

Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones;

Oh, so happy and so bright!

There is a perfect joy and beauty

In the everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,

Every restless tossing passed;

I am now at peace forever,

Safely home in heaven at last.

There is work still waiting for you,

So you must not idly stand,

Do it now, while life remaineth –

You shall rest in God's own land.

When that work is all completed,

He will gently call you home;

Oh, the rapture of that meeting

Oh, the joy to see you come!



Pallbearers

Cecil Goodloe
Delmont Goodloe Jr.
Alex Goodloe

Damon Goodloe Jr.
Antwon Goodloe
Corey Goodloe

Honorary Pallbearers

Malentine Benson

Ernest Jackson

Flower Bearers

Ashley Goodloe
LaCresha Goodloe
Cherre Martin

Erin Goodloe
Kim Goodloe
Megan Meyers

Justice Bouldin

Honorary Flower Bearers

Olivia Greer

Janice Jackson

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank each and every one who has called, texted, sent flowers, shared messages via social media, brought us food and loved us in your own special way. Your kindness, support, encouragement, words of comfort, prayers and love at this difficult time will be forever cherished and etched in our minds and hearts. To God Be The Glory!



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF

John William
GOODLOE, JR.



Sunrise
JANUARY 4, 1949

Sunset
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

VISITATION
9:30 A.M.

MASONIC SERVICE
11:00 A.M.

FUNERAL CEREMONY
11:30 A.M.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
3556 READING ROAD
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45229

Forever In Our Hearts

Obituary

John William Goodloe Jr. was born January 4, 1949, in Cincinnati, OH to the union of John W. Goodloe, Sr. and Margaret Goodloe. As a youngster, John was affectionately known as “Skeeter” to many family members and close friends. This nickname carried over into his adult life.

In 1984, John married the love of his life, Celestine Wilson. From this union, two children were born, Jasmine Regina and Courtney Monroe.

As a proud graduate of Withrow High School, John entered the US Army, serving our country for 30 months. Most of this time was spent in Germany, prior to his receiving an Honorable Discharge and a letter of commendation with an E5 Ranking from the US Army.

Upon his return home, John desired an advanced degree and enrolled in Southern Ohio College, where he obtained his associate's degree in Business Management while working for the Pepsi Cola Company. His next work adventure took him to American Airlines as a Reservationist. After a few years with American Airlines, his passion to protect and serve the residents of Cincinnati led him to apply to the Police Academy. To ensure that this was the appropriate career move, John was advised to take a leave of absence from American Airlines as opposed to quitting in case he wanted to return there, should the Police Academy not work out in his best interest. John never looked back! His passion to work diligently for the Cincinnati Police Department inspired him to remain with the City for 21 years, serving in Districts 2 & 4, from September 14, 1980 through September 16, 2001, until health constraints led him to an early retirement.

By 1991, Officer Goodloe was instrumental in establishing the first Community Oriented Policing Program in Evanston, where he gained mutual respect from the residents, which ensured their safety and respect for the police. The program was redefined as Neighborhood Officers later in his career. By 1998, he was reassigned as an Investigative Unit Collator for District 2, where he became the District's Domestic Violence Investigator. In 2000, Detective John Goodloe was honored by Women Helping Women and received the Tom Oberschmidt Award “For Excellence in Police Investigation and Sensitivity to Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

As a member of Southern Baptist Church, John gave his time and talents to the Bus Ministry, where he transported members from their homes to church. This was a continuation of his drive to serve others. The relationships that he established with the bus riders were instrumental.

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John became a Prince Freemason, joining Elisha Lodge #106. He also joined Sinai Temple #59, where he was elevated to an Honorary Past Potentate, and he joined the King Solomon Consistory #20. The many friendships and relationships he developed within the Lodge, Temple, and Consistory were undeniably special. His continued interaction with the Lodge allowed him to travel to many places within the United States, in addition to Punta Cana.

John departed this life on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at his home. John was preceded in death by his parents, John W. Goodloe, Sr. and Margaret Goodloe, and two of his siblings, Raymond Williams and Jesse Goodloe.

Those left to cherish his memories include his loving wife, Celestine Goodloe, three sons, Damon (Ashley), Delmont (Cherre), Courtney (Erin), and two daughters, Ashley and Jasmine; eleven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. His sister Jackie Robinson (VT) and brother Jimmy (Ocie). His uncle, Cecil Goodloe of Louisville, KY. John's lifetime friend, Malentine Benson, and a host of Lodge brothers, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends will also cherish their memories of the interactions they had with him as well. His kindness and care for others will always be remembered, for John loved life, music, family, and friends unconditionally!



Order of Service

Musical Prelude	
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Rev. Dr. Donald E. Jones, Sr.
Old Testament Scripture	Pulpit Minister
New Testament Scripture	Pulpit Minister
Acknowledgements	Latasha Kittles
Selection	Skylar Goodloe Granddaughter “Hang On”
Special Remarks	Damon & Jasmine Goodloe "A Tribute to My Dad"
Obituary	Read Silently
Remarks	Officer Olivia Greer Jerome Byrd, Elisha Lodge #106
Selection	Southern Baptist Church
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Dan W. Larkin Jr.
Benediction	Rev. Dr. Dan W. Larkin Jr.
Recessional	Clergy, Family & Friends



Final Resting Place

Spring Grove Cemetery
4521 Spring Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45232

Visitation

Saturday, September 19, 2026
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Southern Baptist Church
3556 Reading Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Funeral Service

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11:30 AM
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