

## *Acknowledgements*

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt appreciation for the sympathy, love, and support you have extended to our family during the loss of our loved one.

May God bless and keep you.

## *Interment*

Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery  
10175 Rawiga Rd, Seville, OH 44273

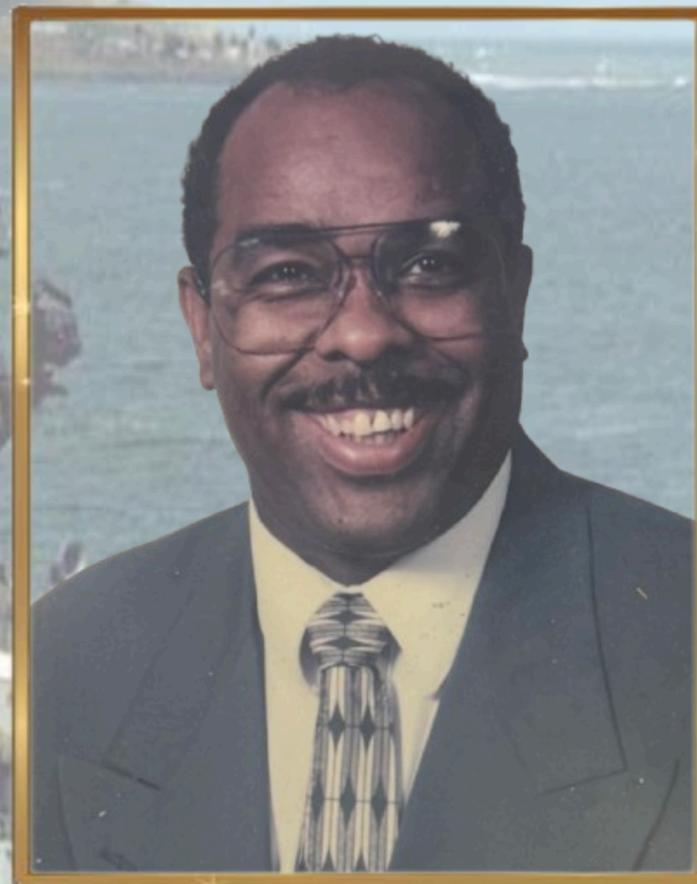
Monday, May 5, 2025 | 10:45 a.m.  
(Please meet at cemetery by 10:30 a.m.)

## *Repass*

Slone & Co. Life Celebration Center  
3556 W. 130th St. Cleveland, OH 44111

Monday, May 5, 2025 | Immediately Following Graveside Services

# Celebrating The Life Of



# Victor David Stepteau

January 11, 1946 - April 25, 2025

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

**SLONE & CO.**  
*Funeral Directors*

13115 Lorain Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44111  
(216) 941-3434

Thursday, May 1, 2025 | Wake 5:00 p.m. | Service 6:00 p.m.

**Freedom Church**

12401 Cooley Ave. Cleveland, OH 44111

# Order of Service



Welcome  
Pastor Jess

Opening Prayer

Obituary Reading

Poem Reading

Memories  
Donna Schultz

Musical Selection  
"I Trust In God"  
Donna Schultz

Memories  
Kyle Smith

Musical Selection  
"Amazing Grace"  
Donna Schultz

Scripture & Remarks  
Pastor Rich Boll

Final Remarks

Closing Prayer

"If you love somebody, you try until you can't anymore...and then try again."

"If you're angry, you can go and pound salt."

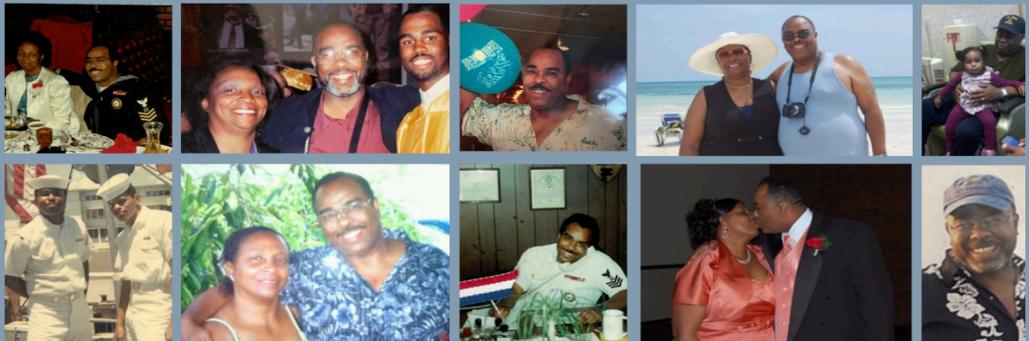
"Anything worth doing...is worth doing right."



"Never let the left hand know  
what the right hand is doing."

"What goes on in this house,  
stays in this house."

"Screw me once, shame on you. Screw me twice, shame on me."



