



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*The family of Lee Andrew Cornute Jr. extends a heartfelt thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, other acts of kindness and consolation shown to them during this time of bereavement. Thank you for your love and support. We pray that God will continue to bless you. Special thanks to the Columbus Whist Players Society, Minister Anthony McSwain, and Marlan Gary.*



CELEBRATING THE  
LIFE OF

MR. LEE  
*Cornute* JR.

NOVEMBER 11, 1939 — JUNE 9, 2025



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## *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me,  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
We didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
And each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.  
But when tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
And took me by the hand,  
And said my place was ready,  
In heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love.  
So when tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here, in your heart.*

# *Obituary*

*There remains a REST to the people of God,  
when this life with its labor is done.  
When the END has been reached of earth's last mile,  
and the battle fought has been won.*

*Eternal rest came to Lee Andrew Cornute, Jr. on Monday, June 9, 2025 at the age of 85. He entered this world as a force of nature on November 11, 1939, born to Lee Andrew Sr. and Octavia Cornute, in Huntington, West Virginia.*

*Lee graduated from Columbus East High School ('57) and retired from Lucent Technologies / AT&T in 1999 after a long career in telecommunications. He was a prolific competitor spending time playing basketball (East HS, Old Timers), tennis, chess, reading, traveling, and of course playing cards.*

*Lee A. Cornute, Jr. is preceded in death by his father and mother, Lee Andrew Cornute Sr. and Octavia Gardner. Beloved by his family, he is survived by his wife Phyllis who he affectionately referred to as "Felicia," his children Michele Wilson, Sheri Cornute, Daryl (Candace) Cornute, Kendra Dowdy-Cornute, Kara Dowdy, and Kreeshton Lyons; his special cousin Tiffany Days; his brother Richard Porter; best friend Marcus Anderson; in-laws Samuel (Colleen) Hisle, Mary Lynn James, Jane Ann (Oscar) Smith, Janice (Charles) Frazier, and Lucy Hisle.*

*Lee adored his 10 grandchildren: Brandon Cornute, Tarren Cornute, Tai (Ca'Rita) Cornute, Tahnelle "Tony" Cornute, Brendon (Ashley) Cornute, Darren Cornute, Jessica Cornute, Rian (Ke'aira) Randle, Camaryn Cornute, and Ja'el Cornute; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives, friends, and card playing partners.*

*Lee was a kind-hearted man who loved his family and enjoyed a good time. He was a founding member of Columbus Whist Player's Society where he enjoyed playing whist, chess, spades, poker, and pinochle. Win, Lose, or Draw, Lee was a faithful member of the Central City Browns Backers.*

*God saw you getting weary,  
so He did what He thought best.  
He came and stood beside you,  
and whispered 'Come and Rest'.*

*Lee Andrew Cornute Jr's fighting and enduring spirit will continue to live on.*

## *Order Of Service*

**ORGAN PRELUDE**  
*Chapel of Peace Ministry*

**PARTING VIEW**  
*Immediate Family*

*Old Testament : Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
Brendon "Kris" Cornute  
New Testament: John 14:1-6  
Rian Randle*

**PRAYER**  
*Minister Anthony McSwain*

**MUSICAL SELECTION**  
*"Take my Hand, Precious Lord"  
Mahalia Jackson*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CONDOLENCES**  
*Robert Eubanks*

**REMARKS**  
*Family and Friends – limited to 2 minutes each*

**READING OF OBITUARY**  
*Silent Reading*

**MUSICAL SELECTION**  
*"Take me to the King"  
Tamela Mann, Kirk Franklin*

**THE EULOGY**  
*Minister Anthony McSwain*

**BENEDICTION**  
*Minister Anthony McSwain*

**RECESSIONAL**  
*Family, Friends, Clergy*