

*In Loving Memory*

A portrait of Lamont R. Perry, a middle-aged Black man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark and textured.

LAMONT R. PERRY

MAR 15, 1948 - FEB 28, 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 07, 2026

WAKE: 10:30 AM - FUNERAL: 11:00 AM

BRIGHT STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
13028 SHAW AVE. - CLEVELAND, OH 44108

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude .....

Processional..... The Family

Family Visitation..... 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Scriptures .....

OLD & NEW TESTAMENT

Prayer.....

Selection.....

Remarks.....

PLEASE LIMIT TO 2 MINUTES

Obituary ..... Please Read Silently

Eulogy..... Pastor R. A. Stephens, III

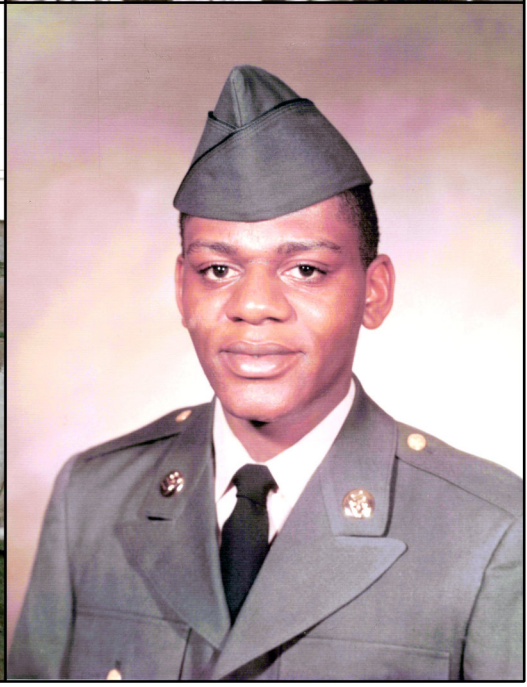
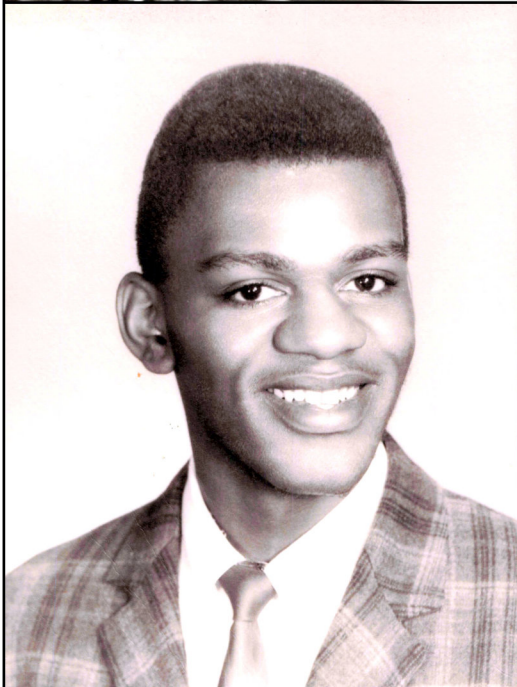
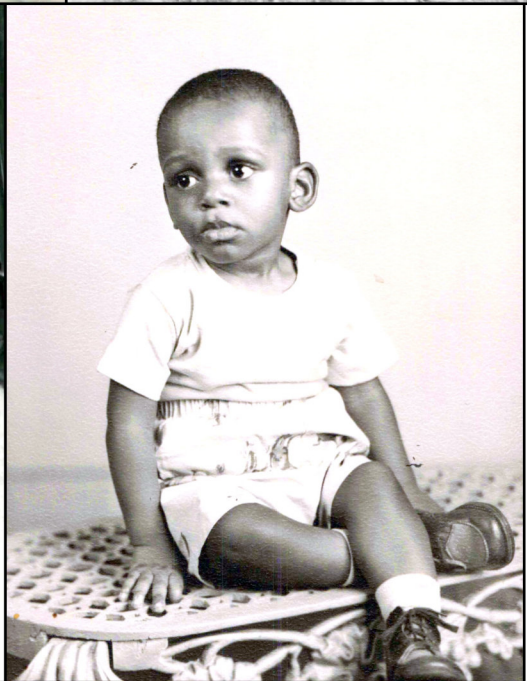
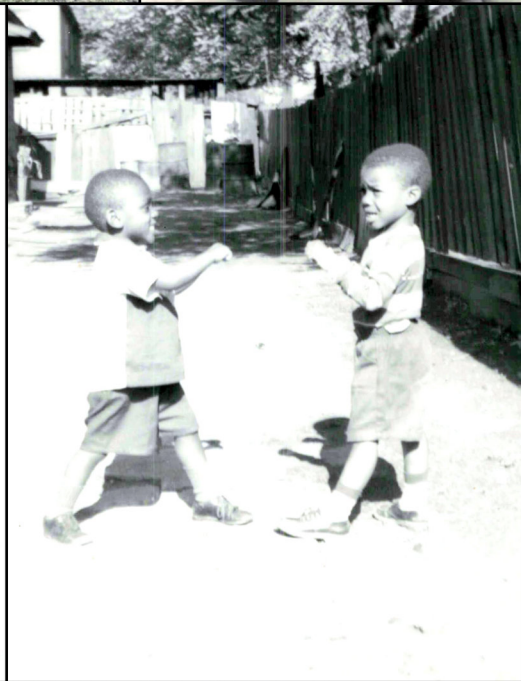
Recessional..... Family & Friends