"Prior proper planning prevents piss poor performance...the seven P's."

"Shirley!!!! Shirl..."

"Use the right tool for the right job."

"Nothing beats a try than a failure."



## Miss Me, But Let Me Go

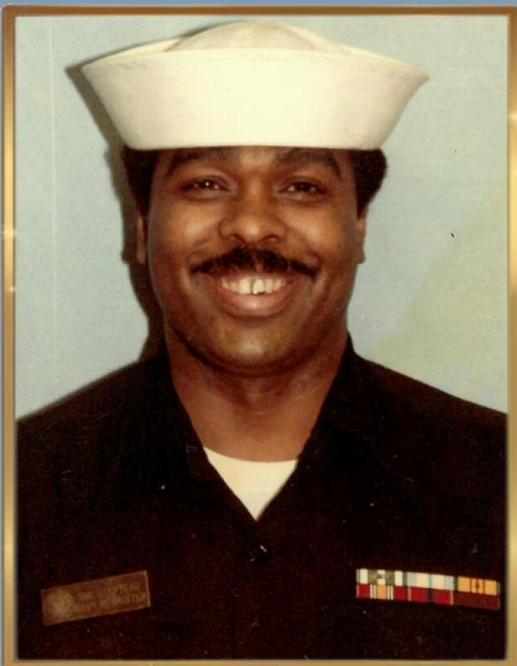
When I come to the end of the road  
 and the sun has set for me,  
 I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
 Why cry for a soul set free?  
 Miss me a little - but not for long  
 and not with your head bowed low.  
 Remember the love that we once shared,  
 miss me, but let me go.  
 For this journey that we all must take  
 and each must go alone;  
 it's all a part of the Master's plan,  
 a step on the road to home.  
 When you are lonely and sick at heart  
 go to the friends we know,  
 and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
 Miss me, but let me go!



*In Loving Memory*  
**Victor David Stepteau**

**Sunrise**  
January 11, 1946

**Sunset**  
April 25, 2025



Victor David Stepteau, Sr., age 79, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on April 25, 2025. Born on January 11, 1946, in Cleveland, Ohio, David was the beloved son of the late Richard Manfred Stepteau (1916–1985) of Ironton, Ohio, and Rhoda (née Fontaine) Stepteau McCrayer (1919–2000). His parents were married on February 8, 1941, and after Richard's passing, Rhoda later married the late Robert J. McCrayer, who became a caring stepfather to David.

David lived a life of service and commitment. He worked for Wackenhut Security, served as a Cleveland public school bus driver, worked in a car manufacturing plant where he offered the innovative idea of adding side blinkers to cars based on his Navy experience, and served as a police officer. Throughout his many civilian roles, he remained a dedicated member of the United States Navy, where he proudly served and ultimately retired.

A man of many interests, David enjoyed collecting guns, spending time fishing and boating—he owned several boats over the years—riding motorcycles, and working with computers and new gadgets. He loved roller skating in the basement, a favorite childhood activity that once led to him knocking himself out when the ceiling rafter was too low and no one was home to help. He adored his dogs, spent time browsing and ordering unique items from the Wish app, and had a particular pride in his vehicles, especially his red Pontiac Fiero and his white 1984 two-door Cadillac Coupe DeVille. David had a special fondness for comfort foods like corned beef and hash, oysters, Spam, and frozen orange slices.

David was the devoted husband of Shirley Stepteau and the loving father of Melissa and her husband Juan, Sr., Vanessa M., Sheree C., Victoria and her husband Andres, David V. and his wife Alexandria, Jason E. and his wife LaShawn, Joshua J. and his wife Erica, and Brittany. He was a cherished grandfather to Matthew, Zurie, Juan Jr., Camille, Monica, Emmanuel, Antonio, Elijah, Kalib Sr., Miracle, Lavelle, Mikayla, Jamarro, Henry, Markus, Monique, Jensen, Paul Jr., Jason, Melissa, Adrian, Dorian, London, Damien, Yolanda, Liliana, and Victor Reno. He also leaves behind a legacy of love as a great-grandfather to Janiah, Josiah, Journie, Matthew Jr., Marshawn, Malaysia, Juan III, Jakarri, Giovanni, Javon, Julianna, Antonio Jr., Armahni, Skye, Aaliyaha, Ma'Kenah, Za'nova, Kingston, Kaliah, Kalib Jr., Jada, Jordan, Alana, Avery, Shy'Mere, Amere, Araiah, Selenah, Cerenity, Theodore, and Elise.

He is fondly remembered by his siblings, Phillip Maurice Stepteau and Sheree R. McCrayer Boyd. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Richard Manfred Stepteau and Robert Darrell McCrayer, and his stepfather, Robert J. McCrayer.

Above all, David cherished his family. They were his pride and joy, and he made sure every one of them knew it. No conversation with him ever ended without his signature farewell—"I love you more."

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.