

## *"A Poem of Love and Gratitude"*

It's hard to smile when we think about not hearing your voice or feeling your presence again; You, Darnell were a symbol of strength and provision, a Godly upright, Husband, Father, Brother and Friend; We cannot ignore the heaviness that our hearts are experiencing, giving way to our tears; Let's face it, this loss is hard because some of us have been able to call on you for over thirty years;

It's no doubt, we will feel your absence, especially during your favorite Christmas holiday season; But it will be the memories of your smile, tooth trimmed in gold, hat cocked to the side, deep voice, robust laugh, and old school dancing, which will give us a reason; A reason to laugh again, sharing remember "whens" to the memories of love never told; Gone too soon, yes and too young, we think to walk the streets of gold; But the Master saw your tears, heard your heart and felt your pain; And said give me your hand, my beloved son, let's take an eternal walk, for heavens beauty and rest you have gained;

You have left a legacy, deposited wisdom, strength and love to no end; Frazier Darnell Houston, you have earned your wings; So we with tears in our eyes, but pride in our smile today; Are happy that Yah saw fit to let us meet and love such an awesome Husband, Father, Brother and Friend! ©  
~Matters of the Heart



## *~Special Acknowledgements~*

The family of Frazier D. Houston would like to extend a special thank you to: Bishop Mark Monroe, State Bishop of Ohio for Global United Fellowship and Senior Pastor of Olivet Baptist Church for their hospitality; the Members and Clergy of Kingdom Life; Tamika Law- CEO of Musically Yours Entertainment Group for singing and organizing the Musicians and Psalmists: Reginald Johnson-Musical Director and Keys, KeVaughn Byers-Bass and Jeremiah Greene- Drums of Cincinnati, Ohio; Jonnetta Moore, Stevin Crane and Heaven Johnson of Dayton, Ohio; Lastly to Miracle Happen Every-Day Catering and the Hughes High School Class of 1980, we appreciate your sacrifice.

## *Pallbearers*

Dale Little Jr.                      Jermaine Hill  
Detrick Clemons, I                Landell Collins, II  
Kelly Houston                      Gerald Golightly

## *Flower Bearers*

S.A.R.A. Sought After, Respected Always  
Women's Ministry

## *Acknowledgements*

The Family of Frazier Darnell Houston wishes to express their appreciation for the prayers, comforting messages, calls, texts, flowers, food and other expressions of care, concern and love received during our time of bereavement. Taking the time to reach beyond yourself to help someone else, is the ministry of Christ, and in times like these, we need the comfort of Jesus Christ, through his disciples. Thank you.

## *Repast*

2:00 pm  
Blue Ash Civic League  
9306 Town Square Avenue, Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

Following the Interment, we will celebrate Fraizer, the way he would want, by having an old school party with good music, good food, fun, fellowship and story swapping. There will be an opportunity for loved ones who could not speak at the service, due to our time constraints, to share their stories about Frazier as well. Change your clothes and get comfortable, because we are going to have a good ole' time in Frazier's honor!  
(BYOB)



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## *Celebrating the Life and Spirit of*



## *Frazier Darnell Houston*

June 17, 1961 - February 19, 2025



*March 7, 2025*

Visitation: 10:30 am - Funeral Service: 11:00 am

*Olivet Baptist Church*

6838 Montgomery Road | Silverton, Ohio 45236

Bishop Designate, Dr. Linetta Clemons Senior Overseer,  
Kingdom Life, Officiating

# Obituary

Frazier D. Houston was born on Saturday, June 17, 1961, to the union of Will Frazier Tripp and Gene Kelly Tripp. He entered into eternal glory on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, while resting at home, surrounded by his loving wife as she prayed and his devoted son as he held him close, speaking words of life and comfort during his transition.

What was so phenomenal about Darnell's transition? Though it may seem untimely in the natural, it was divinely timed in the spirit, because just moments before, he saw his mother. As tears streamed down his face, he surrendered.

Frazier, lovingly known to his family as Darnell, Uncle D, Daddy, and Pop-Pop, was the third-born of five biological children and two foster siblings. He was certainly the middle child through and through—and had the personality to prove it!

Frazier was a proud graduate of Cincinnati Public Schools, attending Hughes High School, Class of 1980—GO BIG RED! After graduation, he worked at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Downtown Cincinnati, where he also owned a shoeshine stand. Always a man of community, he employed an elderly Black gentleman to shine shoes and interact with hotel guests, and the business quickly grew in popularity! Frazier remained an employee at the Hyatt until the end of the COVID-19 pandemic while simultaneously working at Federal Express.

In 1999, Frazier attended Napier Truck Driving School, where he graduated at the top of his class and launched his professional driving career at Pitt Ohio Express. A stellar employee for 25 years, "Fraz," as his co-workers lovingly called him, received numerous awards, including Perfect Attendance and Safe Driving. Pitt Ohio even honored him by placing his name on his truck! And if you ever saw him driving in the city, you'd ask, "Are you sure that was Frazier?!" Because when he drove, he drove low, with his ball cap pulled down over his eyes—always styling and profiling while working hard to provide for his family.

When Frazier wasn't working, you could find him glued to car shows, watching his favorite comedy programs, and, of course, cooking! Have you not seen? Have you not heard about Uncle D's famous chili?! You better ask somebody (or ask your mama!!) because it was absolutely AMAZING!

