

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

Dayton National Cemetery
4400 W Third St, Dayton, OH 45428

PALLBARERS

Family and Friends

A WORD OF THANKS

We would like to acknowledge everyone who has helped us through this difficult time. Thank you to his primary care doctor at VA hospital, his close friend Reggie, to his niece Devona who he had a special bond with. To his brothers and sisters we can't imagine what this loss means to you but take comfort knowing he is safe in the arms of God. Thank you to all others who made a positive impact in our dad's life.

We appreciate you,
His children

A CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE OF

*CISCO EUGENE
CHILDERS*

JANUARY 6, 1954 — JANUARY 25, 2026

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 | 10:00 AM

MARLAN GARY FUNERAL HOME, THE CHAPEL OF PEACE, EAST
5456 E. LIVINGSTON AVE., COLUMBUS, OH 43232



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OBITUARY

Cisco Eugene Childers, born to George and Helena Childers in Cincinnati OH on Jan 6, 1954, departed this life on Jan 25, 2026. Cisco was baptized Catholic as a child. He was a follower of Jesus Christ. He had a relationship with God and kept a strong faith in God until his last breath. His life is a story of redemption, and he knew who his redeemer was. He had a huge heart, and his courage was unmatched. He graduated from Lawrenceburg HS in 1972, where he played high school football. He proudly served his country as a Vietnam Veteran in the US Army where he received an honorable discharge. He received an Honorable mention, thanking him for his service from President Obama. He was a soldier on and off the battlefield. He was fearless and would lay his life down for his family and his loyal friends. Underneath that strong surface was a kind man with a huge, loving heart.

Cisco lived much of his adult life in Columbus, OH. Affectionately called “The Cisco Kid” or “Chaldi” by his friends and loved ones. His many talents included certifications as an HVAC heating and cooling specialist, asbestos removal specialist, and certified electrician working for the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority. He was brilliant when it came to fixing anything; he was a master builder. He was adventurous, he enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting, camping, listening to music, singing his favorite songs, grilling, playing pool, playing cards, collecting cars and trucks, and other treasures he longed to share with his loved ones. On any given day, he enjoyed spending hours sitting outside in his front yard, enjoying nature or taking a stroll in his supercharged motorized wheelchair. He loved cooking, kitchen gadgets, and electronic gadgets of all kinds. He was an avid reader, staying up on current events and politics. He had jokes for days that would keep you laughing. Cisco’s heart was his family his joy was being able to teach the younger generations how to be self-sufficient. Cisco was serious about his business; he never backed down, he believed in showing strength not weakness. He was a man who commanded respect by his presence alone.

He loved his family with fierce passion, especially his children and grandchildren, and the beloved cat that he said was his soul mate. He had a powerful desire to build family unity and community. He would help anyone he could in need, often teaching his friends and neighbors how to fix things in their homes. As the Patriarch of our family, saying he will be missed is an understatement. To us he was larger than life, but God has seen fit for him to take his well-deserved rest. He was a fearless warrior, and he fought the good fight. If you called Cisco on any given day no matter how he was feeling, he would say, “I’m blessed by The Best.”

Preceded in death by his parents, George and Helena Childers; siblings, Juanita Fiffe, Ruth Todd, Rose Starks Joyce Childers, Nate Childers, Arnetta Childers, Bradley Childers, George Childers II, Monique Burgess, Jeweldine Childers, and Son Karlos Davis

Survived by his legacy; children Michael Merritt, Brandy Merritt, Dustin Bell, and Malaika Bell; sisters Mary Meleschi, Peggy Childers; brothers Glenn Childers, Kenneth Childers, Jerry Childers; grandchildren Joselyn, Kiersten, Issiah, Jaylin, Kalahni, Nasreal, Genesis, Eva, Ayden Trinity, Naomi, Maleek, Dustin Jr., Jasmine, David and twelve great grandchildren along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating/Eulogizing Minister
Pastor Reuben Lockridge

Organ Prelude
Play song “Melodies From Heaven” — Kirk Franklin

Parting View

Scripture Reading
2 Timothy 2:3–5
Devona Meleschi

Prayer
Pastor Reuben Lockridge

Selection
“Anyhow (Hallelujah)” — Ty Tribbett

Remarks
Please keep to 2 mins each

Reading of Obituary
Silent Reading

Selection
“I’m Blessed” - Charlie Wilson

The Eulogy
Pastor Reuben Lockridge

Benediction
Pastor Reuben Lockridge

Recessional
“Crossroads Bone Thugs in Harmony ”