

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of **Roderick Alvin Walden** sincerely appreciates your thoughtfulness and prayers during our time of sorrow.  
May God Bless each and everyone of you.



Final Arrangements Entrusted To:



**GAINES**  
FUNERAL HOME

5386 Lee Road, Maple Hts., Ohio 44137 • 216.641.4802  
[www.gainesfuneralhome.com](http://www.gainesfuneralhome.com)

## HONORING THE LIFE OF **RODERICK A. WALDEN** ALPHA: OCTOBER 22, 1954 ~ OMEGA: APRIL 5, 2024



**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024**

**WAKE: 1:00 P.M. - SERVICE: 1:30 P.M.**

**GAINES FUNERAL HOME**

**5386 LEE ROAD**

**MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44137**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## **Tribute**

United States Air Force

Honor Guard

## **Selection**

He Turned It

By Tye Tribbett

## **Reading of Obituary**

Roderick Walden-Beasley

## **Loving Reflections**

Friends & Family

## **Selection**

Grateful

By Hezekiah Walker

## **Closing Remarks & Recessional**



# “REMEMBER ME”

Written by Margaret Mead

*To the living, I am gone.*

*To the sorrowful, I will never return.*

*To the angry, I was cheated,*

*But to the happy, I am at peace,*

*And to the faithful, I have never left.*

*I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.*

*So, as you stand upon a shore, gazing at a beautiful sea – remember me.*

*As you look in awe at a mighty forest and its grand majesty – remember me.*

*As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity – remember me.*

*Remember me in your heart, your thoughts, your memories of the times we loved,*

*the times we cried, the times we fought, the times we laughed.*

*For if you always think of me, I will never be gone.*



Roderick’s sister, Bonnie Jackson-Smith, his cousin with who he shared a special bond, Lolita Walden-Scott, along with three aunts, Carrie B, Melinda Jones, and Martice, survive him. He is also fondly remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom were touched by his generous spirit. Roderick was preceded in death by his sister Ethel Bowen, father Council James Walden II, and mother Georgia (MAMA) Marshall Walden.

Beyond his love for family, Roderick had a zest for life that manifested in his diverse interests. He was the proud owner of a cat whimsically named (DOG) and found solace in his love for painting. A culinary enthusiast, he delighted in cooking for those he loved. His home was often filled with the sounds of Reggae and Jazz music, as he believed in the power of music to uplift the soul and bring people together.

Roderick’s creative spirit was matched only by his spirited nature. He approached life with a creative flair that was evident in everything he did. His legacy is one of love, laughter, and the unshakeable belief in the potential of every individual.

To have known Roderick Alvin Walden was to know a man who was deeply passionate, endlessly creative, and spirited in every sense of the word. His passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who loved him, but his spirit will continue to inspire and guide us. As we bid farewell to Roderick, we celebrate a life well-lived and honor the indelible mark he has left on our world.



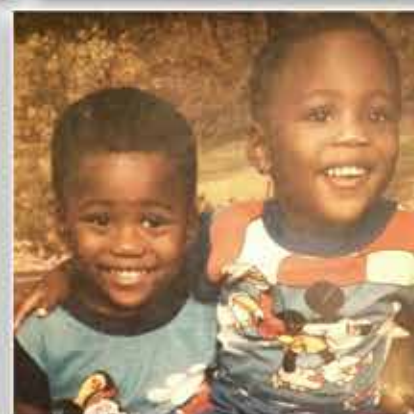
# RODERICK’S JOURNEY

**Roderick Alvin Walden**, a man of remarkable spirit and boundless passion, passed away on April 5, 2024, in Cleveland, Ohio. Born on October 22, 1954, in Riviera Beach, Florida, Roderick’s journey through life was marked by his dedication to his family, his country, and the communities he served.

Roderick’s early life in Florida was just the beginning of what would become a lifetime of service and connection. After joining the United States Air Force in 1978, he demonstrated a commitment to excellence and patriotism that would be a recurring theme throughout his life. Following his military service, Roderick built a career at Society Corporation, now known as KeyBank, where his work ethic and interpersonal skills shone brightly. His desire to make a direct impact in people’s lives led him to a fulfilling role as a social worker for Cuyahoga County, where he served with distinction for over a decade before retiring.

Those who knew Roderick will remember him as a founding member of the social group “THE FOUR ACES,” alongside Floyd Walden II, Carl Borders, and Rodney Taylor. The camaraderie and joy shared within this brotherhood were a source of great happiness for him. Roderick’s free spirit was infectious, and he was always a delight to be around. He was a man who stood firm in his convictions, especially when it came to his family and politics.

Family was the cornerstone of Roderick’s world. His love for his two sons, Roderick Alvin Walden Beasley (Ashley Green-Beasley) and Ranier Alexander Walden Beasley (Anton Zbarah), was unwavering. He took immense pride in ensuring that they grew to be responsible and compassionate men. His six grandchildren, Enajhae Beasley, Elijahh Ford-Beasley, Ranier Beasley, Amirah Beasley, Roderick Beasley III, and Amani Alexander, were the apples of his eye. Each child knew they were cherished and celebrated for their unique gifts and personalities.



**RODERICK ALVIN WALDEN**