

A CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE
OF

INTERMENT

Friday, October 31, 2025
Greenlawn Memory Gardens
1793 W McPherson Hwy, Clyde, OH 43410

PALLBEARERS

COLUMBUS

David Burel ~ Anthony Burel
Bryan Burel ~ Josiah Lee ~ Alex Gebremicheal ~ Elder Orvell Johns

FREMONT

David Burel ~ Anthony Burel ~ Bryan Burel ~ Justin Burel
Evan Conley ~ Johnny Aldridge

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Ronald Burel ~ C.J. Burel ~ Gene Simmons ~ Chris Simmons
Jonathan Hall ~ Joseph Conley

A WORD OF THANKS

The family of Elder Robert Anthony Burel would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, calls, visits, and words of comfort extended to us during this time of loss. Your love and support have been a true reflection of God's grace. We are especially grateful to our church family, friends, and all who have stood by us with compassion and faith. Although our hearts are heavy, we find comfort in knowing that Robert's life touched so many, and his spirit continues to inspire us to live with faith, love, and service to others. May God bless and keep each of you in His perfect peace.

— The Family of Elder Robert Anthony Burel



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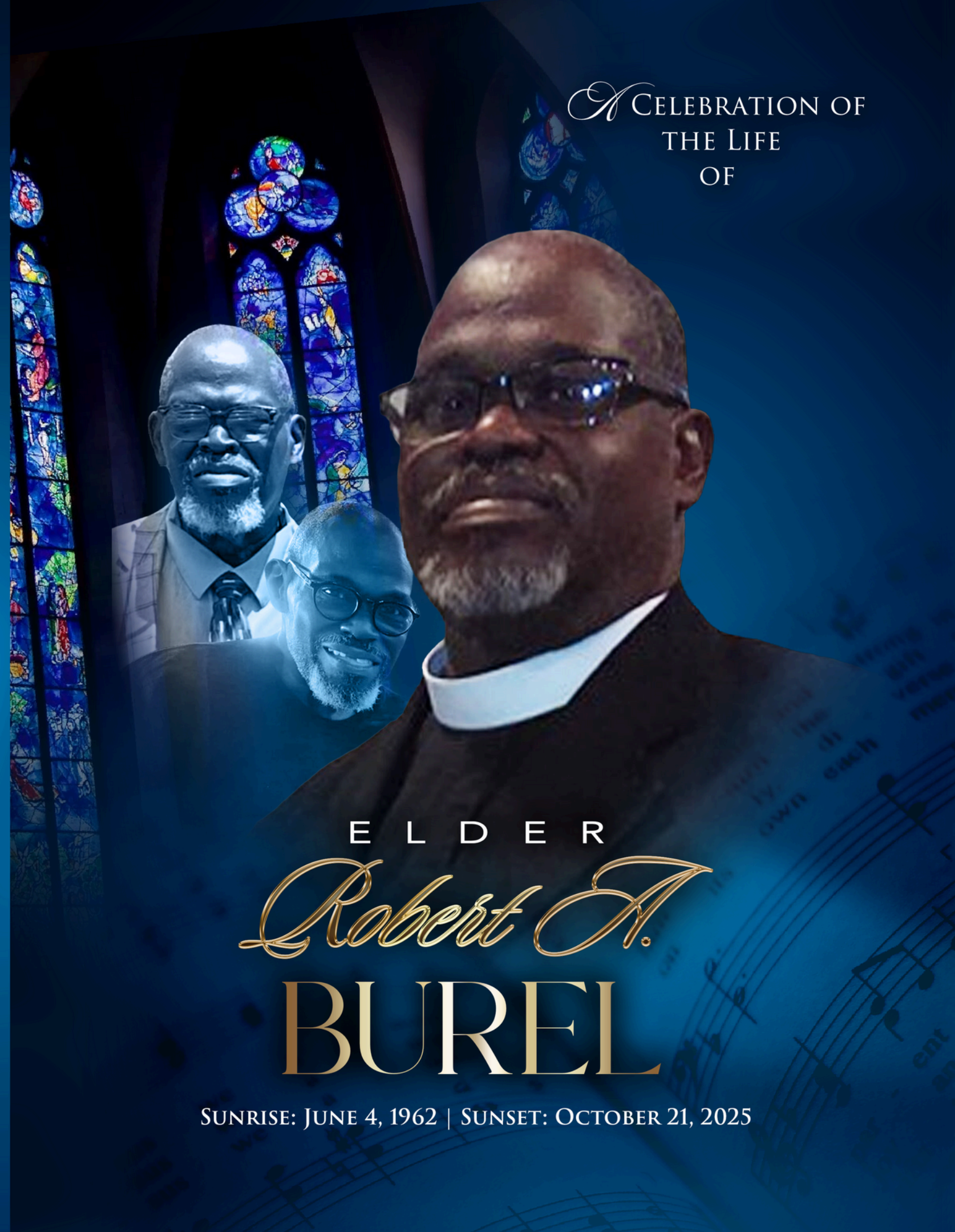
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ELDER
Robert A.
BUREL

