

To My Wife

In 2007, we met and became friends, you gave me a lot of advice, but the one that stuck with me the most was "Reggie have your best interest at heart". No other woman of interest had ever said those words to me; I believed every word you said. In July of 2008, I asked you for a date, because I thought I finally found the woman who was right for me, you accepted. For almost 18 years you have been by my side, I loved you so much and you should know because after all this time, I still called you all day, every day like we first met just to hear your voice, even if it was to say "Babe, I love you". During my illness, you never left my side, and I left here still knowing I made the right choice in marrying you, you were my confidant, and I was honored to be your husband, and we had our own one-of-a-kind love, and everyone knew who Reggie's wife was.

To My Husband

In April of 2007, before I met you, I got on my knees and prayed to God for many things. One of those things was to send me someone who would love me unconditionally, but with specifics. In July of 2007, we met and became friends. In June of 2008, you asked me if you could bring your mother to see me, I said yes, but was puzzled as to why you did not take me to your mother's house and your answer to that was, because you are special and my answer was "yeah right". Shortly after meeting your mom, you asked me for a date and since our first date July of 2008 we have been inseparable. I asked God what this was, he answered after my many attempts to get an answer "you have your one". In 2010, we married, and you have shown me greatness, compassion and love. You have been so caring and attentive, and I am so honored God heard his daughter in sending his son to me, who was my angel. Thank you, husband, for showing me how a wife should feel loved and my love for you is forever more.

To My Children, Grandchildren and Greats

Each of you held that special bond that could not be broken. I want you to remember all the times we shared, continue to hear my voice every day. Each of you knew that you could talk to me about anything and I would be a listening ear. Although I am not here in the flesh, let me be your guiding light in difficult or trying times. Thank you for being my teacher, I have learned so much from each of you. When you get down, just remember my silliness and as you watch the Bengals games when they miss a pass or touchdown, hear my words, "Where's my phone, I have to get Marvin on the phone". I know this is hard, but understand what I told you every day, "God does not make any mistakes," and it was my time to go, because we all have a time...I love you!

To My Parents

Mom/Dad, I am so thankful God granted me to be your son. For every sacrifice, every lesson, and every act of unconditional love, I am so grateful. The inspiration and wisdom you showed me, made me the man I became, a man who loved the Lord and his family. Thank you for instilling and always encouraging me to pursue whatever I wanted in life, these things come from unwavering acts of who you are as Gods children that reflected on me, and I love you for it.

Momma Emma, thank you for sharing your life with me. You have always shown me that motherly love and I am so ever grateful to have had you in my life.

Siblings

You know I don't have enough room for all I want to say, but I will start off saying that as siblings we were meant to be best friends. Best friends are to be forever. As siblings we never grew apart. We had distance because some of us were out of state, but whether the distance we made it back to each other. God knew what family to put me with and as you remember me, continue to say, "Reggie was something else", because I was. I love every one of you and continue to be a blessing to one another and remember my departure was on time (smile).

Acknowledgments

My family and I wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, cards, concern, and kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep you..... Reggie and Family



Pallbearers

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| Antwon Fairbanks, Sr. | Reginald Phoenix, Jr. |
| Terrell Phoenix, Sr. | Raymond Phoenix, Jr. |
| Clarence Phoenix, Sr. | Raymond Phoenix, III |

Flower Bearers

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| Diana Frazier | Evan Phoenix |
| Akia Rivers | Chrisheena Phoenix |
| Sharisha Phoenix | Lakeisha Phoenix |

Honorary Pallbearers

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| Marcus Phoenix | Myrick Barber |
| Austin Perryman, Sr. | |

Obituary Written by My Wife:
Marquitta A. Phoenix



Known for Excellence. Trusted for Value.

Celebrating the Life of

Reginald Dwayne Phoenix, Sr.
"Reggie"

Sunrise: September 8, 1956



Sunset: May 30, 2025

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Visitation: 9:30 am | Funeral Service: 11:00 am

Inspirational Bible Church

1116 Lincoln Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Bishop Victor S. Couzens, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

I was born to the union of Raymond, Sr. and Evelyn (nee' Thomas) Phoenix, September 8, 1956, in Cincinnati, Ohio. I was the third eldest of ten children. I was also blessed to have the honor of Don Williams as my father and Emma Phoenix as my mother.

