

## *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.



## *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!  
- The family of Rufus Thomas Duhart

## *Pallbearers*

St. Johns Lodge No. 3

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Garner H. Marshall | Rufus T. Oldham   |
| Bryan C. Duhart    | Donnell E. Crews  |
| George S.          | DuShawn T. Duhart |
| Jason Mabley       | Jeffrey Freeman   |
| Thomas J. Oldham   | Emmett Clarkson   |

## *Flower Bearers*

St. Johns Chapter No. 25



*Known for Excellence. Trusted for Value.*

## *Celebrating the Life and In Loving Memory of*



## *Rufus Thomas Duhart*

Sunrise - January 18, 1941  
Sunset - June 10, 2026



*Saturday, June 20, 2026*

Visitation: 9:00 am - Masonic Rites: 10:00 am -  
Funeral Service: 11:00 am

*Walker - Walnut Hills*

2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Rev. Wilton E. Blake I, Officiating

## Obituary

Rufus T. Duhart was born in Pineview, GA on January 18, 1941, the oldest of nine children born to the late J.D. Duhart (a member of Non-Prince Hall Lodge) and Pearlie M. (nee Dykes) Duhart (a member of St. Johns' Chapter No. 25 O.E.S.). Rufus was married to the late Minda H. Duhart (nee Marsh).

Rufus was educated in the Cincinnati Public Schools and graduated from Robert A. Taft Senior High School in June 1959. Upon graduation he attended Central Machine Technology Institute and later he worked for Ford Motor Company as a Lathe Operator and a Committee Man for Local Union (UAW) No. 863 and earned a BA Degree in Business from Xavier University. Later he was employed by The Baker Local Union 213 becoming its first African American to be elected its Secretary/Treasurer over part of the State of Ohio and Kentucky. He graduated from The B C & T International Union Officer's Training Academy.

Community and Civic Involvement: A member of Metropolitan C. M. E. Church where he served on its Usher Board, Trustee and Soup Kitchen Ministry Worker, a member of the NAACP and the Mt. Auburn Community Council.

Masonic Affiliation: Past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 3, Past High Priest of Prince White Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, Past Thrice Ill. Master John P. Stein Council No. 12, Royal and Select Masters, Past Eminent Commander of Simon Commandery No. 1, Past Most Worthy Joshua of Prince White Court No. 1, Heroines of Jericho, Past Royal Advisor Cyrene Guild No. 1, Heroines of Templars Crusades, Past Patron St. Johns Chapter No. 25, Order of the Eastern Star, Past Commander in Chief King Solomon Consistory No. 20, Past Right Excellent Deputy Grand Lecturer, Royal Arch Masons for First Capitular District, Charter Member Eyes of Wisdom Court No. 3, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, a member of Alpha Priory No. 1, Knights of York Cross of Honor, a member of Phylaxis Society, Elevated the 33rd and last Degree in Masonry.

Grand Offices: Grand Outside Sentinel for David V. Moore Grand Guild, Past Eminent Prior Alpha Priory No. 1, Knight of the York Cross of Honor, Past Most Worthy Grand Joshua of the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons for the State of Ohio and its Jurisdiction, Past Grand Thrice Illustrious Master of Royal Select Masters. Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar.

Rufus leaves to cherish his memory: five sons, Rufus T. Oldham (Noel), Tacoma, Washington, DuShan T. Duhart, Bryan C. Duhart, Cameron Danse and Emmett Clarkson (Bridgett), Norfolk, VA; two stepsons, Garner H. Marsh (Renee) and Anthony Marsh; five sisters, Betty J. Crews (Eugene), Rochester, New York, Ruth A. Beasley, Shirley A. Coaston (Donald), Barbara J. Duhart, and Yvonne Duhart; two brothers, Jake J. Duhart and Ben L. Duhart (Barnetta), The late Leon Duhart (a member of St. John's Chapter No. 25 and St. Johns Lodge No. 3. The late special companion Denise L. Freeman who answered the Heavenly Father's call, twelve grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a bonus daughter Jackie Bradley and friends.



I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave  
an afterglow of *smiles*  
when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright & sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
To dry before the sun  
Of *happy memories*  
that I leave behind  
When life is done.

## Order of Service

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Musical Prelude / Video                                             | .....                               |
| Parting View                                                        | ..... The Family                    |
| Prayer                                                              | ..... Clergy                        |
| Scripture                                                           | ..... Psalms 37:23-25-Old Testament |
| Selection                                                           | ..... Sis. Jeannie Elam             |
| "Order My Steps"                                                    |                                     |
| Acknowledgements                                                    | ..... Shyrle Johnson-Davis          |
| Resolutions                                                         |                                     |
| A Moment of Reflection                                              | ..... Read Silently                 |
| A Time to Reflect and Thank God for the Life of Rufus Thomas Duhart |                                     |
| Remarks                                                             | ..... 2 minutes please              |
| Selection                                                           | ..... Sis. Jeannie Elam             |
| "I Won't Complain"                                                  |                                     |
| Eulogy                                                              | ..... Rev. Wilton E. Blake I        |
| Benediction                                                         | .....                               |
| Recessional                                                         | ..... Clergy, Pallbearers & Family  |



### Final Resting Place

*Spring Grove Cemetery*

4521 Spring Grove Avenue - Cincinnati, Ohio 45232