

Acknowledgements

The family of Dennis W. Fairley extends our heartfelt gratitude to all who have offered their support and condolences during this difficult time.

Your thoughtfulness and prayers have been a source of strength that we will forever cherish in our hearts.

Life Is But A Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place,
a pause in what's to be.

A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
different paths along the way.
We all are meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,
far greater than we know.
A place where love and peace bestow,
and endless wonders grow.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

SLONE & CO.
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Celebrating

The Life Of



Dennis W. Fairley

April 18, 1958 - December 24, 2024

Sunday, January 12, 2025 | Wake 1 p.m. | Service 1:30 p.m.

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

Order of Service



Musical Prelude

Processional
Family

Spiritual Reading
Wayne Folkowski

Prayer
Wayne Folkowski

Reflections
(2 Minutes, Please)

Obituary Reading
Saionna Fairley

Children/ Grandchildren Poems & Words

Eulogy
Timothy Fairley

Recessional
Family





In Loving Memory
Dennis W. Fairley

April 18, 1958 - December 24, 2024

Dennis Wade Fairley was born on April 18, 1958, in Richmond County, North Carolina, to the late, Ella Robinson and Jerry Fairley, he was the eldest of eight children. The family moved to Mount Gilead in Montgomery County. Dennis was educated in the Montgomery County School system, attending West Montgomery High School. In 1977, he relocated to Cleveland, Ohio, following the footsteps of his aunts Diane, Carolyn and Great-Aunt Alice.

Dennis found work at various places including The City Of Cleveland and Oatey Company before settling at The Cleveland Plant & Flower Company, retiring after 30 years of dedicated service. Dennis also owned and operated a couple of cleaning businesses. Dennis was an avid basketball fan, his favorite player was fellow North Carolinian Micheal Jordan and his favorite team was the Chicago Bulls. Dennis enjoyed playing the game of basketball and would bring out his portable hoop in the summer for all of the neighborhood kids to come and play for hours. These games were instrumental as Dennis was a surrogate dad to many children in the neighborhood.

Although Dennis lived the majority of his life in the north, he was a southerner to his core, always polite, courteous and would lend a helping hand to whoever needed it. He always shared stories about his "down south" past and spoke fondly of his family that still resided there, especially his beloved mom Ella - affectionately known as "Cootie" and his grandma Sara. Dennis loved spending time with his grandchildren, sitting outside, laughing and joking with neighbors and friends. He could always be found with a smile on his face and a quick joke to make you laugh. Dennis made friends wherever he went. This gift for connecting with people was displayed after his retirement and he started working for ABM Aviation as a passenger attendant. Dennis loved his job and brought joy to the traveling public at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Dennis departed this life in the early morning hours of December 24, 2024.

Dennis was the beloved husband of Sandra (nee Bings) Fairley. He was a devoted father to Rashon L. Bings, Dennell W. Fairley (Enjoli), Brent A. Fairley, and Jermaine B. Fairley, and a cherished grandfather to Saionna Fairley, Rochelle Fairley, Aundrena Fairley, Jayla Fairley, Jordenn Fairley, Makai Brown, Taylor Brown, and Lyric Brown. Dennis was a dear brother to Jerry, Janice (Sammy), Michael (Lula), Tony, Vickey, Timothy (Cherie), and Wanda (Derick), and a beloved nephew to Aunts Jackie, Carolyn, and Diane, and Uncles James, Jimmy, and Herbert and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Look For Me In Rainbows

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;

look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.

In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;

look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.

In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,
just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then
my loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.

Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;

look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.

Every waking moment, and all your whole life through
just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Just wish me to be near you, and I'll be there with you.

(Conn Bernard)