

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent flowers,
if so, we saw them there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you so much, whatever the part.

The Family of Alphonzo Starkey



“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves
those who are crushed in spirit.
The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers him from them all; he protects
all his bones, not one of them will be broken.”

(Psalms 34:17-20 NIV)



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A Service of Memory Celebrating the Life of

Alphonzo Starkey

February 16, 1944 — October 2, 2020



Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

Preston Charles Funeral Home
400 N. Wayne Avenue • Lockland, OH 45215

Pastor Floyd Walker, Officiating

Obituary

ALPHONZO STARKEY was born to the late Mary Ruth Harris and Mose Starkey on February 16, 1944 in Cincinnati, OH. He was called home to Jesus on October 2, 2020.

He confessed his life to Christ at an early age at Bethlehem Baptist Church in downtown Cincinnati. He was educated in the Cincinnati Public Schools. He served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked for the Ford Motor Co., but his passion in life started when he was introduced to cosmetology and barbering. He graduated from the Poro School of Beauty in Cincinnati in 1972. His career spanned over 35 years, opening major salons across the U.S. and working abroad for companies such as Revlon, L'oreal, Soft Sheen and Dudley Products to name a few. He was one of the most sought after platform stylist of his era, even styling for the first Ms. Black Universe and the Bobby Jones Gospel Show among other celebrities. He opened up his own salon, Shaping Shears in Nashville, TN in 1979. He also created Emerald Hair Care Products in 1985. His accomplishments are too vast to include all, but the one that was most important to him was becoming an ordained Minister in 1995. He lived a life of Christ performing sermons when he could until he was called to be by the Lord's side.

Alphonzo is preceded in death by his infant daughter, Marlisha Starkey; son, Alphonzo Starkey II; sister, Thelma Kinley; and great-grandson, Ja'quan Daymond Howard.

Alphonzo leaves to cherish his memory: brothers, Robert Starkey, Meldon Starkey, David Bass and Javaka Starkey; children, Lisa McDonald (Eric), Rodney, Aretha Washington, Tyrone Burke, Curtis, Landon and Christian Starkey; and a host of grandkids, great-grandkids and many relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Lynnetta Suggs Rollinson
Prayer	Pastor Floyd Walker
Scripture	Pastor Floyd Walker
Selection	Lynnetta Suggs Rollinson
Acknowledgements	Read by Shelby Starkey
Remarks	Limit to 2 minutes
Obituary	Read Silently
Selection	Lynnetta Suggs Rollinson
Eulogy	Pastor Floyd Walker
Benediction	Pastor Floyd Walker
Recessional	



Interment

Dayton National Cemetery

Sorry, but due to Covid-19 restrictions, only 20 family members are allowed. Also, there will not be a formal repast.

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