

#### Acknowledgements

The family of Ulysses Rozelle wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love, kindness, care and concern extended to us throughout this time of great loss and sorrow. Thank you for keeping us in your hearts, thoughts and prayers.

### Honorary Pallbearers

Ulysses Brandon Rozelle • Robert Tate • Jim Engel R.D. Clemons • Sandy Sherman • Anthony Smith Orlando Henderson • Alphonso Merriweather



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's 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 for ever.



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# A Service of Memory Celebrating the Life of Ulysses Rozelle

Sunrise: February 4, 1940 Sunset: October 1, 2020



Friday, October 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

## Inspirational Bible Church

11450 Sebring Drive • Cincinnati, OH 45240

Bishop Victor S. Couzens, Officiating

## Obituary

Ulysses Rozelle, son of Dorothy Tate, was born on February 4, 1940 in Docena, Alabama. He answered his Master's call to Glory on Thursday, October 1, 2020. As a young child, his family relocated to Logan County, West Virginia. Ulysses was blessed to move next door to Orlando Henderson at the age of 4 and they would become life-long friends. He completed his formal education at the local public schools, and graduated from Aracoma High School in 1958.

After graduating from high school, Ulysses attended Bluefield State College, graduating in 1963 with a B.S. in Education. An impactful part of his college experience was his participation in lunch counter sit-ins and other endeavors that were politically relevant at that time. Also while attending college, Ulysses pledged membership into Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Shortly thereafter, he began a professional football career with the Philadelphia Bulldogs (American Football League) which was short-lived because he was drafted into the U.S. Army and deployed to Vietnam. In 2018, he was selected to attend Honor Flight Cincinnati to Washington, DC for his sacrifice and commitment to his country.

Following his tour in Vietnam, he relocated to Cincinnati with his college sweetheart, Jean Crews. They united in holy matrimony in 1965 and from this union, two beautiful children were born, Kelly Jean and Ulysses Brandon.

In 1965, he began his career with Cincinnati Public Schools that would span more than 35 years. Mr. Rozelle, affectionately known as "Mr. Ro" or "Coach Ro" had a major impact on the lives of students at the following schools: Bloom Junior High, Quarter Tech, Hughes, Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education (CAPE), ending his teaching career at Taft High School. Ulysses earned a Master's Degree from Xavier University (Ohio). He taught Biology, Anatomy and Physiology. Coach Rogained great pleasure coaching alongside his life-long

friend, Jim Engel in a variety of sports to include: football, basketball, track and field. These two even took on the responsibility of advising a cheerleading squad. He also worked in the capacity of Athletic Director at Taft where he became an influential figure in the West End. His love for young people lead him to work with Teen Institute (Drug Prevention and Awareness Program at CPS). Outside of his school career, he managed to find time to coach the Silver Coach Cowboys (Semi-Professional Football). Ulysses was also presented an opportunity to travel all over the country as an official for U.S.A. Amateur Track and Field Association. Ulysses attended Lee Chapel A.M.E. Church. In the late 1980's and early 90's, he did chauffeur work for his good friend, Jim Washington (Washington Limousine Service). In his free time, you could find him covering his office hours at Sonny's on California or Brother's Café.

Ulysses loved his family, loved sports and was very serious about education and uplifting others. His infectious smile, sense of humor and quick wit will be truly missed.

Ulysses was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Tate and three brothers, Charles, Michael and Roland Anthony. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving daughter, Kelly and son, Brandon; siblings, Robert, Gwendolyn and Jacqueline; granddaughter, Tiffany; greatgrandsons, Lyndale and Damon; one nephew, nieces and a host of other relatives and friends.



## Memorial

Prayer/Scripture Bishop Victor S. Couzens

Selection(s) Lenny Hunt and Friends

Reflections Rochelle Johnson

Anthony G. Smith Orlando Henderson

James Perry

Solo Minister David Minor

Lincoln Heights Missionary

Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Cathy Ingram

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Obituary Read Silently

Solo Rameco Lattimore

Introspective View Kelly and Brandon Rozelle

Eulogy Pastor Trevor Phillips

Saving Grace Community Church of Greater Cincinnati

Benediction Bishop Victor S. Couzens

Recessional



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.

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