

HONORING THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF

Arthur R.
DENNIS JR.

OUR GIFT: SEPTEMBER 26, 1952

HEAVEN'S GAIN: AUGUST 31, 2025

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 ~ 12:00pm

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
428 E. Main St., Columbus, OH 43215

Interment

Green Lawn Cemetery
1000 Greenlawn Ave, Columbus, OH 43223

Pallbearers

Michael Dennis ~ Donte' Brown ~ Arthur Dennis (Little Art)
Tyler Arrington ~ Fred Dennis ~ Aaron Ward
Keith Elliott ~ Kevin Elliott ~ David Dennis

Flower Bearers

Grandchildren, Nieces and Friends

A Note of Thanks

The Dennis family would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the many ways in which you demonstrated your love and concern. Each prayer, encouraging word, and kind deed has served as a blessing to us, and we are greatly appreciative. On your life journey, every soul that touches yours becomes part of your story. Our prayer is that you were blessed by something Art said or demonstrated. Blessings and love to all of you!

Special thanks are extended to Dr. Eugene Gibson and the Mt. Olivet church family, Dr. Roderick C. Pounds –Solomon and everyone who made Art's home going special. May God Bless and Keep you!

SPECIAL THANKS TO CLOSE FRIENDS

FCCS Unit 620
James Sanders
Wayne Dozier
Brenda Jarrett

Mt Carmel HHC-John, Anessa and Debbie
Earl and Vivian Hopkins
Earl Lee, Jr.
Walter Torrain



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1 FUNERAL HOME | 4 LOCATIONS

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Obituary

Life's Journey

Arthur Roy Dennis Jr., Age 72 was born September 26, 1952, to the parents of Arthur R. Dennis, Sr. and Valdiene A. Dennis, in Columbus, Ohio. Art went home to be with the Lord on August 31, 2025, at Mt Carmel East Hospital.

He graduated from East High School in Columbus, Ohio. He received his bachelor's degree in education from Central State University and became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. He also earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University.

Art accepted Christ and was baptized by Pastor R.F. Hairston, Sr. at the Refuge Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. He was a member of the youth choir and Sunday school. After moving to Akron, Ohio, he became a member of the United Baptist Church. He later joined the Mt Calvary Baptist Church, in Akron, Ohio under the leadership of Dr. Jeffrey Dennis, where he served as a deacon, and choir member before returning to Columbus, Ohio.

Art met his loving wife, Rita Brown, in high school and they were united in marriage on October 16, 1973. He was the father of Tina Hayes-Richardson, Arthur R. Dennis, III, and Sarita Dennis.

After returning to Columbus, his family united with the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Art was a member of the men's ministry. He worked for the Columbus City School Board, Comp Drug, Summit Co. Children's Services, and Franklin County Children's Services. He had a passion for helping others in his personal and professional life.

Art loved sports and was a lifelong Dallas Cowboy's fan regardless of their record. He was also an Ohio State Buckeye's fan and spent many hours with his children cheering on his favorite teams. Art's presence as a father, grandfather and partner helped shape those close to him and they are forever grateful for the love, fun, and laughter he brought into their lives. Art loved the Lord, and he loved good preaching. His children and grandchildren were his heart, and he loved them deeply.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Arthur R. Dennis, Sr. and Valdiene A. Dennis. Paternal grandparents, James and Deborah Dennis of Natalie, Virginia, Maternal grandparents, Sherman and Edith Browder of Bloomingburg, Ohio. Sisters: Constance Dennis and Janice (Oliver) Blackston, brother William Dennis and son, Arthur R Dennis III.

Art leaves to cherish his memory, wife of 51 years, Rita Dennis, daughters, Sarita Dennis and Tina Hayes-Richardson, two sisters, Dr. Deborah Dennis and Marcia Dennis, brother, Dr. Jeffery (Angela) Dennis, three grandchildren, Arthur, Haley and Zoe' Dennis. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, extended relatives, church family and lifelong friends. He will be missed by all who touched his life during his earthly journey.

Order Of Service

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE
Great is Thy Faithfulness - No. 154

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
Old Testament – Psalm 27:1 – 6
Rev. Timothy Byrd
Pastor of the Lord of Life Fellowship Church
New Testament – St John 14:1-7
Dr. Yvette S. Weaver
Second Baptist Church

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT
Dr. Charlene Watkins, First Church of God

WORDS OF COMFORT
Dr. Victor M. Davis, Pastor
Trinity Baptist Church, Columbus, OH
Dr. Jeffrey Dennis, Pastor
Mt Calvary Baptist Church, Akron, OH

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, RESOLUTIONS
AND CONDOLENCES
Anita Ward

THE SILENT READING OF OBITUARY

SOLO
"I Trust in God"
Stephen Ballard

THE EULOGY
Dr. Roderick C. Pounds-Solomon, Pastors
Second Baptist Church, Akron, OH

THE CLOSING PRAYER

THE SONG OF CELEBRATION
Let the Church Say Amen

THE RECESSIONAL

THE POSTLUDE