SUNRISE: JUNE 4, 1962 | SUNSET: OCTOBER 21, 2025

OBITUARY

Robert Anthony Burel, affectionately known as “Tony,” age 63, of Canal Winchester, OH, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday afternoon, October 21, 2025, at OhioHealth Pickerington Methodist Hospital.

He was born on June 4, 1962, in Fremont, Ohio, to the late Robert E. Burel and Emma Jean (Lomax) Burel.

A 1980 graduate of Fremont Ross High School. He married Frankee Lee on August 24, 1996, in Fremont, OH.

Tony worked for Whirlpool for 15 years and Walmart for six years. A true entrepreneur and visionary, he was the proud owner of Mr. Anthony’s Beauty Supply, founder of the semi-pro football team The Stallions in Fremont, Ohio, and founder of Abundant Life COGIC in Piqua, Ohio.

Tony’s passion for youth and community was evident in his years of coaching football, baseball, and wrestling in the Fremont community. He also coached football for Margaretta High School in Castalia, Ohio, and Trotwood-Madison High School in Trotwood, Ohio. A diehard Michigan Wolverines fan, he could always be heard cheering, “Go Blue!”

He was an active and faithful member of Unity Temple COGIC, where he served as an elder, a member of the security team, and a volunteer for the food pantry. One of his favorite pastimes was working at the OSU football games—running concessions, chatting with fans, and doing what he loved most: connecting with people. Tony never met a stranger, and his warm personality left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered.

Tony’s legacy of love, service, and faith will continue to live on through his family and all those blessed to have known him.

Tony is survived by his wife of 29 years, Frankee Burel of Canal Winchester, OH; his daughter, Nicole Burel, and granddaughter, Amirah Burel, both of Piqua, Ohio. Additional survivors include three sisters: Cyndi Conley, Constance Burel, and Sharon (Glenn) Aaron, all of Westerville, Ohio; two brothers: Ronald Burel of Atlanta, Georgia, and C.J. (Delores) Burel of Fremont, Ohio; his sister-in-law, Katherine Michael of Piqua, Ohio; nieces: Saundra(Ronnie)Smith, Daria Williams, Jordyn Burel, Ponce Conley, Elizabeth Conley, Yolanda Kerr, Khaylae Michael, and Maryanne(Brandon) Jones; nephews: David(Danielle) Burel, Anthony Burel, Justin (Bridget)Burel, Bryan Burel, Eric Conley, Evan Conley; Great-nieces: Brooklyn Kerr, Chyna Williams, Aliya Flowers, Ariell Richardson Amelia Jones, Madeline Jones; Great-nephews: Davionta Williams, Darion Williams, Javion Burel, Zacarius Burel, Braylon Burel, Dailyn Burel, Dior Burel, Josiah Lee, Joseph Conley, Jeremiah Norris and Brandon Jones Jr.

Tony was preceded in death by his first wife, Denise R. Martin; sister-in laws, Marilyn Burel and Vivian Lee, brother-in laws; Dr. Bishop Mark Conley and Rick Lee Jr.; beloved goddaughter, Candace Liggins; and his Best friends, Brian “The Candy Man” Whatley, Charles “Chuck” Dagg, and Lamar Lee

LOVING TRIBUTE

Tony, oh Tony,

There are so many things I could say, but I’m going to keep this short and sweet. I’m definitely going to miss those Monday conversations about how the Sunday football games went. I’ll miss those morning calls when I’d say, “Dad, my washer’s making a funny sound!”—and your answer to everything was always, “Duct tape, Nikki, duct tape!”

I’ll miss those “scenic rides” you called shortcuts—that we both knew were extra long. You were the only person I know who could ride in a car listening to sports on the radio. I’d ask if you were lost, and you’d say no—but deep down, I knew we were. Somehow, though, you always managed to get us back to where we needed to be.

