

## *A Father's Legacy*

I know heaven welcomed you with open arms,  
while I am still here learning how to catch my breath  
without you.

Time feels unfamiliar now,  
hours stretch into weeks,  
days move like months,  
and my heart has not caught up with this reality.

You were the first man to teach me what  
unconditional love truly is.  
A love that protected, affirmed, and never wavered.  
The way your beautiful smile welcomed me  
as I ran into your arms  
and laid my head upon your chest  
that was home.

I can still hear you singing,  
a sound that still feels near.  
A beautiful voice,  
the sound that demanded attention but led with love,

one that could calm a room  
and reassure a weary heart.  
We will remember it always.

You used to say I knew exactly what to say  
when you were feeling low,  
even in moments I didn't know  
how much you were carrying.

I hope you knew, as you took your final breath,  
that I climbed right beside you  
and told you heaven needed you  
your smile,  
your laughter,  
your presence,  
your love,

and your unapologetic way of being you.

While my days feel longer  
and my nights are heavy and restless,  
I can truly say God blessed me and my siblings  
with one of the very best.

A father whose love shaped us,  
whose words still guide us,  
whose spirit still surrounds us.

You left behind a legacy,  
and we will keep living and loving because of you.

We will remember the camping trips,  
the bird calls,  
the gorilla growls,

and the way you always reminded us  
that we were more than enough.

But Father,  
your children still need you.

We need your guidance,  
your reassurance,  
your prayers,

your voice reminding us to be strong  
when we feel weak.

Please continue to watch over us,  
to cover us,

to walk with us in ways we cannot see.

So until we meet again,  
please ask God to help mend our broken hearts,  
because we are learning how to live  
in a world that feels incomplete without you.

Rest now  
held by heaven,  
wrapped in peace,  
and forever alive within us.

Forever Your Sparkle,  
Miquela

## *Pallbearers*

Anthony Joiner, Jr

Yosiah Johnson

Douglas Waldon

Leon Crenshaw

Regis Hearn, Jr

Philip Joiner

Philip Joiner, Jr

Trent Calloway

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Douglas Joiner

## *Flower Bearers*

Royalty Rayne Hearn

Amari Johnson

Phlishea Everage

Ryleigh Hearn

Maria Hooten

Lakeya McNary

## *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep  
appreciation the many expressions of love,  
concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them  
during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

- The family of Anthony Daryl Joiner

*Arrangements Entrusted To James Sutton III*

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# IN LOVING Memory OF



*Anthony Daryl Joiner*

Sunrise: February 17, 1954 - Sunset: February 11, 2026

## *Visitation*

February 22, 2026

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Walker - Walnut Hills

2625 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

# Obituary

Anthony Daryl Joiner, affectionately known to many as "Tony," passed away peacefully in Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 11, 2026, at the age of 71. Born on February 17, 1954, in Cincinnati, Tony lived a life rooted in creativity, compassion, and deep love for his family and community.

Tony was the beloved son of the late Elmer Lovell Joiner and Lona Mae Joiner, and was preceded in death by his siblings Michael Edward Joiner, Elmore Joiner Jr., and Steven Tyrone Joiner, as well as his grandparents Lona Mae Randolph and Tanzy Randolph. He grew up surrounded by a large and loving family, sharing his childhood with his siblings: Gwendolyn Joiner, Stewart Joiner, Juanita "Kelli" Joiner-Waldon, Douglas Thomas Randolph Joiner, LeNore Thomas, Phillip Barry Joiner, Valerie Veronica Joiner, Cynthia Ann Joiner-Dawson, and Lona Marie Joiner-Maddox.

Tony received his early education at St. Henry Catholic School, where he attended from kindergarten through eighth grade. During that time, he served as an altar boy and developed a love for music, often singing in the church choir. He later attended Elder High School and went on to study at Moore University of Hair Design, which helped shape the path for his career.

A gifted artist with an avant-garde taste, Tony had a natural eye for beauty and design. He was an excellent painter and decorator who expressed himself through creativity. As a self-employed cosmetologist, he dedicated his professional life to helping others feel confident and cared for. Tony also had a love for the stage and the spotlight, known as one of the best dancers in the family. He often performed at variety shows in community centers and schools and was especially known for dancing alongside his sister, Kelli.

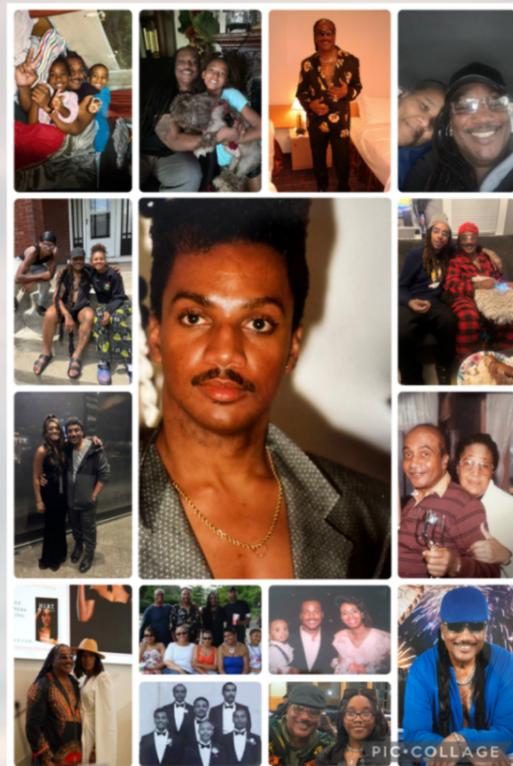
From a young age, Tony had a nurturing spirit. Family members fondly called him "Dr. Do Little" because he would often bring home animals to care for, nurse back to health, and love. That same gentle, compassionate nature defined the way he loved people.



On March 30, 1984, Tony married his former spouse, Kathleen, and together they created a beautiful blended family. From that union, they welcomed Miquela and AJ, adding to the love already shared in their home. Tony deeply cherished his role as a father and found his greatest joy in his children and grandchildren. One of his favorite pastimes was traveling, especially cruising, where he felt free, happy, and at peace.

Tony leaves to cherish his memory his children, in order of birth: Antonia Nakia Johnson, Miquela Sparkle Johnson (son-in-love, Yosiah Johnson), and Anthony "AJ" Joiner Jr. He was a proud and loving grandfather to Royalty Rayne Hearn, Regis Hearn Jr., Ryleigh Hearn, and Amari Johnson.

He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and extended family who will forever remember his warmth, his laughter, his creativity, and the joy he brought into every room. Tony's life was marked by love, music, artistry, and a generous spirit. Whether cruising around the world, singing in the choir, dancing with family, caring for animals, or creating beauty through his work, he lived life with heart and originality. His presence, laughter, and bold confident nature will be deeply missed and forever cherished by all who knew and loved him.



# Order of Service

Musical Prelude .....	"Jesus Is a Love Song" - Karen Clark Sheard
Prayer .....	Juanita "Kelli" Waldon- Joiner
Scripture .....	John 14:1-3 Yosiah Johnson
Selection .....	Ebony Oliver
Acknowledgements .....	Ashlee Cook
Remarks .....	Regis Hearn Ryleigh Hearn Miquela Johnson Anthony "AJ" Joiner, Jr
Obituary .....	Read Silently
Selection .....	Ebony Oliver
Eulogy .....	Min. Patriece Johnson
Benediction .....	Min. Patriece Johnson
Recessional .....	Clergy, Family, & Friends