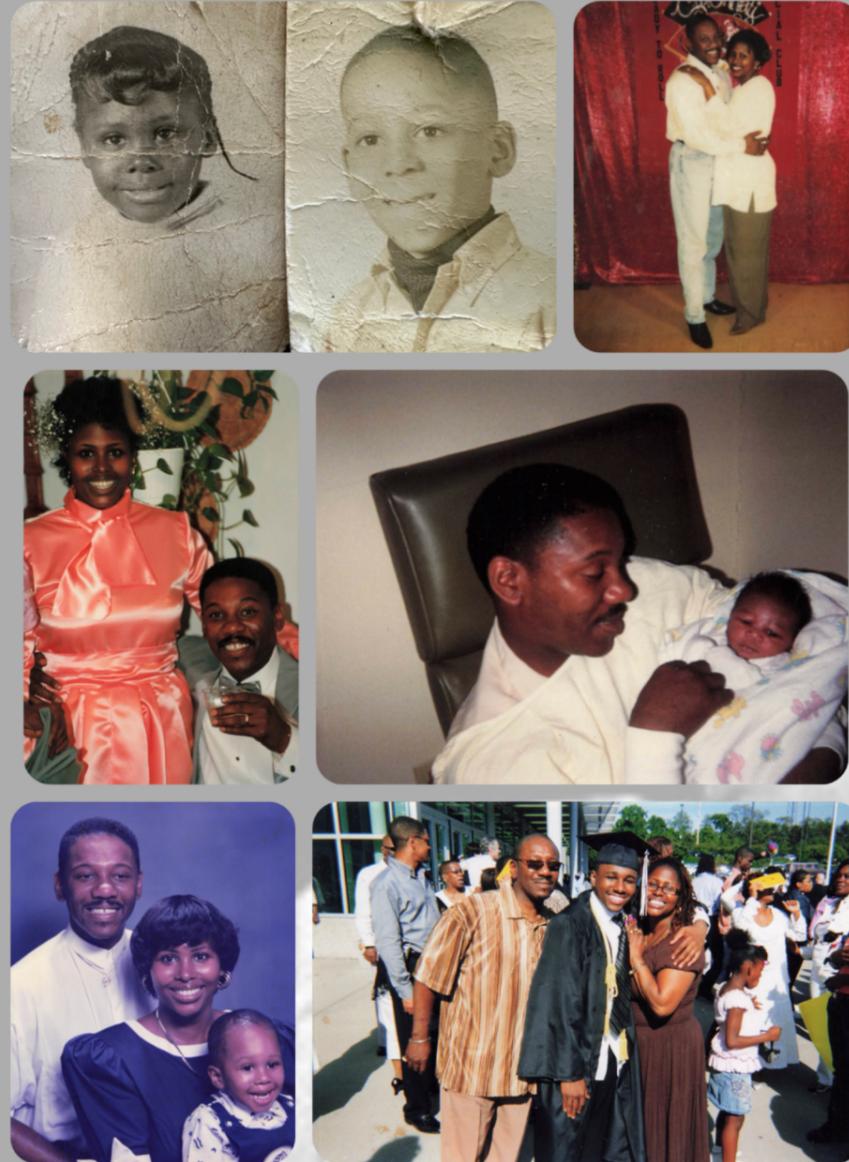
If he wasn't in the kitchen, he was grilling, listening to music, or sitting on the porch, catching up with family. To meet Frazier was to meet an instant friend—never a stranger.

Frazier Darnell Houston was preceded in death by his mother, Gene Kelly Tripp; father, Will Frazier Tripp; son, Dale Little Sr.; daughter, Darneisha Little; brother, Daryl Tripp; and sister, Pamela "Poopie" Houston.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 37 years, Norine Y. Houston; his son, Noreese Houston; grandsons Dale Little Jr. and Amethyst Sage Houston; his aunt, Elaine Fannon, and uncle, Charles (Deb) Kelly; sisters Gloria "Doll" Hill and Charlene "Sissy" (Harold) Walker; baby sisters Jewel Lynn Tripp and Linetta "Red" (Detrick) Clemons; foster sisters Bonnie Baker and Virginia "Jo" Yancy; sister-in-law Jackie Tripp and special sister-in-love Gloria Billings.

He also leaves behind his special adopted sons: Anthony Evans, Courtney Render, Dontae Thornton, Deandre Thornton, and Adrian Miller; special nieces Waketha "Keeta" Golightly, Keyla Houston, and Raelynn Hill; special nephews Hajji, Jerrime, and Gerald Golightly; Jason and Jermaine Hill; Kelly Houston; and Landell "Muskels" Collins; and his close Bro-Friends: Will Yates, Patrick Bolden, James "JB" Brown, Greg Smiley, and Mort Moore.

Additionally, he is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, extended family, friends, and his beloved church family.



## 2 Timothy 4:7-8

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing"

# Order of Service

- Opening Exhortation . . . . . Bishop Designate Dr. Linetta Clemons
- Old Testament Scripture . . Pastor Emanuel Kincaid
- New Testament Scripture . . . . Elder Brenda Tribble
- Prayer . . . . . Min. Denise Reese
- Musical Selection . . . . . Ms. Tamika Law
- Acknowledgements . . . . . Min. Imani Rogers
- Musical Selection . . . . . Musically Yours Entertainment Group
- Reading of Obituary . . . . . Ms. Tiana Williams
- Musical Selection . . . . . Musically Yours Entertainment Group
- Remarks . . . . . Chosen Family and Friends (2 Minutes Please)
- Musical Selection . . . . . Musically Yours Entertainment Group
- Eulogy . . . . . Bishop Designate Dr. Linetta Clemons
- Benediction . . . . . Pastor Emanuel Kincaid
- Recessional . . . . . Clergy, Family & Friends



## Final Resting Place

Oak Hill Cemetery  
11200 Princeton Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246