

PALLBEARERS - FLOWER BEARERS
Friends and Family

Memories of Dad

I will take this special moment, to turn my thoughts to Dad. To thank him for the home he gave, for all the things we had. We think about the fleeting years too quickly gone for good. It seems like only yesterday- I'd go back if I could. A time when Dad was always there no matter what the weather. Always strong when things went wrong, he held our lives together. He strived so hard from day to day and never once complained. With steady hands he worked so hard and kept the family name. He taught us that hard work pays off. You reap just what you sow. He said that if you tend your crops your field will overflow My life has been bountiful. He taught me how to give. In his firm and steadfast way, he taught me how to live. Dad dwells among the angels now, he left us much too soon He glides across a golden field above the harvest moon. I see him in the summer rain, he rides upon the wind and when my path is beaten down, he picks me up again.

Acknowledgements

The family of Russell Eugene Franklin would like to express our gratitude for the many acts of kindness and love through prayers, calls, visits, flowers, and other expressions of sympathy.

Special Thanks to the

Caregivers Hospice of Dayton and Bethany Lutheran Village

Arrangements

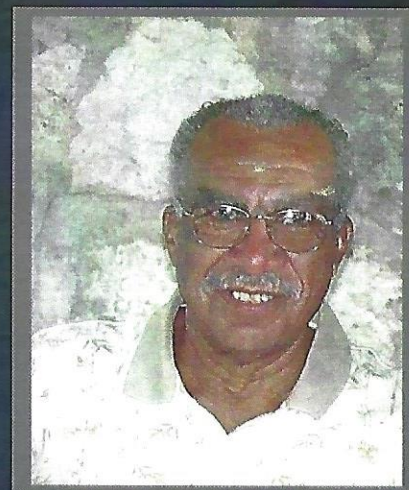
Thomas Funeral Home 4520 Salem Avenue Dayton, Ohio

In Loving Memory of

Russell Eugene Franklin

Sunrise Sunset

July 26, 1929 – March 10, 2022



Service

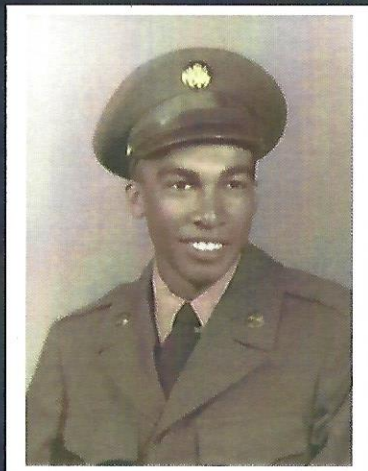
Monday, March 21, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Thomas Funeral Home

Rev. Dr. Gloria Wade Dillon, Officiating

OBITUARY

God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you and whispered "Come to me" on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at Bethany Lutheran Village Centerville, Ohio. *Russell Franklin* was born July 26, 1929, in Mayslick, Kentucky, the son of the late Arthur and Margaret (Tabor) Franklin. Russell Franklin followed his late brother William Franklin from Mayslick, KY to take a job at Rike's department store. He worked in shipping and receiving for over 40 yrs. along with a second job to provide for his blended family.



He was affectionately known as the grill master when he had time and enjoyed it immensely. Russell's life goal was to be a husband, father, protector, and provider for his family. He never asked for anything, never complained even in the worst of circumstances, and had a stellar work ethic. He only missed work for funerals. He served his country in the Korean War as an infantry soldier.

Russell was preceded in death by his wife of 58 yrs. Martha Franklin, son Melvin Hardin, daughter Angela Odister, brothers William, Raymond, Herbert, John, Richard, Robert and Clarence; sisters Mary, Lena Mae and Lydia. He leaves to cherish his memory sister, Katherine (Walter) Fox, brother Herman (LaRue) Franklin, children Karen (Paul) Sosebee, Mary Early, Arthur Franklin. He is also survived by grandchildren Craig Hardin, Kandice Odister, Rhyan (Mario) Stuckey, DaJuan Franklin, Rachel (Mike) Wilson, Raven Early, India Hardin, Gabriel Hardin; great-grandchildren Sidney, Evan, Nasim, Imiyan, Quran, Iyleah, Jaylion, Raegan and Xavier. Special family members Darryl and Damon Chandler, JoAnn Hereford, Ronald Odister, Ozell Early, and a host of nephews and nieces.

Order of Service

OPENING PRAYER
SCRIPTURE READING

SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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REMARKS

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SELECTION

EULOGY
Pastor Rev. Dr. Gloria W. Dillon

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

REPAST
Central State West Campus Community Room
Immediately following the interment