My elementary education was received in the Cincinnati Public School System. I attended and graduated from Aiken High School in 1975. While at Aiken, I majored in Dry Cleaning.

After High School, I served my country by joining the military branch of the Army and received an honorable discharge.

I had many passions, first and foremost, serving my God. I accepted the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was baptized. I joined the Inspirational Bible Church (formerly Inspirational Baptist Church) under the leadership of Bishop Victor S. Couzens, Sr., and while at Inspirational, I served on the Usher, Men's and Missionary Ministries, and was the Usher Ministry President.

After the military, I held several jobs. My biggest accomplishment was working for Rosemont Industries for fifteen years as a manager until the company disbanded. I was later employed by Queen City Barrel, Value City, and several Nursing Home establishments. And moving forward, I was employed for three years with Safeguard Security as a Security Guard stationed at City Hall for the City of Cincinnati for three years. After my contract ended, I was hired by the City of Cincinnati, Department of Public Services as a Municipal Worker for a short period, working on permanency until my employment ended due to injury.

I was known for dressing up in my best. I had to be sharp with my hats, shoes, suits, and my Bengals gear. And all who knew me, knew how Reggie Phoenix was coming, and y'all sitting here now saying, he casket sharp! I also loved dancing, playing cards, watching westerns, and just enjoying family, friends, and anyone I greeted.

After a lengthy illness, God said son, it's time to begin your new journey and on May 30, 2025, my journey began, leaving my loving and devoted wife of 18 years Marquitta, my beautiful daughters, Chakita Furr, Tawana Rozier, Maria Moore, Amber Huntley (Jon), Raylynn Phoenix, and Saryah Mack. My handsome sons: Antwan Fairbanks, Sr., Reginald Phoenix, Jr., Terrell Phoenix, Sr., 9 granddaughters: Dre'Yana, Teraja, Zoriah, Maraysha, Myasia, Mariah, Mariahna, Janiah, and Kameron. 14 grandsons: Maliek, Josiah, Eddie, Myrick, Maurion, Adonijah, Messiah, Mylen, Antwon, Jr., Anteus, Andrell, Mohamed, Terrell, Jr., and Tevon, in addition to 10 great-grandchildren.

The first woman who loved me, my mother Evelyn Phoenix, my praying father Raymond, Sr. (Emma), my sisters Beverly Fowler, Melinda Scott, Karen Kindell, Cynthia Rivers, Blanche Thompson, Edie Anderson, Michelle and Angela Turner, Mara Williams, Marlinda Walker, Marsha Huntley, Patricia Alston and Deliah Vaughn. My brothers: Raymond, Jr., James Phoenix, Clarence Phoenix, Sr., Artakia Rivers Sr., Antonio Scott, Darion Fowler, Anthony Turner, and Ricky Mayfield. two aunts, Katherine Hill and Florenza Smith, and one uncle, Vernon Thomas (Billie Jean). My nieces, nephews, and cousins. Best Friends: Anthony Long, Anthony Washington, Jesse Smith, Kevin Shepard, William Humphrey, Terry Rogers, Patrick Terry, and Willie Griffin. My extended family, the Clays, Middlebrooks, Solomons, Huntleys, Whites, and the IBC Family, in addition to other friends and acquaintances.

This journey has me joining my sisters, Crystal and Regina Phoenix, Father Don Williams, brother David Kindell, great-niece, Sha'Liya Phoenix, and great-nephew, Jy'aire Roland, my grandparents, aunts, uncles, other family, and friends.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude Soft Music

Parting View Family

Prayer & Scripture Minister Rontonio Brown

Selection

Acknowledgments Diana Frazier

Remarks Two Minutes, Please

Obituary Read Silently

Selection

Eulogy Bishop Victor S. Couzens, Sr.

Benediction Bishop Victor S. Couzens, Sr.

Recessional

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.



Repast

Following the Service
 Gray Road Church of Christ
 4826 Gray Road, Cincinnati, OH 45232