

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall

follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD forever.

Pallbearers

Eric Philpot
Anthony Brown
Robbie Burns

Ryland Reed
Brandon Burton
Ryan Reed

LeRoy Burton

Honorary Pallbearers

The Cincinnati Fire Department

Flower Bearers

Dominique Hayes
Barbara Clay
Cynthia Ingram

Kimberly Blair
Carolyn White
Darlene Pate

Lilly Pate

Acknowledgments

In this time of bereavement, we know that God's Divine love is in control and that he will get the glory from our lives. The family would like to acknowledge, with deep gratitude and appreciation, your expressions of loving support, concern, prayers, contributions, and cards during this time—a special thank you to Eric Philpot and Anthony Johnson for tending to Jerry until the very end. We love and appreciate you all.

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In Loving *Memory* of



Jerry Jerome
THOMPSON

July 10, 1951 - July 3, 2026

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 am | Funeral: 11:00 am

Walker Funeral Home - Walnut Hills

2625 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Pastor Mark A. Toney, Officiating

Obituary

Jerry Jerome Thompson, affectionately known as “JT”, beloved husband, father, grandfather, faithful servant of God, and dedicated retired Cincinnati firefighter, peacefully answered his final alarm on Friday, July 3rd, 2026, at the age of 74. Born to the late Willie Mae and Nathan Thompson on July 10th, 1951, in Montgomery, Alabama. As the youngest of three children, he was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, where his infectious smile and unmistakable sense of humor made a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Jerry's life was defined by service. After graduating from Hughes High School in 1969, he answered the call to public service by joining the Cincinnati Fire Department on April 1, 1975. For more than thirty-three years, he courageously served the citizens of Cincinnati with honor, professionalism, and unwavering dedication before retiring on March 8, 2008. His career was marked by selfless service, strong leadership, and an unbreakable commitment to his fellow firefighters.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Beverly Galloway Thompson; his three children, Anthony (Christian) Brown, Robin (Ryan) Davis, and Lamar (Velvet) Thompson; sister, Helen Bullock; six stepchildren, Edward Thompson, Brittany Thompson, Robbie Burns, Kimberley (LeRoy) Burton, Ashley (Ryland) Reed, and Amber Fields. Jerry was also blessed to have a host of grandchildren, Chardae and Tonie Brown, Tori Brown-Cummins, Dominique and Ryan (Jr.) Davis, Jelani, Jurnee, Nathan, Zayna, Zionn, Nakira, Mischa, Marlyn, Milohe, Julian, and Zaydn Thompson, and was the bonus grandparent and great-grandparent to many more.

Jerry had a deep passion for sports. On any given day, especially Sunday afternoons, you could find him on the couch watching a baseball, basketball, or football game. He found great joy in cheering for the Cincinnati Reds, New York Yankees, Cincinnati Bengals, and Dallas Cowboys. In addition to his competitive, playful nature, Jerry also had a soft spot for charities. His generous spirit was reflected in his unwavering support for charities such as the ASPCA, St. Jude's, Freestore Foodbank, Shriners, and the Cincinnati Gospel Mission.

Jerry's greatest source of strength was his unwavering faith in Jesus Christ. He was a faithful member of New Unity Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Mark A. Toney, where he served as President of the Usher Board and as a dedicated Trustee. His favorite scripture, John 14:1-4 (KJV), brought him comfort throughout his life:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." – John 14:1

Although his earthly journey has ended, his legacy of faith, love, service, and sacrifice will continue to inspire generations. He will be deeply missed by all who have had the pleasure of knowing him.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Mae and Nathan Thompson Jr.; son, Brian Hare; sister, Minnie and her husband, David Ingram; brother-in-law, Robert Bullock; and nephews, Blaine Philpot, Robert (Jr.) and Kevin Bullock.

A Legacy of Service

Cincinnati Fire Department

Jerry "JT" Thompson dedicated more than three decades to protecting the citizens of Cincinnati. Throughout his distinguished career, he proudly served in several of the city's busiest and most respected firehouses, earning the admiration and respect of countless firefighters.

His assignments included:

- April 1, 1975 – Appointed to the Cincinnati Fire Department
- February 26, 1978 – Engine 5
- January 17, 1982 – Engine 9
- December 19, 1993 – Truck 29
- March 8, 2006 – Truck 2
- September 24, 2006 – Truck 18
- July 8, 2007 – Truck 31
- March 8, 2008 – Honorably retired after more than 33 years of distinguished service

Whether stretching a handline from an engine company or performing the demanding work of a ladder company, JT embodied everything it meant to be a firefighter. He led by example, mentored younger firefighters, and earned the respect of everyone privileged to serve beside him.

His dedication to duty, courage under pressure, and commitment to protecting others defined a remarkable career. His final alarm may have sounded, but his legacy will forever live on in the hearts of his family, his brothers and sisters of the Cincinnati Fire Department, and the countless lives he touched.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Michael Thomas

Parting View Family

Prayer Pastor Mark A. Toney

Scripture Deacon Will Sorrell

Selection New Unity Baptist Church Choir

Acknowledgements Brenda Webster

Remarks Family & Friends
(Please limit remarks to two minutes max.)

Obituary Read Silently

Selection New Unity Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy Pastor Mark A. Toney

Benediction Pastor Mark A. Toney

Recessional Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family

Final Resting Place

Vine Street Hill Cemetery
3701 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

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Following the Interment
Walker Funeral Home - Walnut Hills
Reception Hall
2625 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206