It’s crazy to think that almost two years ago to the day, I almost died. I thought I was losing my mind. Some of the things I went through and saw, I didn’t quite understand at the time. But on October 21, 2025, it all started to make sense. God was preparing me for this day—though I still wasn’t ready. I know you were tired, and because of that, I have some peace. I have to admit—I’m kind of jealous. I know you’re up there with some of my favorite people, and yours as well. I can just picture Mom getting after you first and foremost. I can see Gran telling you what to do (as she always did), you and Pater chilling, watching In the Heat of the Night and those black-and-white cowboy and Indian movies.

I see you and Chuck Dagg talking about race cars. You, “The Candyman” (Brian Whatley), and Lamar Lee cutting up and doing who knows what. Eating fried pork chops straight out of the grease made by Chubby herself (iykyk). Saturday must have been the first time you got to watch the Michigan game up close and personal with O. Duane Simmons. (Go Blue!) You didn’t always have a lot to give, but you always gave your advice—whether I wanted it or not. And even though I never told you, I secretly looked up to you. I knew you were a good man. Could never say it out loud though... we all know how that Lomax blood is.

A lot of things you told me turned out to be true. But there’s one thing you were wrong about—the duct tape. It fixes a lot of things, but it can’t fix my broken heart or the loneliness I feel. You were all I had left, and I still needed you.

You once told me you loved me, but that Amirah was your heart. So now I know I have a piece of you, and though it will be the hardest thing I’ve ever done, I will push forward.

I always knew this day would come, but it came way too soon. I wondered how I’d act when it did—would I cry? Would I even make it through? Maybe I’d sing my “Diddy” a song? You always told me I sounded like Mom—and made sure I knew that wasn’t a good thing!

But what I will do, Dad, is say this is not goodbye—it’s see you later.

Till we meet again, may He give me strength to endure.

Till we reach that distant shore and shed a tear no more,

May He give me strength to endure—until we meet again.

I’d also like to take this time to thank a few people.

First, thank you to my “step-monster.” For 29 years, you dealt with Tony—I know it wasn’t easy; he was a handful!

I’d also like to thank the Dunnings, because whether you know it or not, my dad adored you and your whole family. I appreciate everything you did for him; he was truly grateful for it all.

Thank you to Lori Price (who calls Tony “Grandson”). It always made his day to hear from you, and he knew you genuinely cared for him.

To my dad’s “bro-mance,” Jonathan Hall—thank you for always being there to listen and to tell him when he was right or wrong.

Thank you, Uncle Temp. My dad cherished your friendship; you and your family meant the world to him.

Lastly, I want to thank Madison Revish. I don’t know if you realize how much my dad appreciated and looked forward to that simple orange every Sunday morning. You’d have thought it was Christmas every week! The thought that someone cared that much about him made his heart smile. He would call me after church just to say, “Nikki, she brought me my orange!”

Thank you to everyone for all the love and support. I’m sorry if I didn’t mention you by name, but everyone knew their place in his heart. Tony loved a lot of people—he never met a stranger.

The outpouring of love, support, and comforting words I’ve received let me know that people loved Tony too.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Thursday, October 30, 2025
Viewing: 10 A.M. Services 11 A.M.
UNITY TEMPLE MINISTRIES
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
161 N. Hamilton Road, Whitehall, Ohio 43213

Friday, October 31, 2025
Viewing: 11 A.M. Services 12 P.M.
THE CHURCH ON 53
1105 County Road 41, Fremont, OH 43420

The Broken Chain

*We little knew the day that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you
You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again.*

MASTER OF CEREMONY
Elder Jay Revish

INVOCATION
Elder Anthony Shackelford

SCRIPTURE
Old Testament: Sister Linda Kinney
New Testament: Elder Orvell Johns

MUSICAL SELECTION
Unity Praise

RESOLUTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENT
CONDOLENCES
Co-Pastor Danielle Revish

MUSICAL SELECTION
Unity Praise

REMARKS
Clery/Family and Friends (2 minutes)

OBITUARY
Read Silently

MUSICAL SELECTION
Bishop Rickey Baker

EULOGY
Pastor Jerry Revish

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

MASTER OF CEREMONY
Pastor Lawrence Rhea

PRELUDE

INVOCATION
Pastor Brenda Moore

SCRIPTURE
Old Testament: Elder Glenn Aaron
New Testament: Elder Marlisa Young

MUSICAL SELECTION

RESOLUTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OBITUARY
Elder Cyndi Johnson

MUSICAL SELECTION
Evangelist Constance Burel

REMARKS
Clergy/Family and Friends
(2 minutes)

MUSICAL SELECTION
Elder Lorna McKinstry

EULOGY
Elder Willie Templeton Jr.

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

