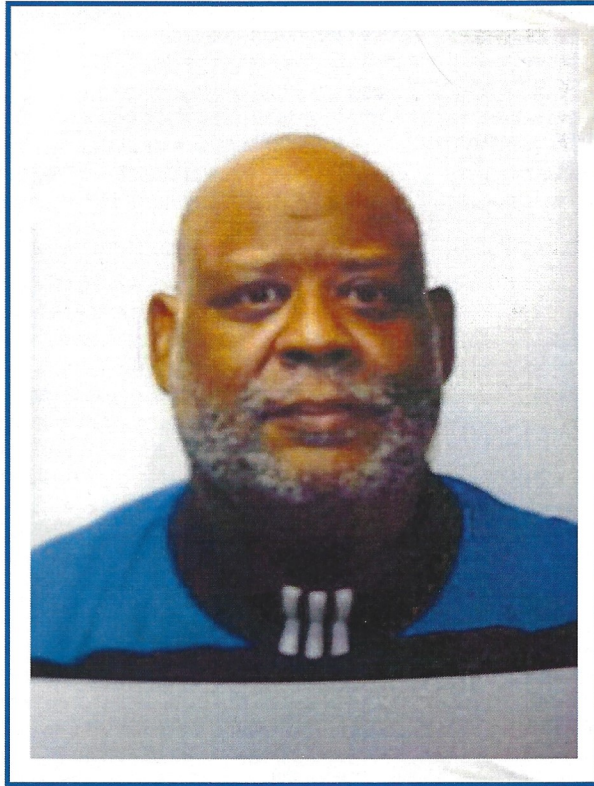


Homegoing Celebration  
For the Life of  
Frederick Homer Crawford



Sunrise  
September 7, 1959

Sunset  
March 10, 2023

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## Order of Service

### Minister Karetha F. Burns, Officiant

Scripture .....	Minister Karetha F. Burns
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Prayer and Words of Encouragement .....	Evangelist Vicki Burns
Musical Selection .....	Krista Matthews
Obituary .....	Silent Reading
Musical Selections .....	Daniel Cook
Reflections .....	Friends/Family
Eulogy .....	Minister Cheryl Scroggins
Closing remarks .....	Minister Karetha F. Burns
Recessional .....	Clergy, Family, Friends



## Obituary

### Frederick Homer Crawford

Frederick was a man known by many names: Fred, Coach Crawford, Unc, Uncle Fred, Uncle Ricky, Boss Man, Freddie, Rick and Ricky. He was born 63 years ago to the union of William E. Crawford and Ethel McDonald in Middletown, Ohio. Fred moved to Dayton at an early age and attended Wogoman Elementary School, Meadowdale High School and Dixie High School, where he was a standout football player.

After suffering a career ending football knee injury at Findlay College in 1979, Fred returned to Dayton and attended Sinclair Community College where he majored in Sociology. He met his college sweetheart and love of his life, Cheri Hooper and from that time, they were inseparable. He dropped out short of graduation to take care of his family after his father was in a serious car accident.

