

## *Repast*

Walker Event Center  
3939 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45229



He walked through valleys wrapped  
in shadow, streets, and steel.  
Where paradise was paved with  
pain that only God could heal.  
The fool the world had written off  
became a son of grace,  
When a crucified and risen Lord  
looked him square in the face.  
He laid his gangsta's paradise down  
at the foot of the cross,  
And found that every year he'd  
spent was gain disguised a loss.  
He walked through death and came  
out whole-the Risen Christ  
reclaimed his soul.

## *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!  
- The family of Joseph David Kennedy



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## *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Joseph David Kennedy*

March 2, 1978 - April 23, 2026

Friday, May 15, 2026  
Visitation: 10:00 am  
Funeral Service: 11:00 am  
Walker Event Center  
3939 Reading Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45229  
Minister Steven Kennedy, Officiating

## Obituary

Joseph David Kennedy was born to Sharron L. Pope and Lawrence M. Kennedy, Sr. on March 2, 1978, in Cincinnati, Ohio. At the age of 12, Joseph gave his life to Jesus Christ at Bethel Baptist Church on Alms Place in Walnut Hills - a decision that would anchor him throughout his life.

Even as a young man, Joseph's gifts were undeniable. At just ten years old, he took apart his mother Sharron's clock, determined to repair it. His mother told him to put it back together - and to her amazement, he did, and it worked perfectly. In that moment, she knew without a doubt that her son's hands were made for greatness.

At sixteen, before even graduating from Withrow High School, Joseph was hired at Meineke Muffler on Reading Road, owned by Cedric Newberry. Mr Newberry considered Joe one of his finest mechanics, noting that Joe simply would not leave a job unfinished. He did not give up. After graduation, Joseph pursued his passion further, attending mechanics school in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Answering the call to serve his country, Joseph joined the United States Marine Corps. His unit was among the first troops to enter Baghdad. Joseph was recognized with a certificate for his exceptional gunnery skills and his ability to repair tanks under pressure - a testament to both his courage and his craftsmanship.

After his military service, Joseph spent several years in California before returning home to Cincinnati permanently in 2019. He returned to doing what he loved most, working at Meineke until earlier this year.


Joseph David Kennedy was a man of faith, discipline, and extraordinary skill. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

He was preceded in death by his father Lawrence M. Kennedy Sr

He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Sharron Pope; stepfather, Al Pope; brothers, Steven Kennedy, William Pope, and Derrick Davis; sister, Latonya Sheldon Pope; and a cherished host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## Order of Service

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Musical Prelude	John H. Davis
	His Eye is on the Sparrow
Parting View	Family
Prayer	Steven Kennedy
Scripture	Lynn A. Hill
	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Selection	Darryl Jones
Acknowledgements	Teresa A. Davis
Remarks	Family, Friends and Loved Ones
Obituary	Read Silently
Reading	A Letter to a Son
	Lynn A. Hill
Eulogy	Pastor Dr. John W. Gray III
Benediction	Pastor Dr. John W. Gray III
Recessional	Clergy, Pallbearers and Family

### *Pallbearers*

Steven S. Kennedy	John W. Gray III
Alfred Pope	John Wabington
Darryl Johnson	John H. Davis

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Lawrence M. Kennedy Jr.	Chad Young
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### *Flower Bearers*

Lynn A. Hill	Melony Black
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### *Final Resting Place*

Vine Street Hill Cemetery  
3701 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220