Daddy,
Of all the beautiful memories we shared, one I will treasure forever is our last dance, just minutes before your final breath.

I didn't know it would be our last dance together, but I am so grateful that God gave us that special moment. It was a moment filled with love, one words cannot fully describe, and one I will carry in my heart forever.

Daddy, you loved life, music, and making memories. Even in your final moments, we created one more beautiful memory together.

Although I can no longer hold your hand or dance with you here on earth, I will always carry the rhythm of our final dance in my heart.

The music may have stopped, but our love will dance on forever.
Rest peacefully, Daddy. I love you.
Forever your daughter, Udona

Interment

Mansfield Cemetery Association
389 Altamont Avenue | Mansfield, OH 44902
Monday – November 16, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Acknowledgement

The Family of Deacon Johnnie Gene Beard, Sr. wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, and support shown to us during this hour of bereavement. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support and comfort.
It is immensely appreciated!

A Repast will be held immediately following the service at
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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR



DEACON JOHNNIE GENE BEARD, SR.

SUNRISE — SUNSET
MARCH 26, 1935 | OCTOBER 28, 2026

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 14, 2026

VISITATION: 9:00 AM
SERVICE: 10:00 AM

NEW COMMUNITY TEMPLE COGIC
338 HARKER STREET
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SUPERINTENDENT HENRY JAMES BRADLEY | PASTOR

Obituary

A Life of Faith, Family, Love, and Lasting Memories

With hearts full of love and cherished memories, we celebrate the remarkable life of Deacon Johnnie Gene Beard Sr., who peacefully departed this life on October 28, 2026, at the age of 91.

Deacon Beard was born on March 26, 1935, in Ethelsville, Alabama, to the late Andrew and Lula Beard. As the youngest of his siblings and the last surviving member of his generation, he held a special place in his family's history.

A hardworking and dependable man, Deacon Beard dedicated many years to the construction industry before retiring from Menuez Brothers. He took great pride in his work, contributing to the construction of roads, bridges, and other projects throughout his career.

Known for his friendly personality, positive outlook, and adventurous spirit, Deacon Beard loved life and people of all ages. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, traveling, shopping, and listening to music. From family reunions and cookouts to zoos and amusement parks, he welcomed every opportunity to enjoy new experiences and spend time with loved ones.

One of his greatest gifts was his extraordinary memory and knowledge. A natural storyteller, he could recall people, places, and events with remarkable clarity. He enjoyed sharing family history, personal experiences, and words of wisdom, keeping treasured memories alive for future generations.

Faith was a cornerstone of his life. As a devoted member of New Jerusalem Progressive Church of God in Christ (COGIC), he faithfully served on the Deacon Board. He was especially passionate about teaching and mentoring young men, encouraging them to grow in faith, character, and leadership. His dedication to serving others left a meaningful impact on his church and community.

Above all, Deacon Beard treasured his family. As a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he shared his wisdom, offered guidance, and created memories that will be cherished for generations. His kindness, generosity, and joyful spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him.

A LEGACY OF LOVE

Deacon Johnnie Gene Beard Sr. leaves to cherish his loving memory four daughters: Joyce E. (Willie Sr.) Smith, Sandra P. (Wash Sr.) Haney, Udona Beard, and Anita Beard, all of Mansfield, Ohio; and three sons: Johnnie G. Beard Jr. (Shamika) of Dallas, Texas, Johnnie C. Beard, and Michael J. Beard, both of Mansfield, Ohio.

He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren: Traevis Watts, Andreas (Suniora) Harris, Kai'Waunn Mc Carty, Franshun (Caleb) Manning, Johnnie G. Beard III, Justiss Beard, Ni'yati Beard, Mark (Angela) Haney, Wash (Ann Priscilla) Haney Jr., Wallace Haney, Jovan Johnson, Willie Smith Jr., Kamiyah Smith, Cherise White, Dewond Johnson, Markeith Johnson, Talania Williams, Johnnie C. Beard Jr., Taneshia Beard, Andrew Beard, Anastasia Beard, Michele (Colten) Ramsey, Malorie Beard, Zamir Taylor, and Amara Taylor.

He also leaves a host of loving great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members, his beloved church family, and many dear friends.

Deacon Beard was preceded in death by his wife, Ida Mae Beard; his parents, Andrew and Lula Beard; his beloved daughters, Marilyn L. Haney and Shirley A. Cameron; his grandson, Seville D. Beard; and his siblings, Cane, Mayana, Henderson, Morris, Johnnie B., Luella, Rosie Lee, Joe T., and Ida B.

A life well lived, a family deeply loved, and a legacy that will never be forgotten.

Order of Service

Officiants

Bishop Steve Robinson - Lorain, OH
Superintendent Henry James Bradley

Musical Prelude……..Musicians

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading
Old Testament:
New Testament:

Musical Selection……..…..Celebration Mass Choir

Tribute (Expressions of Love)……...……Family and Friends
Two Minutes Please

Musical Selection……Celebration Mass Choir

Poem…….Carol Thomas

Acknowledgments/Resolutions

Sermonic Selection…….…….Desiree Johnson

The Eulogy
Pastor Kartra Johnson
New Jerusalem Progressive COGIC

Committal

Recessional……....Clergy, Family and Friends

Until We Meet Again



We think about you always,
We talk about you still,
You have never been forgotten,
and you never will.



We hold you close within our hearts,
and there you will remain,
to walk and guide us through our lives, until we meet again.