

Remember Me

Remember me not by how I left this world,
But by the imprint with which I painted.

Remember me for my infectious laugh that could fill a room,
And for the "Hey Punkin!" in a voice that would boom.

Remember me by the many ways I showed love and how I cared,
And by the discipline I instilled, even when it felt unfair.

Remember me by the legacy of my children and grandkids I leave
to this world,
For they are the ones who will carry it forward as life continues to
unfurl.

Close your eyes and remember the memories we were so blessed
to share,
For those are the ones that make the harder days easier to bear.

Remember me not by how I left this world, but by how I made you
feel,
For those memories affirm that what I imprinted on the world was
real.

By: Na'Tosha Shepard

Acknowledgements

For those who have been here through this tough journey, we
appreciate all of your thoughts, prayers and well wishes that you
have extended to our family in this time of need. There are truly
not enough words to express the impact that you have had on us.
Our sincerest thank you.



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In Loving Memory of



Earl McKinley Madison

January 9, 1939 - January 20, 2026

February 6, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 am

Funeral Service: 11:00 am

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2625 Gilbert Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Minister Richard Wilson Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Earl Madison, of Monessen, PA, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2026, at the age of 87. Earl was born on January 9, 1939, to his beloved parents, Robert and Roberta Madison, and was surrounded by a large, loving family.

Earl's first step into adulthood led him to join the Marine Corps, where he served for several years. During that time, Earl traveled the world and experienced many things that became stories and memories he loved to share with others. One notable assignment included being stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. After serving in the Marine Corps, Earl welcomed his first daughter in 1962, followed shortly by his first son in 1963. He joined the workforce, working at a steel mill and a tree-cutting company, helping to provide for his growing family.

Earl met Patricia Lee Colbert in 1969 in Columbus, Ohio, and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, shortly afterward. There, he continued to grow his family with Patricia and began working at Procter & Gamble, where he worked for 12 hardworking years. During his time there, Earl was nominated for an NAACP Award, which allowed him to manage his own team of workers. He later passed on his knowledge, skills, and strong work ethic, inspiring those around him to be the best at their jobs.

Earl had the pleasure of raising nine children and instilled in them the importance of love, discipline, respect, and hard work. He believed that "hard work will always get you where you need to be." He was a loving husband, father, brother, friend, and grandfather to his family and to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. His rambunctious laugh brought joy to others, and he loved to poke fun and tease just to make people smile.

In addition to his parents, Earl was preceded in death by the love of his life, Patricia Lee Colbert; his loving daughter, Denise McCray; his paternal grandparents, Lee and Katie Nimmo; and his siblings: Napoleon Madison, Melvin Madison, Pearl Smith, Carl Madison, Thelma Wilson, Charles Madison, William Smith, James Smith, Carroll Smith, Mark Smith, Robert (Bob) Smith, Robert Madison Jr., Mary Madison, and Robert (June) Madison III.

His legacy lives on through his devoted children: Lawrence (Bubble) Colbert, Samuel Colbert, Tony Veada, James (Marchell) Colbert, Sherry (Jimmy) White, Anthony Colbert, Patti (Nathaniel) Shepard, and Earliene Madison; his siblings, Marie Smith, Norman Madison, Barbara Edwards, and Vivian Rogers; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Prayer Minister Richard Wilson Jr.

Scripture Minister Richard Wilson Jr.

Acknowledgements

Remarks 2 Minutes Please

Obituary Taneesha Heard and Na'Tosha
Shepard
(Earl's granddaughters)

Selection "Remember Me" By: Na'Tosha
Shepard
(Earl's granddaughter)

Eulogy Minister Richard Wilson Jr.

Benediction Minister Richard Wilson Jr.

Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends



Final Resting Place

Vine Street Hill Cemetery
3701 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Repast

Cheviot Memorial Fieldhouse
3729 Robb Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the
difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a
time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He
did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He
will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; so that I may be
reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him
forever and ever in the next. Amen.