

GOODBYE

Goodbye to the man who showed me love unconditionally.
Goodbye to the man who taught me to reach for the stars.

Goodbye to the man who spoiled me rotten—
painted my walls pink and purple,
and filled them with floor-to-ceiling posters.

Goodbye to the man who could fix anything...

Goodbye to that loud shout of “Yahtzee!”
the moment you walked through the door. Goodbye.

Goodbye to my Mr. Make-It-Happen.

Goodbye.

My heart hurts, but it still holds every memory— every laugh, every tear.

Thank you for showing me how to be loved properly.

Thank you for your light, your love, and your presence.

Thank you for loving Grams unconditionally—
because we all know !

Thank you for smoothing every bump in the road.

Thank you for making every dream, vision and every want feel possible.

Goodbye to the best grandpa in the world.

Terriona Green, Granddaughter

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Special thank you to Deaconess Denise Waterman and the Hunger
Outreach and Clothing Bank Ministries for providing the Repast for my
family and friends.

Love you all

I would also like to thank all the doctors and nurses at OSU and The
James Cancer Hospital for the care given to my husband.

Sincerely,
Teresa Ballard

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR



Mark

MICHAEL BALLARD, JR.

MAY 21, 1951 – MARCH 19, 2026

THURSDAY – APRIL 2, 2026

VISITATION: 10:00 AM
SERVICE: 11:00 AM

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OBITUARY

Mark M. Ballard J. was born May 21, 1951. At an early age Mark would attend Trinity Baptist Church with his Grandmother, Rose.

Mark attended Columbus Schools. After finishing High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he received an honorable discharge. During some difficult time in his life Mark it lead to some convictions and he served time in several prisons where he furthered his education. He took electrical courses, automotive and barbering courses which all kept him busy.. While serving time he acquired the name Master Blaster. He was a skilled chess player.

Mark loved to cook , grill and bake. He was an excellent cook and was famous for his sweet potato pie and peanut butter cookies. He worked with the Food Pantry ministry until health issues took place. He will always be remembered for asking; *“hey you play chess?”*

Mark entered eternal rest on Thursday March 19, 2026.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Mark and Dorothy Ballard; grandmother: Rose Baldwin and Aunt: Lois Walls.

Mark leaves to cherish his memory; *Wife* of eight years: Terresa Ballard; *Brother*: Christopher Ballard; *Children*: Mark Bush, Michelle Ballard, and Courtney Green; *Grandchildren*: Dwight (Lexus) Ballard, Arthur Zebb Jr., Malayna Stewart, Terriona Green and Jon’Nae Sutton; eight *Great-Grandchildren*; *Special Friends*: Mike Tansley and Deaconess Mary Milner as well as favorite *Cousin*: Linda Calloway.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PRELUDE

*THE PROCESSIONAL WITH SCRIPTURAL SENTENCES

HYMN OF ASSURANCE.....*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Old Testament: Psalm 121

The New Testament: Philippians 1:6

PRAYER OF COMFORT

THE SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE MUSICAL SELECTION*“I Trust In God”*

The
Eulogy:
Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Gibson, Jr.
Senior Pastor
Mt Olivet Baptist Church

The Recessional“When We All Get To Heaven”*

THE POSTLUDE

* PLEASE STAND