

## Repast

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### 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.

### 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 John David Ladson



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## Celebrating the Life and Spirit of



## John David Ladson

August 30, 1952 - May 1, 2026

Friday, May 15, 2026

Visitation: 3:00 pm

Funeral Service: 4:00 pm

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Pastor Nick Burnett, Officiating

## Obituary

John David Ladson, lovingly known as John D., was born on August 30, 1952, in Greenville, South Carolina, to the late Margaret Ladson Gatewood and Johnny Butler. He peacefully departed this life on May 1, 2026, surrounded by love.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret Ladson Gatewood and Roscoe Gatewood, Sr., and his sibling, Jerome Gatewood.

He lived a full and meaningful life marked by faith, family, and love. John attended Taft High School and graduated in 1972. During his time there, he met the love of his life, Deborah Stewart. The two were married on January 5, 1973, and their union was blessed with two children: Sharlana Stewart, and Granada Ladson. Though the marriage later ended in divorce after 13 years, they shared many cherished memories.

John dedicated several years of service working with the City of Cincinnati Park Board before continuing his career as a janitor in various hospital settings. He was known as a master storyteller whose kindness, humor, integrity, devotion, and faith left a lasting impact on everyone he encountered. His laughter brought joy to family and friends alike.

He leaves to cherish his memory his former wife, Deborah; his children, Sharlana Rucker (Richard), Granada Thompson (Sean), and Jeffrey J and, Jamie W.; his grandchildren, Napoleon, William, Asia, Shanice, Demarco ; and a host of great-grandchildren including Tevaughn Jr. Camryn, Teshawn Jr., Orlando Jr., Gianni, LeAsia, Alexis, Journey, Keyreia, Amaria, Demarco Jr., Demarion, Demario, Miguel, Mariah, and Demarcus.

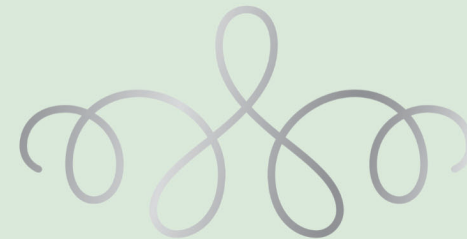
John is also survived by his siblings: Marvin, Shirley, Roscoe Jr., Frances Hambrick (Roger), Patricia Johnson (Harold), James (Wendy) and along with a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

John D. will truly be missed, but his legacy of love, laughter, and devotion to his family will live on in all who knew him.

## Order of Service



Musical Prelude .....	Smokey Robinson Really Gonna Miss You
Parting View .....	The Family
Prayer .....	Pastor Nick Burnett
Scripture .....	Pastor Nick Burnett
Selection .....	Dontay McCall
Acknowledgements .....	Deborah
Remarks .....	Friends & Family 3 Minutes Please
Obituary .....	Read Silently
Selection .....	Dontay McCall
Eulogy .....	Pastor Nick Burnett
Benediction .....	Pastor Nick Burnett
Recessional .....	Clergy, Family & Friends



*John 1:1*

"In the beginning was the word,  
and the word was with God, and Word was God"