



Let not your heart be troubled;  
ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many  
mansions; if it were not so, I would have told  
you. I go to prepare a place for you,  
I will come again, and receive you unto  
myself; that where I am,  
there ye may also be.

**John 14: 1-3**

### *Acknowledgement*

We would like to thank everyone  
for your prayers, thoughtful words,  
condolences, and the love you have  
shown us during this difficult time.  
May God continue to bless you.

With deep appreciation,

*Ricky, Ava, Kevin,  
Courtnee, and Tion*

### *Interment*

Dayton National Cemetery

Wednesday June 7, 2023

We will leave from

543 Rockdale Ave

Cincinnati, Ohio

at 8:45 am



### *Pallbearers*

Doug Frimming	Victor McKinney
Zachary Barkley	Arthur Cooper
Brandan Garr	Jason Garr

### *Flowerbearers*

Family and Friends



*Arrangements Entrusted To*  
House of Glover Funeral Home  
543 Rockdale Ave,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

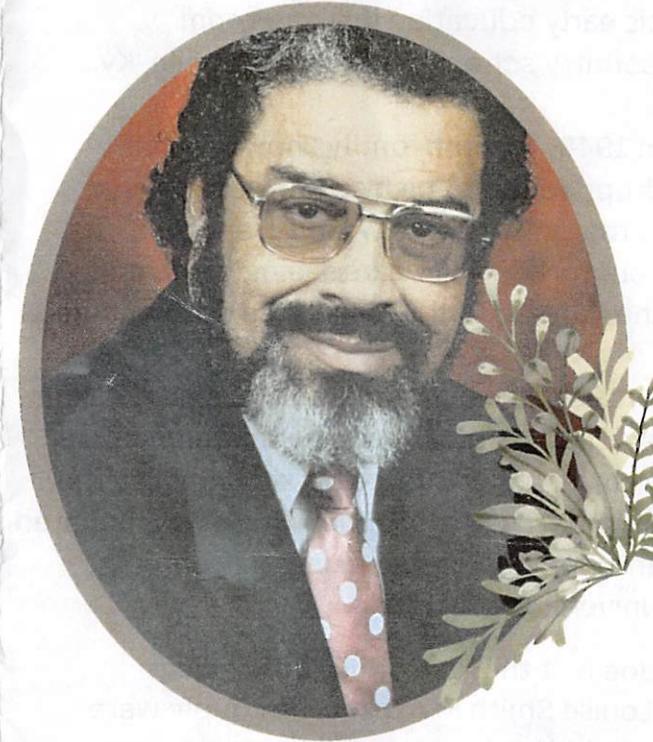
# *A Celebration of Life* Rev. Joseph R. Garr

*Sunrise*

*Sunset*

June 5, 1930

May 23, 2023



Friday June 2, 2023

Funeral 7:00 pm

New Nazarene Baptist Church

631 De Votie St

Cincinnati, Ohio

Rev. Richard Cole

*Officiating*

Pastor Stephanie DuBois

*Eulogist*

# Obituary



Joseph Richard Garr was the oldest of four children born to Charles and Viola (nee Fitzgerald) Garr on June 5, 1930, in Boyle County, Ky. He received his early education in a one-room country schoolhouse in Wilsonville, Ky.

In 1948, Joseph, fondly known as Joe dropped out of high school and enlisted in the United States Army. He served his country for four years seeing combat in the Korean Conflict where he was wounded.

In 1952, Joe was honorably discharged and awarded a purple heart for his service. He returned to complete his schooling at The Akron Night High School where he graduated and went on to earn a degree from the University of Akron.

Joe met the love of his life, Frances Louise Smith in Akron. The couple were married on February 14, 1953

He came to Cincinnati in 1957, so he could attend the Cincinnati College of Embalming. After graduation Joe and Louise decided to make the city their home.

A Kentucky boy at heart, he moved his family to Covington in 1960 where he opened The Garr-Overstreet Funeral Home.

In 1961 and 1963, he became the first Black man to run for political office in Northern Kentucky campaigning to become Covington City Commissioner.

While he did not win either election, he succeeded in his goal of getting Black Americans politically engaged and to the polls to vote.

Joe felt called by Christ and in September 1965 he was ordained at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. He became the pastor of Macedonia later that year. He led the the congregation for more than 40 years.

In 1970, he opened the Joseph R. Garr Funeral Service at 930 Findlay St in the West End. Rev. Garr ran this successful family owned and operated funeral home until he retired in 2016. In 2017, The Ohio Funeral Directors Association recognized him for 50 years of service to his community.

Rev. Joseph R. Garr leaves an incredible legacy where his memory will be cherished by his five children Richard L. Garr, Ava D. Garr, Kevin D. Garr, Courtnee (Doug) Garr Frimming, and Tion (Latasha) Morgan and a host of adored grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is preceeded in death by his wife of 67 years, Frances Louise Garr, and his sibilings William Garr, Geraldine Lincoln, and Katherine Roberson.

# Order of Service



*Prosession of Ministers*

*Final Viewing*

*Scripture*

Old Testament Minister

New Testament Minister

*Prayer*

Bishop Mark Monroe

*Selection*

*Special Remarks*

Funeral Directors Association

Wayne Lee

Children of Joseph Garr

*Obituary*

Read Silently

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

Pastor Stephanie DuBois

*Benediction*