



## Foxworth Leon Gardner

September 21, 1952 - February 9, 2024

Mr. Leon was called home to glory on February 9, 2024. Born on September 21st, 1952, in Columbus, Mississippi. He was the son of the late Eva Mae Gardner and Leroy “Tot” Gardner. Leon was the 2nd youngest of 9 children. He joins his loving siblings who preceded him in death: Billy Ed, Willie Joe, Ora Pearl, and Henry. He is survived by his four cherished siblings: Willie Roy, Odestia, Arthur, and Tom. He has a wife named Gina.

Mr. Leon was a hardworking man who worked for the city of Toledo: “Street, Bridges, and Harbor” for 30 years. After retirement, he worked as a driver for people with disabilities in his spare time. He was a bold and caring leader who was an inspiration as well as a sponsor for many people who faced alcohol addiction. In addition, he led many Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and served as treasurer of his group. He cherished and loved them all and considered many of them as his close friends.

Mr. Leon married Alice Faye Williams, the two divorced several years later; and he leaves to cherish their two children, Tripeka and Lisa, along with his two beautiful grandbabies, Trinity and Madison. He also leaves to cherish a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Mr. Leon was a loving, caring, wholesome man. His devotion to his family &

his loved ones was unmatched. He took joy in making people laugh & smile; everywhere he went, he was the light of the room.

He loved attending the racetrack with his brothers, winning bowling tournaments with them, and hitting the jackpot at the casino.

He enjoyed watching every game of his favorite football team, the LA Rams, on TV. He celebrated and was ecstatic when they won the Super Bowl in 2022.

Anybody who knew Mr. Leon knows how much he loved his old-school Motown music.

The Gardner's would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Angel, Lisa Newton and Marguerite Benson-West; the Foster and Hayworth extended family, along with Mr. Leon's big brother Willie Roy Gardner. You're more than a brother. More than a best friend. We will always cherish you. Our hearts are shattered, but we take comfort in knowing that he's in the loving bosom of our Father, the Almighty Yahuah (Yah-who-ah), the Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob-the Ancient of Days. Amen.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
572 Nebraska Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43604  
(419) 248-4254  
[info@dalefh.com](mailto:info@dalefh.com)

## Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Barry & Gladys Jackson, Columbus, OH planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Foxworth Leon Gardner.

Barry & Gladys Jackson, Columbus, OH - February 21, 2024 at 08:22 PM

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“ Barry & Gladys Jackson, Columbus, OH purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Foxworth Leon Gardner.



Barry & Gladys Jackson, Columbus, OH - February 21, 2024 at 08:22 PM

PE

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of your dear loved one. my pray is that your family and friends have peace and strenght to weather all the unexpected that come with losing a loved one. May the God of all comfort with you and comfort you like no one can. Much love to your family.

peggi - February 21, 2024 at 11:40 AM

VF

My Condolences go out to the Gardner family. He will truly be missed. May God keep you all comforted through the loss of your family member.

Veronica Fultz-Moss - February 27, 2024 at 04:06 PM

TG

“ *Rip to the greatest man alive !*



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**trinity gardner** - February 20, 2024 at 06:10 PM

LI

“ *To my Pa: There are no words. I love you!*

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**Lisa** - February 19, 2024 at 02:18 PM

BH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and pain, God will be with all of you. Barbara Hayworth & Foster Family!*



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**Barbara A Hayworth** - February 17, 2024 at 05:45 PM