## INTERMENT

LAKE VIEW CEMETERY  
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## PALLBEARERS

FAMILY & FRIENDS



# *Obituary*

Lamont Reginald Perry entered this world on March 15, 1948 the second child of the late Ernestine and Daniel Perry. He was the only boy of the six siblings. Rosalind, Lamont and Deborah became a trio and formed a special bond which was referred by the family as the older three. Rosalind and Deborah spoiled Lamont and became very protective. They were willing to defend their brother without hesitating; his partner was Deborah leading him into many mischievous activities. At the birth of his three younger siblings Deirdre, Joy and Vivian, Lamont became big brother. He was known to have a good sense humor, enjoyed a captivating story, and willingly engaged in playful pranks on others.

Lamont was baptized by Reverend Henry J. Payton at Greater Abyssinia Baptist Church(GABC) where he became active in the Boy Scout. He would later join the Word Church and remained an active member until his illness in 2021.

Lamont attended the Cleveland Public Schools graduating from Collinwood High School. Lamont was a very talented artist. He won several art competitions for still life painting and comic book illustrations. Lamont's working career started at the early age of ten using his wagon to deliver groceries at Dave's grocery store. He subsequently secured a position packing grocery. During his time in High School, he was employed at the Sheraton Hotel. It was at the Sheraton that Lamont developed an interest in cooking, which ultimately led him to enroll in Culinary Arts College after graduation – he became a master baker. He was employed for Phil-Mar Lamp Company until being drafted into United States Army 1969.

Upon returning from military service, Lamont acquired a moving truck franchise, North American Van, where he and his staff traveled throughout the United States. After becoming a father to Antonio (Viola) Lewis Perry, Lamont sold the business. Mr. Stewart Lamont's previous Boy Scout Leader employed him as a bus driver for the Cleveland Transit System (CTS). He transitioned from operating a bus to driving the rapid transit.

