

## GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.



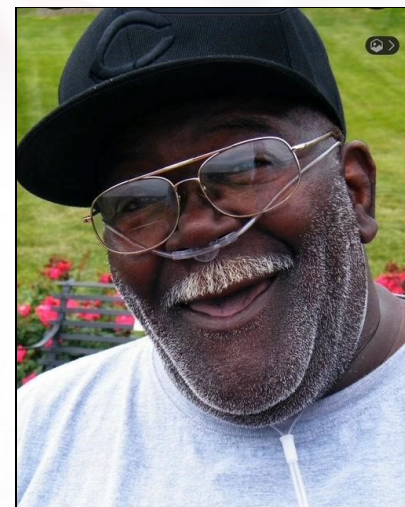
## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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



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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



**Herbert Smiley Jr.**

## SERVICE

Saturday, June 27, 2026  
Visitation 10:00 a.m./ Service 11:00 a.m.  
Walker Funeral Home  
532 South Second Street  
Hamilton, Ohio

October 29, 1947 – June 12, 2026

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Private Viewing

Prayer

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Acknowledgements,

Cards & Condolences

Obituary Reading

Selection

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

## INTERMENT

Greenwood Cemetery  
Hamilton, Ohio

## OBITUARY

Herbert Smiley, Jr, affectionately known as Herbert, Jr, was the first born of eight children born to the union of the late Herbert Smiley, Sr and the late Nellie Mae Smiley on October 29, 1947.

Herbert Jr. was born on Pike County (Troy), Alabama and moved to Hamilton, Ohio, with his parents and younger sister at the age of 6. Herbert Jr attended Hamilton City Schools up through the 11th grade and returned to Troy, Alabama for his senior year, graduating from Academy Street High School where he was an allstar basketball athlete. Herbert Jr graduated from Academy Street High School in 1965 and enlisted in the United States Air Force in June of 1966. Herbert Jr was honorably discharged from the Air Force in November 1967.

Herbert Jr will be greatly missed, and is survived by his siblings, Ann (Robert) Jordan, John Smiley, Herman Smiley, Sandra Smiley, Garrett (Lora) Smiley, Gerald Smiley, and Norman (Angela) Smiley.

Herbert Jr was married to the late Lana Sue Shazier and to that union was born the late Christopher (Tina) Smiley and Tracey Michelle Smiley aka Rasheeda Hassan. Herbert Jr fathered four additional children, Shawne (Jenea) Keith, Sonsiere Leigh Osaze, aka LeRae, Michael Ruffin, Marcus Ruffin, and Rosa Smiley, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Herbert Jr was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Smiley, and his parents, Herbert Smiley, Sr and Nellie Mae Smiley.

The family thanks everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and support during this time.