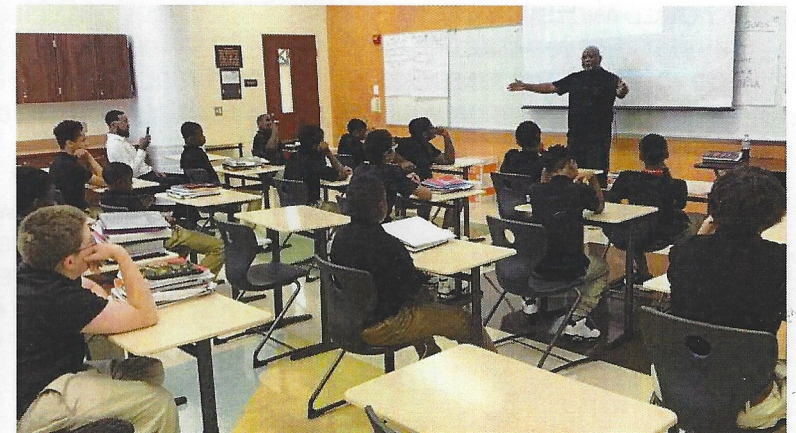
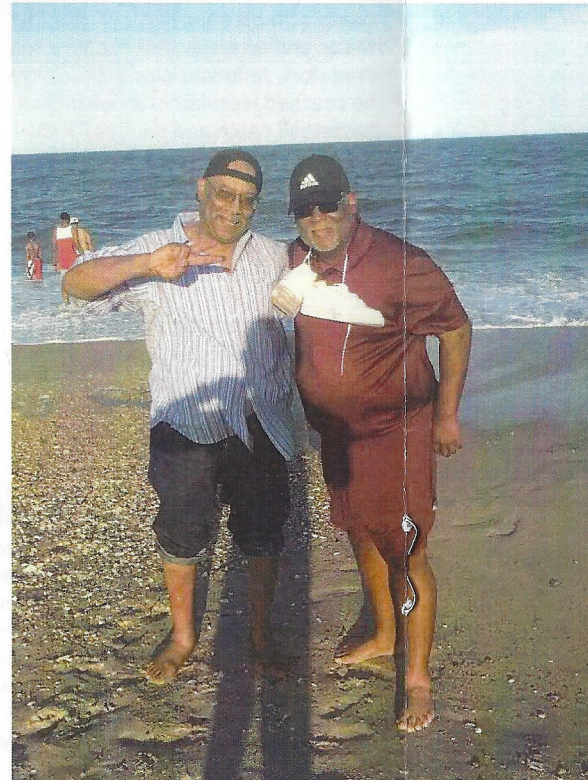
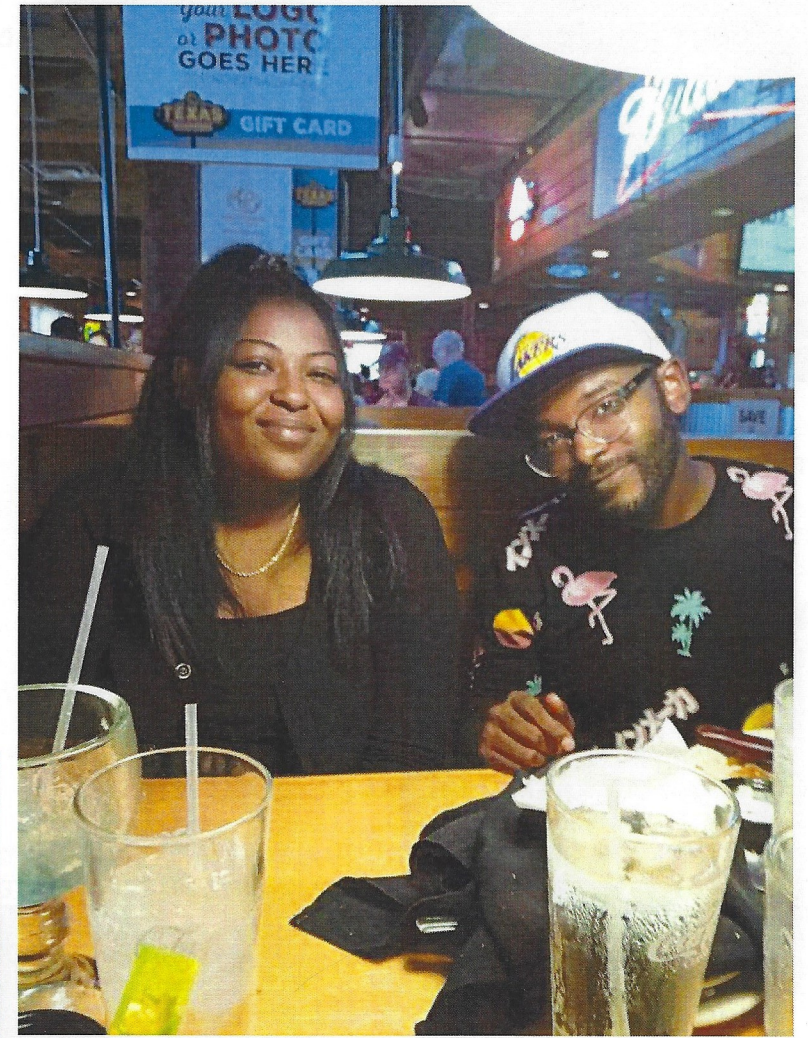
Three years later, on the anniversary of their first date, Fred and Cheri were united in holy matrimony which lasted for 40 years. To this union, two children were born, William and Ashley. Fred was an exceptional husband and proud father - his family meant everything to him. He was very thoughtful and went to great lengths to make us happy. That was a success! He was an avid animal lover and always had dogs, who were part of the family. Fred was a great provider and was retired from Caterpillar. He was also an excellent cook. There are many memories of family gatherings where he prepared delicious meals, but his specialty was grilling. He always had dreams of operating a roadside grill. He briefly operated "Big June's Grill", in honor of his father William "Big June" Crawford.

Fred also had a passion for working with and mentoring youth through sports. He was always coaching, beginning in 1978 in New Lebanon with Dixie Pee Wee football and later as a baseball coach with his nephew Lloyd with the Dayton Red Devils at First Dayton Little League. He went on to run and coach several Pee Wee football programs such as the Dayton Mustangs, Dayton Predators, Jefferson Wee Broncos, Dunbar Wee Wolverines, and Belmont Wee Bisons. The teams he coached were very successful and won numerous football Super Bowls. Fred was also a basketball coach and mentor for the Future Stars of Dayton. Mentoring was extremely important to him and he put his all into his efforts to reach one and teach one, using the game of basketball as a template. He cared for every one of the young men that he mentored and coached and would often visit their school for grade checks to make sure they were on track. Fred has influenced hundreds of youth in a positive manner over the years and his mentorship and guidance will be missed.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, William and Patricia Crawford, mother, Ethel Crawford, father-in-law, Bill Hooper, aunts, Joanne "Mickey" Thurmond, Arvelee "Chee Chee" Bailey, Elnora "Nora" Crawford and uncles, Roger, Daniel, Richard, and Gordon "Butch" Crawford. He also was preceded in death by numerous family and friends, including special cousin, William "Billy Man" Crawford. He is also preceded in death by our canine family, Bruno and Ms. Carter.

