Joseph enjoyed bowling, fishing with Sonny and Mr. Gilbert, riding his motorcycle with friends, and engaging in friendly games of checkers. His kindness and warmth touched the lives of many, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

In honoring Joseph's memory, let us come together to celebrate a life filled with love, service, and cherished moments that will forever be held in our hearts. May his spirit live on through the countless lives he touched and the memories he created.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE	Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
PARTING VIEW	Immediate Family
PRAYER	Pastor Maurice L. Jackson
SCRIPTURE READING	Craig Fawbush
Old Testament	
New Testament	
POEM	LaVita Whitson "Walk With Us Forever"
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Chapel of Peace Staff
REFLECTIONS (2 Min Please).....	Family and Friends
OBITUARY	Read Silently
SELECTION	Sean Rogers

The Eulogy

Pastor Maurice L. Jackson

BENEDICTION	Pastor Maurice L. Jackson
RECESSIONAL	Clergy, Family, and Friends

Interment

Eastlawn Cemetery

Repast

Flames Motorcycle Club
1288 Sigsbee Ave., Columbus, OH 43219