

Celebration of Life

Donald Cunningham

JAN 14, 1963 - MAR 16, 2025

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

WAKE: 10:00 AM - FUNERAL: 10:30 AM

WATSON'S FUNERAL HOME

10913 SUPERIOR AVE - CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106



Order of Service

Processional	Clergy and Family
Family Visitation.....	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
New Testament (11 MATTHEW 28-30 NIV).....	Tathlyn Houston
New Testament (21 REVELATIONS 4)	Monica McConnell
The Lord's Prayer	Willard McConnell Sr.
Song Selection	I BELIEVE I CAN FLY BY R. KELLY (RECORDING)
Poem	Tathlyn Houston
Song Selection	GOT TO GIVE IT UP PT.1 BY MARVIN GAYE (RECORDING)
Reading of Obituary.....	Tathlyn Houston
Expression/Reflections.....	(2-Minute Limit Please)
Song Selection	STEP IN THE NAME LOVE BY R. KELLY (RECORDING)
Eulogy.....	Tathlyn Houston
Recessional.....	

INTERMENT

Cleveland Memorial Gardens
4324 GREEN RD – CLEVELAND, OH 44128

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Ronald Cunningham	Tony Cunningham	Randall Fields Sr.
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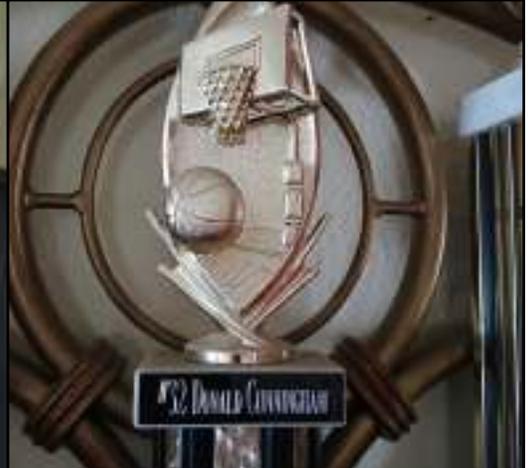
PALLBEARERS

Tahj Fields	Adam Cunningham	Anthony Russell
Antonio Cunningham	Dwayne Russell	Leon Russell
Jamahl Cunningham	Rome Cunningham	Mario Townsend
Larry Stover	Dorsey Houston Jr.	Christian Cunningham





Thanksgiving Day





Obituary

On this day that GOD has made, we as one, join in celebrating the life of our beloved son, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin and dear friend known to many as - Donald Cunningham. Donald, Uncle Don and the oldest of The Originals was born in the grace of a beautiful mother, Emma Hill (Cunningham), and father, Robert Russell on January 14, 1963, in Cleveland, Ohio. Donald was a party-starter and the "clean-up" guy. He was the sixth of eleven children.

Donald attended Millikin's Workshop. He worked since the age of 14. He worked at East Cleveland Developmental Center for over 30 years. He also was an accomplished athlete, who won many awards, and specifically he enjoyed playing basketball, kickball, and bowling. He loved music and Marvin Gaye was his favorite. He enjoyed dancing, traveling to Alabama and going fishing. His favorite quote was "No, No, toy." He was a "Ball-Boy" for Case Western Reserve for 50 years! He received a signed helmet from Bill Belichick, coach of the New England Patriots! He and his twin brother Ronald were featured in the Plain Dealer and Cleveland.com. Quoted directly from Cleveland.com, "While identical twins, the Cunninghams, are easy to tell apart, even from afar, Ronald always has his shirt untucked, while Donald's shirt is always tucked in, and Ronald works the home sideline, while Donald is on the visitors sideline." He was a devoted Cavs fan and sported a jersey with "Uncle Don" and "23" on the back.

Donald has joined his parents (Emma Hill and Robert Russell) and siblings (Larry Cunningham, Wilma Townsend, Sandra Russell, Revas Cunningham) who preceded him in death. Donald leaves to cherish his memory, six siblings, Cynthia, Melody, Tony, Ronald, Tathlyn, and Sharlene(Rome), many nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

*Lovingly Submitted,
The Family*

Remembered Joy

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I follow the plan God laid for me.
I saw His face, I heard His call,
I took His hand and left it all...
I could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
And 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, shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savored much:
Good times, good friends, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief—
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow;
Enjoy the sunshine of tomorrow.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Family of Mr. Donald Cunningham would like to express their thanks for the many prayers, calls, cards, love, kind, gestures, and support during our time of bereavement.

Services of Comfort entrusted to:

Watson's Funeral Home

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