

Acknowledgements

We the family of Bernard Stephens Sr. are most grateful for the gifts of friends like you who have been so kind and thoughtful during these hours of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, and every act of kindness have given us strength and inspiration for the facing of this hour. May God forever bless each of you.

Pallbearers

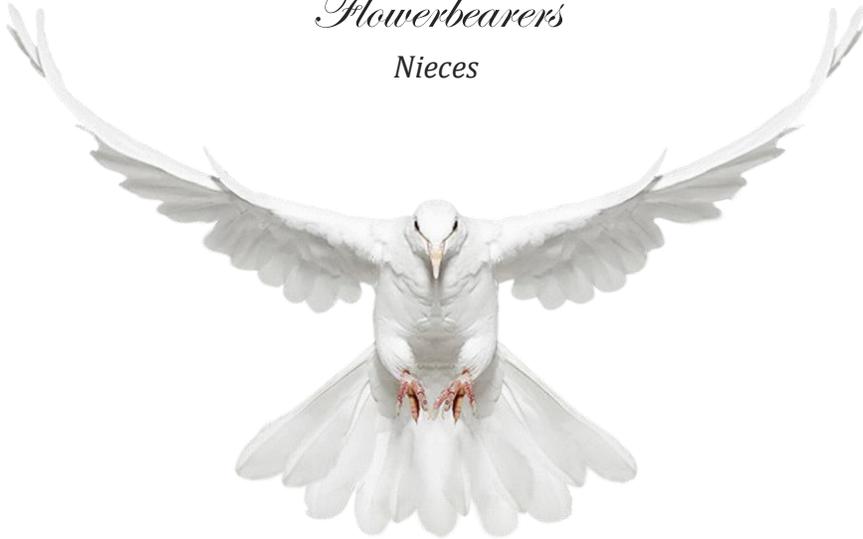
Bernard Stephens Jr. – Raekwon Sewell – Christian Berry
Bay-Bay Minard – Paris Davis Sr. – Malon Samuel
Harold Jenkins – Charles Gandy

Honorary Pallbearers

Walter Bonham – Donald Feagin
Juan Bonham – Monte' Brooks

Flowerbearers

Nieces



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A Celebration of the Life of



Bernard L. Stephens Sr.

December 29, 1969 - May 4, 2024

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Visitation: 11:00am Service: 12:00pm

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home

The Chapel of Peace Mansfield
753 McPherson St., Mansfield, OH 44903

Pastor Mark Cobb, Eulogizing Minister

Reflections of Life

Bernard Lavon Stephens Sr. was born on December 29, 1969 to the late Roosevelt Jackson and Peggy Samuel-Brooks in Andalusia, Alabama. Bernard gained his wings peacefully on May 4, 2024 at Ohio Health Mansfield.

Bernard was an employee of Blevins Fabrication. He adored his mother, children, grandchildren, and siblings. Bernard loved fishing with his cousin, Walter Bonham and son, Bernard Jr., spending time with family & friends, watching westerns, joking around, working on cars with his Gordon family and just being a helping hand in a time of need.

Bernard's all-time favorite saying was "IT IS WHAT IT IS" .

Bernard leaves to cherish his memories, his mother, Peggy Samuel-Brooks; 1 son, Bernard Stephens Jr.; 1 daughter, Elexcia Flowers; 1 brother, Gregory (Linda) Jackson of Defuniak Springs, Fla.; 4 sisters, Lorna Ball of McKenzia, Ala., Vivian Berry of Clarksville, Tennessee, Stephanie Samuel and Tracy Crawford of Mansfield, OH.; 3 grandsons, NaMeer Kent, Aundreek Taylor and Nazyr Stephens; 6 granddaughters, Na'Kyha, Na'Kayla, Lyric, Londyn, Laniyah & Leila Stephens; 1 uncle, Davis Stephens of Woodruff, SC; 4 nephews, Paris Davis Sr., Raekwon Sewell, Malon Samuel and Christian Berry; 3 nieces, London, Le'India and Malaysia Samuel and a host of beloved cousins and friends.

Bernard was preceded in death by his father, Roosevelt Jackson; sister, Shambre Jackson; maternal grandmother, Irene Jackson; 2 aunts, Vivian Chester and Darnell Blue.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDEChapel of Peace Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING
Old TestamentDeacon Robert Whitfield
New Testament Min. Tesheeka Thompson

PRAYER Pastor Robin Granger

SELECTION Mrs. Britney Williams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

REMARKS (2 Minutes Please).....Family and Friends

OBITUARY Read Silently

SELECTION Mrs. Britney Williams

The Eulogy

Pastor Mark Cobb

BENEDICTIONPastor Mark Cobb

RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family, and Friends

Interment

Mansfield Cemetery Association

Repast

Providence Baptist Church
112 W 6th St., Mansfield, OH 44903