Until We Meet Again, Grandpa

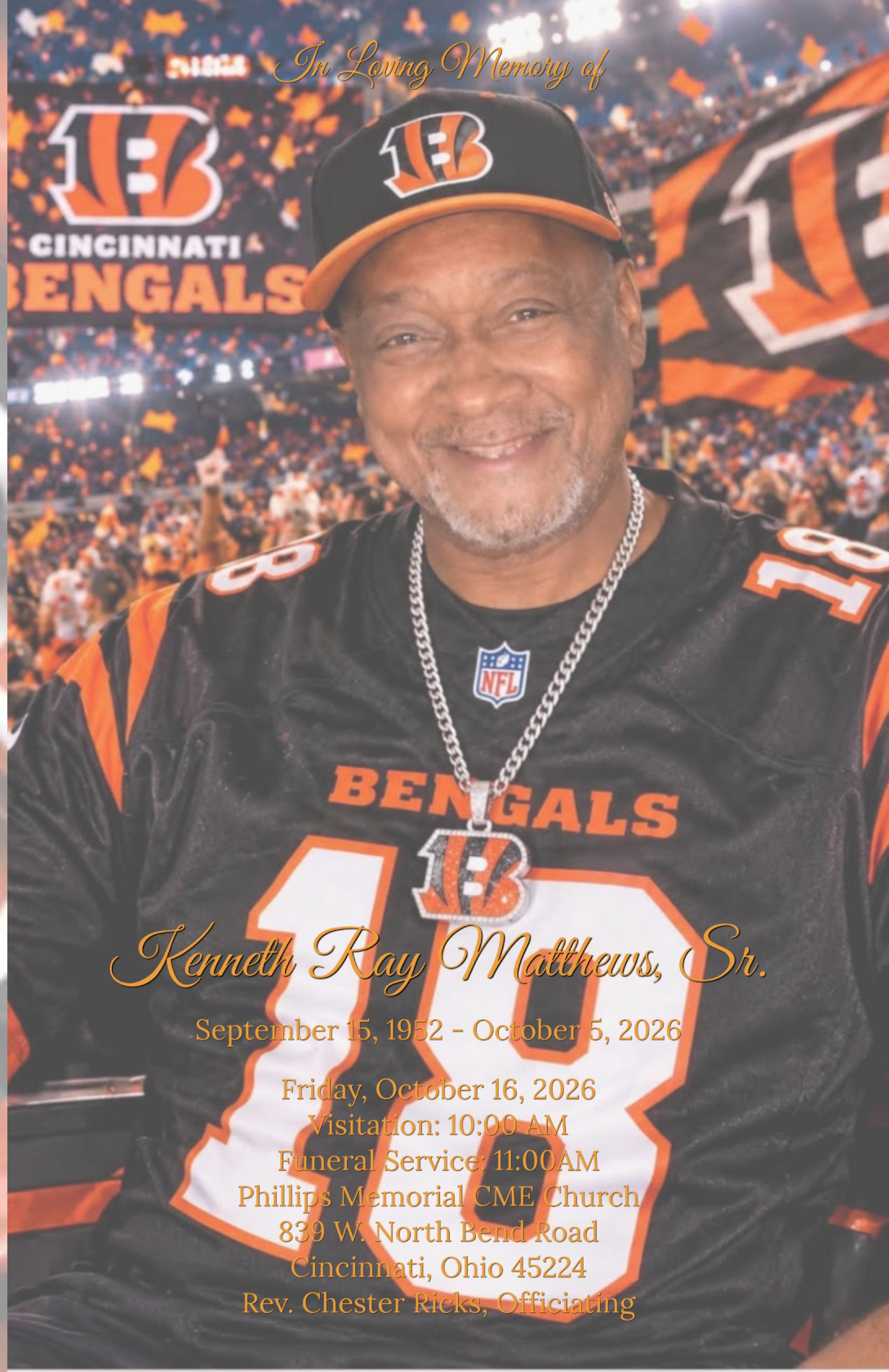
How do we say goodbye to someone so dear,
Someone whose love we will carry forever near?
A man whose life meant more than words could ever say,
Someone we wish could have stayed just one more day.
Grandpa, a piece of our hearts went with you,
And life will never feel quite the same without you.
There are so many words we wish we could say,
And so many moments we wish we could have one more day.
We never imagined we would have to let you go,
Or that missing you would hurt this much, more than you'll ever know.
We would give anything for one more embrace,
To hear your voice again and see your familiar face.
Though Heaven has welcomed you through its gates,
Our love for you is something time cannot erase.
You may no longer walk beside us every day,
But the love you left behind will never fade away.
When the tears fall and the memories bring pain,
We will remind ourselves that love still remains.
For a life as meaningful as yours will always shine,
And the memories we hold will last a lifetime.
Rest peacefully, Grandpa, your work here is done.
Your love lives on in every heart you have touched.
Although we must continue this journey without you,
A part of us will forever belong to you.
Until we meet again, Grandpa, please know this is true:
You were loved beyond measure, and we will always miss you.

