

## Some of Sonny's Sayings

"Nothing comes to a sleeper but a dream."

"It's good when it's free."

"You been to college."

"Marlene!"



### *Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 KJV*

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;"*

### *Luke 5:3 CEV*

*"Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon and asked him to row it out a little way from the shore.*

*Then Jesus sat down in the boat to teach the crowd."*

## Pallbearers

James Edwards Robinson

Tyler X. McKinley

Larry Neadham

Nathaniel Alexander McGlothin

Roderick Mitchell

Donald M. Cofer

Phillip Hardaway

## Honorary Pallbearers

Earl McGlothin

Russell Freeman

Larry Dennis

Michael Middlebrooks

Tim Letcher

James Bean

Michael McGlothin

James Alexander

Harry Brown

## Repast

The LinQ Event Center, LLC  
310 W Crescentville Road, Springdale, Ohio 45246

## Acknowledgments

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 James Edwards McGlothin



*Known for Excellence. Trusted for Value.*

*In Loving*  
**MEMORY**



*James Edwards McGlothin*  
**"Sonny"**

August 17, 1941 - May 6, 2025

*Friday, May 16, 2025*

Visitation: 10:00 am - Funeral Service: 11:00 am

*Walker - Walnut Hills*  
2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206  
Pastor Cheryl Coggins, Officiating

# Obituary

James Edwards McGlothlin, fondly called "Sonny," was born on August 17, 1941, to the late Helen Neadham and Aaron McGlothlin in Meridian, Mississippi. He entered into his eternal rest on May 6, 2025.

Sonny was an incredible family man who was educated in Cincinnati Public Schools. He attended Stowe Elementary, Porter Junior High School, and Taft High School within the Cincinnati Public School District. Sonny was always on a quest for knowledge. He loved to have books around him, and he really loved Math. Not only was it his desire to learn more, but it was also important for him that his children were graduates of CPS. He loved to share what he learned, and the local news was always on at the family home, which is affectionately called "The Brown House". He was aware of local and national events, and you could expect a call from him to encourage you to turn on the news so that you were informed as well.

Sonny retired from General Motors in April 1999 as an Assembly Line Worker. His journey began in November 1967 in Norwood, Ohio. After the Norwood plant closed in August of 1987, he traveled to the GM Dayton/Moraine Plant until 1999. At General Motors, he worked alongside many childhood friends, and while there, he made many life-long friends. Sonny had a passion for cars, whether he was working on them or learning about new GMC models that were coming out.

Sonny loved music, roller-skating, and playing pool. He was an entrepreneur. In 1973, he opened up Jim Jim's Record Store. The store was located on Linn Street and Armory Avenue (Currently Derrick Turnbow) in the West End. His favorite place to eat was "Heavy's" in the West End. On Sunday evenings, Sonny enjoyed skating at the Royals Skating Rink (Walnut Hills) or USA Skating Rink (Tri County). He enjoyed hanging out at the local pool hall on 15th Street in Over The Rhine.

Sonny was an avid photographer, and if you were around when he had his camera out, you probably had your picture taken by him. He loved capturing pictures of his family, friends, and children's neighborhood friends. Those pictures are now cherished as amazing memories.

Twenty years ago, Sonny was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He researched changing his diet, and under his doctors' care, he fought daily to live for his family. He was an inspiration to everyone as he courageously fought this battle.

# Continued...

James was preceded in death by his parents: Aaron McGlothlin and Helen Neadham; granddaughter, Shanna Mayes; sister-in-law, Tammy Commodore; mother-in-law, Irene Lewis; sister, Evangelist Christine McGlothline-Moore; uncle, Robert Lee Hardaway; and brother-in-law, Edward A. Wright.

James leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of 56 years, Reverend Natalie M. McGlothlin; children: James McGlothlin Jr. (Inga), Arlinda McGlothlin-McKinley and Marlene McGlothlin; grandchildren: James Robinson, Alex McGlothlin, Jaunae Robinson, Tyler McKinley Evan Coleman, Elisa Coleman, Malik Richie and Cody Bolden; siblings: Henry McGlothlin and Barbara Neadham; sister-in-law, Arlinda Wright; nieces and nephews: Earl McGlothlin, Michael McGlothlin, Cameron McGlothlin, Versena McGlothlin, June Penny (Herbert), Wendell Stevenson, Dereck Severson, Lora Neadham, Larry Neadham, Sicly Cofer, and Donald Cofer, Jr. (Rozshawn); friends: Larry Dennis "Little Larry", John Mundy, William McKinney, Michael Middlebrooks, Russell Freeman, "Bean" - J.B. "The Music Man", "Pringle" and Harry Brown plus many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



# Order of Service

Musical Prelude .....	Lillian Collins, Minister of Music
Welcome .....	Pastor Cheryl Coggins
Prayer .....	Dr. Mike Scruggs Sr. Pastor, Light of the World Church
Scripture Readings .....	Dr. Mike Scruggs <i>Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-2</i> <i>New Testament: Luke 5:3</i>
Selection .....	"Safe in His Arms" Lillian Collins
Acknowledgments .....	
Remarks .....	Limit 5 People (Please limit remarks to two minutes)
Obituary .....	Read Silently
"Our Grandpa View" .....	Grandchildren
A Journey through Sonny .....	
Eulogy .....	Dr. Mike Scruggs
Final View .....	Family "Wind Beneath My Wings"
Benediction .....	Pastor Cheryl Coggins
Recessional .....	Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family "A Lovely Day" by Bill Withers

# Interment

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