



In Loving Memory
of
RANDOLPH TOWNSEND
SUNRISE: JULY 24, 1959– SUNSET: AUGUST 21, 2026



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Friday, August 28, 2026

Service • 3:00 PM

Watsons Funeral Home
10913 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

The family of Randolph Townsend 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 each of you and Keep you in His perfect peace.

Order of Service

Processional.....	Family
Scripture Reading.....	Pastor
Prayer.....	Pastor
Musical Selection.....	Teresa Blanchard
Acknowledgements/resolution.....	
Obituary Reading.....	
Remarks.....	Family & Friends
Eulogy.....	Pastor
Recessional.....	

A FALLEN LIMB

A tribute to a life that will always remain part of the family tree

A limb has fallen from the family tree,
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me."
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song,
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you,
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small,
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin,
Until the day comes, we're together again.
— Author Unknown

OBITUARY

Randolph Townsend was born on July 24, 1959, in Leonardtown, Maryland. He was the first-born child of Sophia Marie Townsend, a native of Maryland. Randy was the eldest of four children—one sister, Justina Townsend, and two brothers, Kenneth and Chris Townsend. He, along with his mother, Sophia; his sister, Justina; and father, Kenneth Townsend; later relocated to Cleveland, Ohio, where they raised their family.

Randy was a loving spirit whose smile could light up a room and whose contagious laugh could instantly lift the spirits of those around him. He took great pride in being a dad to Riarre Murphy and a grandfather to his nine beautiful grandchildren. He was also a devoted fiancé to Lisa Groves, with whom he built a life filled with love and companionship.

Randy was strong and disciplined, qualities that were further strengthened through his service to the military. He carried that strength throughout his life and demonstrated it until his very last breath, when he transitioned peacefully, surrounded by the love of his fiancée, family, and friends.

Randy leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Sophia Townsend; one sister, Justina Townsend; two brothers, Chris Townsend (Celena) and Kenneth Townsend (Sonia); one son, Riarre Murphy; nine grandchildren—Elijah Murphy, Izaha Murphy, Rashawna Murphy, Ji'arre Murphy, Margaret Murphy, Robert Murphy, Riviarre Murphy, Callie Murphy, and Riarre Murphy Jr.; his fiancé, Lisa Groves; and a host of family and friends.