

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, or to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

Pallbearers

Dennis Bettis (D Jay) Jeffery Lounds
James Bettis III James Bettis Jr.
Nehemiah Bradford

Honorary Pallbearers

Charles Abel Heshael Palmore
Jerome Holmes Anthony Gray

Flower Attendants

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

Thank you all for sharing and celebrating Tommy with us. Your kind words, gifts, and helping hands are not in vain. God put all of you in the right place at the right time. Our village of family and friends showed up at the time we needed it most.

God bless and keep you.

Love Cathy and Family



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Sunrise
Thursday, March 25, 1960

Sunset
Monday, August 18, 2025



Thomas
ALLEN LOUNDS III

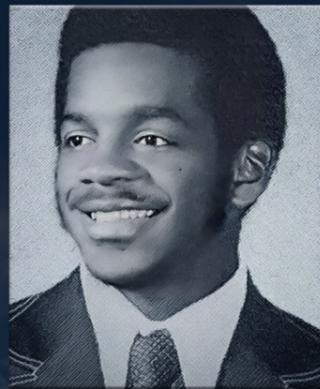
Services

Saturday, September 6, 2025
Visitation: 10:00 am
Homegoing Celebration: 11:30 am

Greater Liberty Missionary Baptist Church
6209 Desmond St.
Cincinnati, OH 45227

Officiating Minister Rev. Herbert Mabry

Thomas ALLEN LOUNDS III



His Life's Reflections

Thomas A. Lounds III was born on Thursday, March 25, 1960, in Oxford, OH. He was the third child born to the union of Thomas A. Lounds Jr. and the late Florence E. (Abel) Lounds. Tommy transitioned to be in Our Heavenly Father's arms on Monday, August 18, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Thomas (lovingly known as Tommy) attended Shaker Heights High School in Cleveland, OH, graduating in June 1978. Tommy enjoyed playing Little League football with KenSil (Kenny Height/Silverton) Little League during his childhood.

Tommy and Cathy (Palmore) Lounds III met early in their lives, continuing to be friends, and that friendship flourished into love. They married on Sunday, December 25, 1997. To this union were two stepchildren, Jaimele and James Bettis.

Tommy was a happy, well-mannered, giving person who never met a stranger, welcoming others with open arms and a kind heart to help those in need. Tommy loved everything surrounding history. He could talk about this subject for hours. Tommy not only loved his family but also worked on cars, enjoyed movies, and made custom pieces for his home, such as lamps. Tommy would come to the aid, helping others with his mechanical knowledge of different cars. Along with the love of cars, Tommy also loved his vast collection of vinyl (LPs) music, and his beloved Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals NFL Football teams.

He was employed with J. R. Jurgensen Construction Company for 30 years.

Tommy's memory will carry on in the hearts of his loving wife of 31 years, Cathy; his step-children, Jaimele and James Bettis; father, Tommy A. (Cynthia) Lounds, Jr.; brother, Jeffrey Allen Lounds; uncle, Charles Abel; niece, Alexia Lounds; nephew, Reinaldo, Figueroa; cousin, Brenda Dixon; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Beverly, George IV (Chermane), Belinda, Faye, Herschel (Gladys), Dermysl, J'Rome, Jacquie (Howard), Anthony (Holly), Carlisa and a host of family and friends.



Tommy was preceded in death by his mother, Florence (Abel) Lounds; maternal grandparents, Charles Abel (Alice) Sr.; fraternal grandparents, Thomas A. (Cora) Lounds, Sr.; sister, Marcia Lounds-Figueroa, and a host of relatives.



Forever In Our Hearts...

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS A. LOUNDS III

Thomas "Tommy" was more than a stepfather. he was a true father. He showed me love through action: baseball games, karate lessons, Boy Scouts, school pickups, and countless small moments of guidance. He defended us, supported us, and treated us as his own with courage and devotion.

Tommy was quiet, steady, and often unrecognized for the respect he deserved, but his strength and love left a mark that will live on through me and my future family. He loved my mother deeply, with both gentleness and firmness, and I wish for one more talk with him. Though imperfect like all of us, he was a good man, and he will be missed dearly.

With Love, James

I CAN'T EXPLAIN TO YOU WHY, I LOVED THIS MAN NAMED THOMAS "TOMMY" LOUNDS

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A man of few words, calm, calculated, cool, and highly educated. Not many can say they had someone to guide them along the way, show them what a father is and what it means to provide and supply. You provided security, love, and a home for my mom and us.

You supplied us with all the tools we needed to be successful, knowledge, and understanding. You showed me how a man should treat a woman and reminded me of my worth. You were keen and direct with instructions and didn't fail even when the truth would cut us to our core.

I will miss our talks, the calm before the storm. I want you to know I Love you.

Thank you for being a part of our lives, bailing me out of trouble, and letting me fall into it for my own lessons. Thank you, Tommy!

Love Jaimele

MY BROTHER...TOMMY

My brother was a blessing in my life. His kindness, strength, and laughter will always live on in my heart. My brother was someone I could count on. He was supportive, kind, and always made me laugh. He inspired me to be a better person.

I Love You, Bro...Jeff

MY DARLING, LOVING, PRECIOUS, WONDERFUL HUSBAND...

I Love You. I will always cherish our Love Together! You were my everything, I will miss you until we meet again...My Love!

Your Sweet Pea!
Cathy

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Musical Prelude
- Parting View Family
- Processional
Pastors and Ministers
- Scripture Reading
Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: 2nd Corinthians 5:1-7

Prayer

Musical Selection
Mass Choir

Acknowledgements
Marilyn Arnold

Remarks
(Please limit to two minutes)

Obituary
(Read Silently)

Solo
Jaimele Bettis and Fansalita Fish

The Eulogy
Pastor Herbert Mabry

The Benediction

The Recessional
Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family

INTERMENT

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