Thank you to all who expressed your support in whatever way you chose to do so. You have been invaluable & we cannot express how deeply our love for you runs.

Ronald would be so touched at the outpouring of love. His legacy was love for & generosity to others. In memory of Ronald, show love to someone who might not think they deserve it, perform a random act of kindness or donate to a charity that feeds hungry children. Any of those gestures will make Ronald smile and bless others in the process.

Into the darkness and warmth of the earth
We lay you down
Into the sadness and smiles of our memories
We lay you down
Into the cycle of living and dying and rising again
We lay you down
May you rest in peace, in fulfilment, in loving
May you run straight home into God's embrace
~Ruth Burgess

## Ronald Lee Woods



January 4, 1955 ~ March 1, 2021

Ronald Lee Woods, 66, born in Dayton, OH January 4, 1955 to Wilbert and Mary Ellen (Powell) Woods. He went to be with the Lord March 1, 2021. Ronald served honorably in the Army after attending Roth H.S. He had a generous soul, a hearty laugh and a smile for everyone. Ronald persevered in spite of stroke related limitations. He loved his family, his friends and his Lord. His daily activities included Bible reading, keeping an eye on the weather, the Price Is Right, Sanford & Son, Judge Judy and playing tug of war with the family dog, Atticus. Ronald left one up on the dog in wins.

Preceded in death by his parents, sister Wilberetta Woods and brother-in-law Tommie Darden, Jr.  $\,$ 

He leaves to cherish his memory daughter Shanika Moore, siblings Gilbert (Angel) Jones, Mary Besley, Delores Darden, Gilbert (Cheryl) Woods, Gloria Woods and Ronnie (Tamika) McNeal, lifelong friend Arthur Lynch, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family, and of course, his canine companion, Atticus.

Ronald spent the last 3 years living with his brother & sister-in-law, Gilbert and Cheryl. His presence will be missed like hearing him laugh out loud at tv shows he had seen many times, his reminiscing about his life as a young man and how grateful he was for his family. He was quick to thank God for everything good in his life. His hope was in the promise of Heaven & we have no doubt that he is rejoicing in the ever after even as we mourn his loss.

We want to thank our friends and family who have reached out during this difficult time, the wonderful staff at Miami Valley Hospital's Neuroscience ICU and the Emergency Department who treated Ronald with care and dignity. Ronald's primary care was rendered by the talented medical staff at the Dayton VA Medical Center and all are greatly appreciated for their effect on his life and health.

Services will be held at Thomas Funeral Home, 4520 Salem Ave, Dayton, OH on Friday, March 12, 2021. Walk through visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the celebration of life at 11:00 AM. Ronald will be laid to rest, in honor of his service to his country, at the Dayton National Cemetery. While the family appreciates all of your kindness, thoughts and prayers, we respectfully request that everyone practice covid protocols during visitation and service.

## The Celebration of Life for Ronald L. Woods

SongGRATEFULHezekiah Walker w/Love Fellowship Choir
Prayer
Scripture Reading
Prayer
ReflectionsFamily & Friends
*Out of respect for all & in the interest of time, please keep remarks under 3 minutes*
Reading of the Obituary
SongGOIN' UP YONDERWalter Hawkins & The Love Center Choir
Eulogy
Final Farewell and Viewing
SongMORE THAN ANYTHINGLamar Campbell & Spirit of Praise
Pallbearers
Gilbert Jones (brother) Gilbert Woods (brother) Ronnie McNeal (brother)
Maurice Woods (nephew)  Derricko Hall (nephew)
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Chad Peters (great-nephew)

Due to covid restrictions, the interment ceremony at the Dayton National Cemetery will be private.