

A Celebration of the Life of

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Saturday – March 28, 2026

10:00 AM

Green Lawn Cemetery

1000 Greenlawn Avenue – Columbus, OH 43223

PALLBEARERS

Cornelius Tucker Jr - Cornelius Tucker III - Brian McKee
Rasean Thompson - Torrence Wallace - Vincent Wallace
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FLOWER BEARERS

Ushers

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the family, would like to humbly express our sincere gratitude to Marlan Gary Funeral Home, The Chapel of Peace for the compassion and care shown to us and for the dignified attention given to our beloved father during this difficult time. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Green Lawn Cemetery, New Salem Baptist Church and The City of Zion Church for their support and services.



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Cornelius Tucker, Sr.

June 19, 1953 — March 12, 2026

Friday – March 27, 2026

Visitation: 6:00 PM

Service: 7:00 PM



Chapel of Peace North
2500 Cleveland Avenue
Columbus, OH 43211



"Pawpaw". It was more than just a name.
 "Pawpaw" was love, laughter, and lessons that remain.
 When loneliness comes and the sadness is near, I can think
 "Pawpaw" and the memories reappear.

Thank you, OG
 Your Grandchildren

Pop, Brother. You are our last brother. We are going to really miss you, but Heaven just got a lot brighter. We've said our goodbyes for now. We didn't want you to go, but your suffering is over. It was so hard to let you go, but God said, "Let him come Home."
 Red and Ethel are waiting for you. We will see you soon.

Miss You Brother
 Maggie and Ann

When tomorrow starts without you, we will try to understand, that an angel came and called your name, and took you by the hand.

Even though you are gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. You were a gift to the world, and your legacy will live on. Your life touched so many with love and respect, we honor your life together, we'll honor your memory and find strength. I know that our Father looked down and smiled at you and said

" Welcome Home"

Forever cherished, forever missed.
 Rest in peace, dear friend

Min Shirley Perry Shelby, MS
 Special Sister-In-Law



He Only Takes The Best

God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be
So He put his arm around you
And He whispered "Come To Me."

A golden heart stopped beating,
A precious soul at rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best

With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away
And though we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay

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A precious soul at rest
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Obituary

Cornelius “Pop” Tucker Sr. went home to be with the Lord on March 12, 2026, at the age of 72. He was born on June 18, 1953 in Gunnison, Mississippi, to the late Albert and Ossie Tucker.

Pop graduated from Broad Street High School in Shelby, Mississippi, he was extremely skilled in woodwork. He moved to Columbus, Ohio in the 1970s with his wife and children. A devoted Christian, he loved the Word of God and often quoted scripture with conviction and joy. Whether praying over a family meal or lifting someone up in a moment of need, he was the man you wanted leading prayer. He was a member of New Salem Baptist Church in Columbus under Rev Dr. Keith Troy, where he regularly volunteered to assist in the food pantry. A hardworking and dedicated provider, Pop was employed as a city bus operator with the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) for more than 35 years without an accident. Known affectionately as “Sippy” (Mississippi) for his warm Southern accent and charm, he built lifelong friendships within the transit community and among the passengers he served. Blessed with a gift of gab, he would talk to anyone, anywhere, turning simple conversations into moments of connection.

Pop faced tremendous health battles throughout his life, including a pancreatic cancer diagnosis in 2008, where he was given a 13% survival rate and congestive heart failure. Even when the odds were stacked against him, he never wavered in his faith. He believed wholeheartedly that only God, not the statistics of man, could determine the number of his days. In his final months, he was diagnosed with sepsis. Dialysis was attempted, but failed, and he was given less than days to live. With remarkable strength, resilience, and an unshakable trust in Christ, he overcame these health challenges. He ultimately departed this earthly life peacefully in the comfort of his home, surrounded by family.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Albert and Ossie Tucker; aunts: Ruth Lee Britton, Elvai Flowers, and Jessie Clay; uncle: John Davis; sister: Ethel Wallace; brother and best friend: Calvin “Red” Tucker; nephews: Antonio “Tony” Curtis, Terry Curtis, and Kevin Collier and nieces: Vanessa Faye Curtis and Moniesha Wallace.

Pop leaves to cherish his memory his *Former Wife and Lifelong Friend*: Lillie Tucker of Columbus, Ohio; his *Daughters*: Rachelle Tucker of Columbus, Ohio, Tanya Tucker of Raleigh, North Carolina and Cassandra Smallwood of Peoria, Illinois and his *only Son*: Cornelius Tucker Jr. of Columbus, Ohio. He is also survived by his *Grandchildren*: Sequoia, Cameron, Khalia, Carissa, Cornelius III, and Courtanay; his *Great-Grandchildren*: Legend, Aziah, and Ashanti and his *Siblings*: Annie, Maggie, Paulette, Patrice, Paul, Keyonna, and Christian. He is further remembered by a host of Nieces, Nephews, extended family and a loving community of friends.

Order of Worship

Donna Newell
Mistress of Ceremony

- Organ Prelude.....J R Edwards
- Parting View.....Family
- Scripture Reading
 - Old Testament:.....Mickia Barksdale
 - New Testament.....Ashley Tucker
- Prayer.....Pastor Sharon Stewart Alexander
- Tribute.....Pastor Anthony Wallace
- Selection.....Min Teresca Showell
- Acknowledgements/Condolences.....Sheila Perry
- Remarks.....Two Minutes Please.....Friends and Family
- Reading of ObituaryRead Silently
- Selection.....Min Teresca Showell

The Eulogy

Rev. Landon Adams
New Salem Baptist Church
under the leadership of
Pastor Dr. Keith A. Troy

- Benediction.....Pastor Anthony Wallace
- Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

