

## *Don't Grieve For Me*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Life up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of William Preston Hairston wishes to acknowledge our deepest appreciation for the many expressions of love, care and kindness shown during our time of bereavement. We thank everyone who said a prayer, sent flowers, cards, stopped by to visit, or made a phone call. May God continue to bless you all.*



MARLAN GARY

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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF



# *William Preston* **HAIRSTON III**

December 9, 1960 — July 1, 2025

Saturday, July 12, 2025 - 11:30am  
The Chapel Of Peace, East  
5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

# Obituary

*William Preston Hairston, III, age 64, also known as "Preston" or "Bill", unexpectedly went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.*

*He was born in Columbus, Ohio, on December 9, 1960, to William and Mildred Hairston. He graduated from Horace-Man High School in 1978. He then served in the United States Navy. William also worked at Hugh White Honda for several years.*

*Preston was always someone full of life. If you knew Preston, you knew that there was never a dull moment. You never knew what he was going to say or even possibly do. Preston had a passion for cooking and going fishing. He was one happy camper when he found out earlier that morning that he was going to catch some fish. He also enjoyed showing off with his dance style, doing what we called "acting up." He had an eye for fashion and loved when it was time to get dressed. Preston loved his family. He will be missed by many.*

*Preston is preceded in death by his birth parents, William and Mildred Hairston, and a very special mother, Josephine(Honey) Hairston.*

*Left to cherish his memory, the love of his life for 40 years, his wife Patricia Spotts-Hairston; children, William (Amber) Morris, Tyra Spotts, TyEarl (Queen) Spotts, and Patrick (Sharla) Spotts; brothers, Kevin Hairston and Dana White; grandchildren, Tyla Prestoniece Long-Spotts, Shaniya Morris, Allanah Morris, Tyja Spotts, Aniyah Morris and Donovan Johnson; special aunt, Sandra Hairston; special cousins, Lawrence Hairston, Daryl Burkes, Craig Wilkes and Clifford Wilkes; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; including his special four-legged baby, Wings.*

## Repast

GloJ Event Venue  
1381 Brice Rd  
Reynoldsburg Ohio, 43068

# Order Of Service

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Chapel of Peace Music Ministry*

## PARTING VIEW

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Bishop Norman J. Hairston*

## PRAYER

*Bishop Norman J. Hairston*

## SELECTION

*Tamela Mann*

*"Take Me To The King"*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES

## REMARKS

*Family and/or Friends (two minutes each)*

## READING OF OBITUARY

*Read Silently*

## SELECTION

*Tramaine Hawkins*

*"Going Up Yonder"*

## THE EULOGY

*Bishop Norman J. Hairston*

## BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL

*Clergy, Family, Friends*