

THE DAY *God* TOOK
YOU HOME

You never said I'm leaving.
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.

A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried.
If Love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In Life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.

*A Word
Of Thanks*

The family of Robert Brian Gerton wishes to express
our heartfelt appreciation for all acts of kindness
extended to us during our time of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you all.



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IN LOVING MEMORY
OF



Robert B.
GERTON

May 13, 1955 — November 17, 2025

Obituary

Saturday, December 6, 2025 ~ 11:00 am
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WEST COLLEGE HILL
6210 Betts Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45224



Robert Brian Gerton was born on May 13, 1955, in Cincinnati, Ohio. “Bobby,” as we called him, joined the United States Air Force. His enlistment was an experience that shaped his strength, discipline, and calm spirit—qualities that guided him throughout his life.

Bobby was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. He was dependable, easygoing, and always willing to lend a hand. He loved traveling, camping, fishing, golfing, listening to music, and living peacefully. Known for saying “It’ll be alright,” he carried a reassuring presence that brought comfort to everyone around him.

His love was generous and unwavering. His smile, positivity, and steady spirit uplifted many, and everything he did was for the betterment of his family.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Vernon Gerton and Pauline Gerton, and his sister, Lottie Allen.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Portia Ryan-Gerton; his siblings Paula (Lonnie) Blackley and Tony (Lisa) Gerton (Lisa); his children Robert Brian (Ivory) Gerton Jr. and Dustin (Venus) Gerton; his stepchildren, Michelle (Rashad) Reynolds, Lanré Ojemuyiwa, Mayowa Ojemuyiwa, and Alex Ojemuyiwa.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, De’Jia, April, Catherine, Dustin, Tyla, Bryana, Dunyla, Fiyori, Ethan, Soleil, and Rain; his great-grandchildren, Amarise, Amara, Amris, Quhaila, Quhalani, Dahlia, Dahmir, and Dream. He will also be dearly missed by a host of extended family and friends.

Bobby, we will forever cherish your memory. We love you, we miss you, and with each passing day, you will live on in our hearts.

Order Of Service

Musical Prelude

Prayer

Scripture

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements

Video Tribute

Reading of the Obituary

(A time to silently read the obituary of Robert Brian Gerton and to reflect on the many blessings he gave to all of us)

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Terry M. Clark

Honor Guard presentation

Benediction

