

# HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

“*June*”



## *Repast*

Immediately following the service, the family will gather at Golden Corral to fellowship with friends. Meals will be at your own expense.

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Willard “June” Parnell Jr. wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, calls, visits, and expressions of sympathy shown during our time of loss. Your love and support have been a source of comfort and strength, and we are deeply grateful.

A special thank you to Marlan Gary Funeral Home, friends, and extended family for your care and compassion.

May God bless each of you.

The Family

*Willard*  
**PARNELL JR.**

JANUARY 12, 1950 — AUGUST 19, 2025



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# Obituary

Friday, August 29, 2025 ~ 11:00am

**The Chapel Of Peace, East**

5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

**Willard “June” Parnell, Jr.**, 75, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away peacefully at his residence on August 19, 2025.

Born on January 12, 1950, in Crites, West Virginia, June was the beloved son of Willard and Thelma Parnell.

June graduated from East High School in 1968 and went on to attend Bliss College, where he earned a certificate in real estate principles in 1979. He was employed at Bryden Place Nursing Home and later with COTA Transit, where he eventually retired. After retirement, he especially enjoyed going on cruises with his beloved wife, siblings, and Father.

June will be remembered by his family and friends for his sense of humor, fun-loving personality, and his deep love for his pet, Kobe. Friends and family will forever treasure the many ways he brightened their lives—whether through his jokes, storytelling, or his daily walks around the neighborhood to greet others and check in on family and friends, by encouraging and sharing loving words with them.

He is survived by his father, Willard Parnell Sr.; daughters, Shirece “Punkin” Parnell, Danielle “Nelly” Hurdle-Parnell, Diana (Omar) Malone, Debbie (Ron) Kendricks, and Toni (Ronnie) Fryar; sons, Michael White, Dion Denson, and Steve (Tracey) Wright; siblings, Freda (Harold) White, Douglas (Lisa) Parnell, Carolyn Parnell; and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

June was preceded in death by his dearly beloved wife of twenty-two years, Cathrine Parnell; mother, Thelma Parnell; daughters, LeSonya (Boo) Parnell and Lori Wright; son, DaCorey Hurdle; grandson, Saadiq Teague; and brother, Derrick Parnell.

June’s life was truly a gift to all who knew him, and he will be deeply missed.

*Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

# Order Of Service

## PARTING VIEW

Officiating, Apostle Anita Dawson

## SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament ~ Minister Diana Malone – Psalm 23:1-6

New Testament ~ Minister Lisa Adams – John 14:1-3

## PRAYER

Minister Beverly Moore

## SELECTION

Michelle Solomon

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES

Ron Kendrick’s

## REMARKS

2 Minutes

## READING OF OBITUARY

Minister Omar Malone

## SELECTION

Rita Ndiaye

## THE EULOGY

Pastor Genary Maxwell

## BENEDICTION

Pastor Genary Maxwell

## RECESSIONAL

Clergy, Family and Friends