

"For our Father"

Dad,
We didn't know that this goodbye
Would come so soon, so fast—
We thought we'd have more time with you,
More moments that would last.
You were our strength, our steady hand,
The one we could depend on,
Through every laugh and every tear,
You showed us how to stand strong.
We'll miss your voice, your jokes, your smile,
The little things you'd do—
Like how you made us feel so loved
In everything you knew.
Your lessons live inside our hearts,
Your love will guide our way,
And though we cannot see you now,
You're with us every day.
We love you more than words can say,
And that will never end—
You'll always be our father,
Our hero, and our friend.
Love forever and always, Aaliyah and De'Andre

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 Erik Anthony Rucker Sr.



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*In Loving Memory
of*



Erik Anthony Rucker Sr.

December 19, 1971 - April 13, 2026

April 30, 2026
Visitation: 2:00 pm
Funeral Service: 3:00 pm
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2625 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Obituary

Erik Anthony Rucker Sr. was born on December 19, 1971, to Joseph Rucker and Pauline Sanders. He departed this life on April 13, 2026.

Erik was born in Chicago, Illinois, and later relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1994, where he built his life and raised his family. He worked in janitorial services for many years until a back injury led to his early retirement. In 1998, Erik was united in marriage to Tamara Donnelly.

Affectionately known as “E” or “Iceberg,” Erik was well known for his cooking, especially his famous potato salad, which brought family and friends together. He loved all sports, especially football, and enjoyed watching wrestling. Erik will be remembered for his sense of humor and his no-nonsense attitude, but above all, for the deep love he had for his family.

Erik was preceded in death by his sons, Erik Jr. and Zion; his niece, Maronique Sanders; and his grandmothers, Mary Rucker and Luella Mullins.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving children, Aaliyah Rucker and De’Andre Rucker; his parents, Pauline Sanders and Joseph Rucker; his mother-in-law, Carolyn Benford; his siblings, Joseph Sanders, Latrice Towns, Otis Rucker, and Deitra Rucker; his nieces, Tierra Sanders and Kierra Sanders; his nephews, Deshaun Jones and Malyk Sanders; and his beloved grandchildren, Javon Rucker, Jahiem Rucker, De’Andre Rucker Jr., Jewel Hall-Rucker, and Amir Gray, along with a host of cousins, extended relatives, and friends.

He will be deeply missed and forever loved by all who knew him.

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