

Acknowledgements

The Family would like to thank everyone for all the love and affection from neighbors and friends of Joe and Lilla Mae. Love and Blessings to All!

The Graves and Moffett Families

Ballbearers

Family and Friends

Flowerbearers

Family and Friends



*As the sun sets upon this life and your body is laid to rest.
We know you'll be up in Heaven because God only takes the best.
We know you're watching over us and it takes away the pain.
We will carry you in our hearts until we meet again.
Our world is a little darker now that we're apart,
But the memories are shining brightly within our broken hearts.
You touched the lives of those you loved and we wanted you to stay.
But you were needed up in Heaven and
God whispered, "Come the way."
We know whenever we're lonely and our smile becomes a frown,
We'll look up to the sky above and there will be angels looking down.*



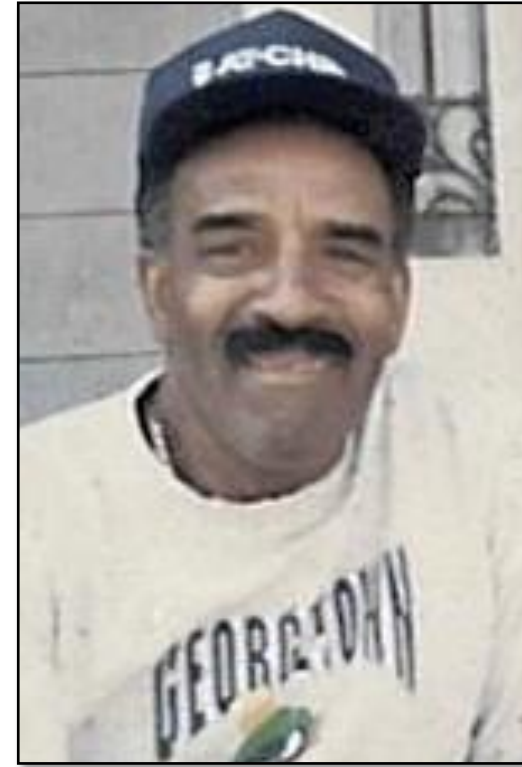
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A Service of Memory Celebrating the Life of

Joe D. Graves

July 12, 1926 — March 2, 2021



— Homegoing Service —

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Preston Charles Funeral Home

400 N. Wayne Avenue • Lockland, OH 45215

Rev. Frank Sylvester, Officiating

Obituary

Joe D. Graves was born in Laurel, Mississippi on July 12, 1926 to the late Ancie Bell (Musgrove) Graves and John Graves.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, seeing battle. After the war, he followed his brother to Cincinnati, Ohio where he met his future wife, Lilla Mae (Rutland). He and Lilla Mae started an adventure together, travel, parties with friends and family. They always had a great time enjoying life and each other until her passing in November of 2018.

Joe retired from Norfolk and Southern Railroad and relaxed in his home in Evanston.

Joe leaves to cherish his memory: Rochelle Graves (niece), Joedale Moffett (nephew) of Atlanta, Georgia and family friend, Greg Molden of Atlanta, Georgia; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Lilla Mae (Rutland); brothers, Leon and George; and sisters, Mamie (Moffett) and Veloa Graves.

*A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still.
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.*

*But after a lonely heartache,
And many silent tears;
There's always a beautiful memory
Of one we loved so dear.*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Parting View

Prayer

Scripture

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

The Family

Minister

Minister

Pamela Crumbley

(2 minutes, please)

Read Silently

Pamela Crumbley

Rev. Frank Sylvester



Interment

Walnut Hills Cemetery

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. — St. John 11:25-26