*Lamont met Leslie McFarland and married in 1983. To this union Kelli Anzell Perry was born. He became the step-father to Johnnie and Mark. The couple loved cooking and entertaining family with some of the best soul food meals.*

*Lamont continued his employment at Regional Transit System (RTA) retiring in 2003. After retiring from RTA, Lamont pursued his first love enrolling and graduating from Ohio Technical College receiving Associate Degree. He used artistic abilities and specialize in car restoration designing custom vehicle paint artists and fabrication. He was awarded first place by General Motors in the classic car restoration competition. He simultaneously owned and operated several commercial garages located at East 123th - St. Clair. Lamont showed compassion for the neighborhood. Lamont was known for cooking free meals, lending money and housing the homeless. A customer was able to have their car repaired and have a good bowl pinto beans and cornbread.*

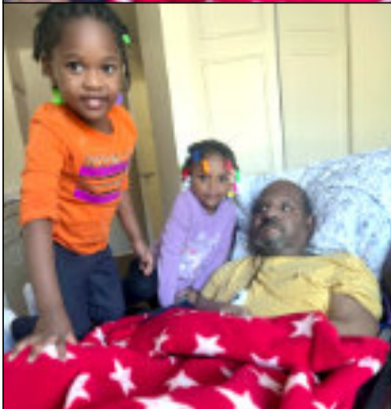
*Lamont's hobbies were collecting and restoring vintage cars 1956 -1974; he owned over 10 cars, being most proud of his collection of Cadillacs. He also enjoyed fishing and spending hours on the lake which lead to fish fry for the community.*

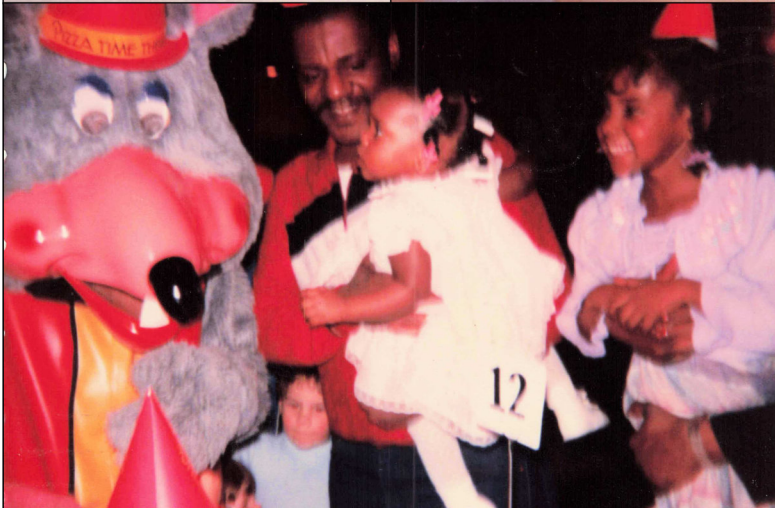
*In June 2021, Lamont became ill and fought a vigorous battle until he was granted his heavenly reward on February 28, 2026. During his illness he found comfort in listening and talking to other residents at the Middleburg Heights Assisted Living and eating the soul food at Fairfax Garden.*

*He was preceded in death by his mother, Ernestine Perry, and his sister, Deborah Perry Nixon. He is survived by his son, Antonio Lewis Perry (mother: Viola Lewis), his daughter, Kelli Anzel Perry (mother: Leslie Hardening), stepsons Johnnie and Mark, sisters Rosalind Perry, Deirdre Perry, Joy Perry, and Vivian (Gary) Williams, as well as five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his dear friend, Robert Russell Jr., along with a multitude of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.*

*The family of Lamont Perry wishes to extend their sincere appreciation for the outpouring of sympathy, love and kindness; the family is deeply appreciative to the staff at Middleburg Heights Assisting Living and the staff at Fairfax Gardens. A special thank you to Lamont's live long friend Robert Russell Jr.*

*Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family*





# *God's Garden*

God looked around His garden, And found an empty space.  
He then looked down upon the Earth, And saw your precious face.

He put His arms around you, And lifted you to rest;  
God's Garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain;  
He knew you would never Get well on Earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough And the hills were hard to climb  
So, He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you, But you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you The day God called you home.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Family sincerely appreciates all acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. We thank you for your prayers, comforting words, personal visits and calls. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

May God Bless and forever comfort you.

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