

## PSALM 23

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 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.

### PALLBEARERS:

*Kyle Battle*

*Mike Frye*

*Robbie Fuqua*

*Darryl Williams*

*Jules Williams*

*Ron Williams*



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

The Family

*Arrangements Entrusted to:  
Preston Charles Funeral Home  
400 N. Wayne Avenue  
Lockland, OH 45215*



*In Loving  
Memory*



RONALD EDWARD RUFFIN

September 10, 1957 – May 1, 2023

### VISITATION/SERVICE

Friday, May 12, 2023 | 11am-12pm |  
Service 12pm

Greater Liberty Baptist Church  
6209 Desmond Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227  
Herbert E. Mabry, Pastor

## OBITUARY

Ronald Edward Ruffin, age 65, of Cincinnati, Ohio passed away on Monday, May 1, 2023, at the Jewish Hospital. Ron was born on September 10, 1957, to the union of Coleman and Eva (nee Walker) Ruffin. Ron was preceded in death by both of his parents, Coleman and Eva Ruffin.

Ron was raised in Cumminsville, and attended Cincinnati Public Schools; Garfield Elementary, Heindl Jr. High, and graduated from Courter Technical High School in 1975. He was recruited to play basketball for Michigan State University while in high school.

Ron was baptized at Greater New Hope Baptist Church as a child, and he joined Greater Liberty Baptist Church in 2022.

Ron was previously employed with Hilton Davis Chemical Company and the Ohio Department of Transportation; he was also a forklift driver for various warehouses.

Ron was a sports enthusiast, he loved football, baseball, basketball, and watching Nascar Formula 1 and Indy car races. Ron was an umpire for adult baseball games and refereed for youth basketball games for many years, as he had a special place in his heart for children. He had a nickname for everyone, such as Grasshopper, Test-Tube Baby or Bruce. He was called "Ruff Ron" because his basketball skills were rough.

Ron was a part of a special group from the class of 1975 at Courter Tech that have remained friends long after graduation.

Ron leaves to cherish his memory, his loving partner Shirley Thompson, daughter, Angel (Rondelrick) Hodo, two sons, Ronald (Robyn) Williams, and Kyle (MaryLauren) Battle; siblings, Carolyn Warmack, Deborah Ruffin, Clarice Edmondson, Coleman (Carol) Ruffin, Jr., and Michael Ruffin, his grandchildren Taylor and Byron Williams, great-grandchildren, along with nieces Nadia and Nici Ruffin, nephew Domonique Roper, great nephew Alex Ruffin and other family members and friends.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Musical Prelude* -----

*Processional Musical Prelude* ----- *Clergy and Officials*

*Parting View* ----- *The Family*

*Scripture Reading* -----

*Old | Testament | Psalm 91:10*  
*New Testament | 2 Corinthians 5:1-7*

*Prayer* -----

*Musical Selection (CD)* ----- *"God is My Everything"*

*Acknowledgement | Resolution(s)* ----- *Michelle R. West*

*Obituary (please read silently)* -----

*Reflections by Family & Friends*  
*Darryl Williams & Jules Williams*

*Musical Selection (CD) Musical Prelude* ----- *"Every Praise"*

*Eulogy* ----- *Pastor Herbert Mabry*

*Benediction* ----- *Pastor Herbert E. Mabry*

*Recessional* -----

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand*  
*. Isaiah 41:10*

## INTERMENT

*Spring Grove Cemetery | 4521 Spring Grove Avenue*  
*Cincinnati, OH 45232*