

## *God's Garden*

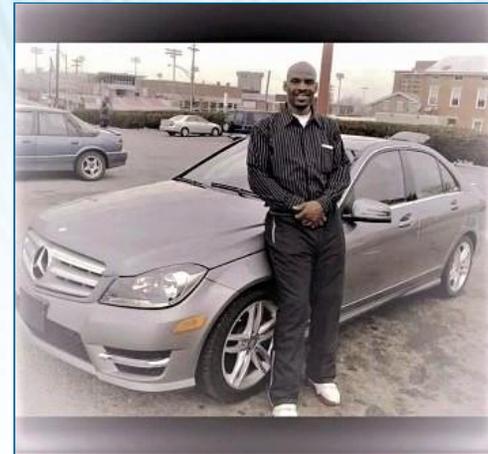
God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

## *Acknowledgements:*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!  
The Stanford Family



## *Celebrating the Life and Spirit of*



## *Melvin Stanford*

Sunrise. July 22, 1964 – Sunset. September 15, 2021

## *Service*

Thursday, September 23, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.  
Walker Funeral Home  
2625 Gilbert Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206



## *Obituary*

On July 22, 1964 Melvin was born the third child of eight to Corine Smith nee Stanford, she preceded him in death and so did his father and his eldest brother Curtis Stanford.

Melvin was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio and he attended the Cincinnati Public School system. He worked various jobs throughout his life but mostly janitorial. You could find him cleaning his neighbors home or anyone that needed help he would show up too work on whatever you needed help with, he was very humble.

Melvin was fondly known as Vedo or Baldhead around his neighborhood, he was always moving being social. He had an infectious smile that would light up any dark room and he gave the best hugs, many will miss those hugs and his voice and positive statements. He is loved by his brother and sisters. He confessed his faith in Jesus Christ years ago he preached once that he has been through the "FIRE" and he claimed victory in the name of our Lord.

Melvin leaves behind his spouse Valerie J. Stanford nee Smith, his son Melvin Hunter of Atlanta, Ga., and his grandchildren.

He leaves to cherish his memory six siblings, Arlene (Reuben) Dutch, Riley J. Smith, Melissa Smith, Velda Smith of Cincinnati, Francine Smith, Yolanda Smith of Kentucky; and a host of special nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, many cousins, relatives, and friends. Melvin never met a stranger.

We are sad that your time with us appears to have been cut short but you have fulfilled your journey on earth with us. We all pray that you are lifted up in all of God's glory.