Acknowledgements

The Matthews Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love and support during this difficult time.

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In Loving Memory of



Kenneth Ray Matthews, Sr.

September 15, 1952 - October 5, 2026

Friday, October 16, 2026
Visitation: 10:00 AM
Funeral Service: 11:00AM
Phillips Memorial CME Church
839 W. North Bend Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224
Rev. Chester Ricks, Officiating

Obituary

Kenneth Ray Matthews, Sr, 74, passed away peacefully on October 5, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on September 15, 1952, in Cincinnati Ohio. He accepted Christ at an early age. He was preceded by his wife, Gloria Matthews and his parents, James and Sophia Matthews. Kenneth leaves to cherish his memory his beloved sisters and brothers, Gwen Spurling (Charles, deceased), James F Matthews (Barbara), Sharon Russell (Melvin), Michaelene Crawford, Terrance B Matthews. He was preceded in death by sisters, Vickie Jones and Gerri Hill. Kenneth leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving children, Lakendra Matthews, April Matthews (deceased), Kenneth Ray Matthews Jr (Rhodesia) , Stoney McKinney (Joanna), Dameka McKinney, Stephanie Gray. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, grandkids, and great grandkids.

Kenneth attended Princeton High School, where he graduated in 1971. Following his graduation, he proudly enlisted in the United States Army to serve his country. Kenneth was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who cherished his family dearly. He enjoyed life's simple pleasures, including good soul food and an occasional margarita. A loyal Cincinnati Bengals fan, Kenneth loved watching football and cheering on his favorite team. He also enjoyed Western movies, which brought him hours of entertainment. During his time at Ivy Woods Community Center, Kenneth continued to let his fun-loving personality shine. He thought of himself as "Mr. Cool Guy'" and he was sure all the ladies wanted him. His charm, humor, and playful ways brought smiles and laughter to those around him. Kenneth knew how to enjoy life. He remained true to himself until the end, leaving behind many smiles, laughter, and great memories.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Rev. Chester Ricks
Scripture	Psalm 23
Selection	Curtis Foster
Acknowledgements	Stephanie Gray
Remarks	Stephanie Gray & Friends Limit 2-3 Minutes
Poem	Javia Matthews Heaven McKinney
Obituary	Read Silently
Selection	Curtis Foster
Eulogy	Rev. Chester Ricks
Benediction	Rev. Chester Ricks
Recessional	Clergy, Pallbearers, Family & Friends
Goin' Up Yonder	

Pallbearers

Kenneth Ray Matthews, Jr.
Jeremy Haney
Dezaryion Brantley
Kelvin Davis

Stoney McKinney
Teco Matthews
Melvin Russell
Quinton Davis

Demetrius Lackey

Repast

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