Fred is survived by his loving wife Cheri, son William and daughter Ashley, brothers, Gregory Cain (New Lebanon, OH), William E. Crawford, Jr. (Dorothea) (Tampa, FL), Lloyd Cain (Columbus, OH), mother-in-law, Claudia Hooper, (Trotwood, OH), sister in law, Joyce Smith (Lawrence) (Cincinnati, OH), aunt, Teresa Chea (Dayton, OH), nieces and nephews Monica & Lloyd Hathcock, (Dacula, GA) Samantha Crawford, (Tampa, FL) Jonathan & Erica Cain (Dayton, OH) all of whom he adored with great love and were extremely special to him, a host of great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews, cousins and other family and friends that he loved very much. He is also survived by "his boys" who were all special in his life, Ricardo Crawford, Ron Brown (Tonya), James "Red" Simmons (Moneik), Edward McRoberts (Donna), Charles Walker and cousin Roger "TC" Crawford, Jr. He is also survived by his granddog Juno, the offspring of Bruno and Ms. Carter.







# Thank You for Honoring the Memory and Legacy of

## FREDERICK H. CRAWFORD

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE CONDOLENCES, PRAYERS AND LOVE THAT HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO ME AND RICKY'S CHILDREN. FOR THAT, I WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL. WHILE WE STILL STRUGGLE TO ACCEPT GOD'S PLAN, WE KNOW AND REALIZE THAT RICKY IS IN THE ARMS OF THE LORD AND IS AT PEACE AND PERFECT HEALTH. PLEASE CONTINUE TO LIFT US UP IN PRAYER SO THAT WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE PEACE THAT GOD'S LOVE WILL PROVIDE TO US IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

### I WANT TO LEAVE THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

TO MY CHILDREN, YOUR FATHER LOVED YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD. HE WAS VERY PROUD OF THE YOUNG ADULTS THAT YOU HAVE BECOME AND THE LIFE THAT YOU ARE LIVING. HE WANTS YOU TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND REMEMBER HIS LOVE FOR YOU.

TO MY BROTHERS, YOUR BROTHER LOVED YOU AND CHERISHED THE LOVE YOU HAD AS CHILDREN GROWING UP AND AS IT CONTINUED AS ADULTS. YOU ALL MEANT THE WORLD TO HIM.

TO MY NIECES AND NEPHEWS, YOUR UNCLE LOVED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE REMEMBER HIS LOVE FOR YOU.

TO MY COUSINS, YOUR COUSIN LOVED YOU ALL AND SPOKE FONDLY OF THE TIMES YOU HAD OVER THE YEARS. THOSE TIMES WERE NEVER FORGOTTEN.

TO OUR FRIENDS, RICKY WAS A LOYAL FRIEND WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR YOU OR TO HELP. HE WAS A GREAT LISTENER AND ALWAYS HAD GOOD ADVICE. HE SINCERELY LOVED AND CARED FOR EACH OF YOU.

TO THE FUTURE STARS, COACH/UNC WAS SUCH A SUPPORTER OF YOU ALL. HE TRULY CARED AND LOVED YOU AND WAS INTERESTED IN HELPING YOU TO BECOME THE BEST THAT YOU COULD BE. PLEASE HONOR HIS MEMORY AND ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST AND REMEMBER WHAT COACH WOULD SAY WHENEVER YOU HAVE A SITUATION WHERE YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHAT TO DO.


RICKY, I AM LOST WITHOUT YOU BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT ALTHOUGH WE ARE DEVASTATED, WE ARE CRAWFORDS - AND WE WILL CARRY ON AS I KNOW YOU WOULD WANT US TO DO. YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH FROM THE AGE OF 17 AND ONGOINGLY. YOU HAVE PLAYED AN INTEGRAL PART IN THE PERSON THAT I AM. THE KIDS AND I WILL CARRY OUR LOVE FOR YOU IN OUR HEARTS AND HONOR YOUR MEMORY FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.

*I Love You Forever*

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## Acknowledgements

The Family of Frederick H. Crawford  
would like to thank everyone who extended prayers, condolences, food, financial  
blessings and love during this difficult time.  
Your continued prayers are appreciated.

## Pallbearers

WILLIAM F. CRAWFORD  
RICARDO CRAWFORD  
RON BROWN

JONATHAN CAIN  
ISIAH EARLEY  
ELLIOT RIDLEY

## Honorary Pallbearers

LLOYD CAIN  
WILLIAM E. CRAWFORD, JR.  
GREGORY CAIN

HENRY JOHNSON  
JOE TRAMMELL  
ROGER CRAWFORD, JR.

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord"



## Interment

Shiloh Park Cemetery / Philadelphia Drive  
Dayton, OH 45415

## Repast

Golden Corral / 6611 Miller Lane / Dayton, OH 45414  
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