



Robert L. Staples

May 23, 1949 - April 14, 2020

Robert Lewis Staples born to the union of Guy and Mabel Staples in Middleboros KY, on May 23, 1949, and he transitioned from this life on April 14, 2020, at the age of 70.

Robert accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and after moving to Ohio in the mid-1950s, the family united with St. Mark's Baptist Church. His formal education was obtained in the Toledo Public School System, graduating from Libbey High School. Robert served in the US Army Infantry #241 during the Vietnam War era. Doing his time-of-service, Robert received (3)-Purple Hearts and (4)-Bronze Stars, The Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Sharpshooter Rifle Medal, and The United States Combat Infantry Badge, before being Honorably discharged.

Robert was the proud father of six children, surviving the loss of his only son and oldest daughter.

Robert worked very hard and played harder. He loved to cook, dress, he was an avid fisherman, loved nice cars, playing pool, traveling, sports, and playing cards with his nephews who affectionately called him Unc or Uncle Rob. Robert hated to lose.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Mable Staples, son,

Robert (Flash/Man) Staples, daughter, Rolanda (Pumpkin) Nesby, great-granddaughter, Kelsey Chism, siblings Guy Jr, Marcus Sr., Marry Lee Staples, Patricia Pattin, Betty Jo Rutherford, and Shelia Taylor.

He leaves to cherish his memory and to carry on his legacy daughters, Rashonda, Robin, Rashion Staples, and Rhonda (Antione) Wiggins; 19 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers, Johnny Guy Staples, Rudy Sr. (Jackie) Staples; sisters, Naomi Ruth (Richard) Craig, Ludi Heath, Brenda Staples, Lillian Carol (Frank) Buchanan, Gwen (Andre) Tiggs, Debra (Hiram) Duffie, Joetta (Mark) Kynard, Robin Kay Owens, Barbara Ann McDonald; 4 aunts, Lula Mae Harris, Leola Holston, Lucretia Davis, Mary Wilson, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. He is truly missed.

Robert's oldest living aunt, Lula Mae Harris (94), adopted him lovingly after he had joined the Army and buddied with her son, (James Walden Harris) who was killed in action during the war. He was a friend to many but especially to RC and Margell Campbell who looked out for him and helped to make his life bearable during some of the most trying times in his life. Delano and Gregory Morris were his brothers-in-arms and never failed to honor him on Veterans' Day.

Heartfelt thanks to Edi Clark and Tiandra Tiggs for the love they showed their uncle in his final days. Special thanks to the staff at Concord Care Facility and the Veteran's Administration for the care and kindness shown to "Papa Bear" as Robert was affectionately called. Special thanks to Pastor Richard D. Hague, Robert's longtime friend from Mount Erie Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, NY, to Dale-Riggs Funeral Home and Evangelist Gloria Jackson his friend and spiritual advisor.

Cemetery Details

Ottawa Hills Memorial Park

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Ottawa Hills Memorial Park
4210 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ Good memories and sweet stories- they come into our lives like pennies from heaven... reminding us in small, unexpected ways that we have loved and been loved.

Praying you and all the family the blessings of memories and the comfort of love each time we remember Robert and the time God blessed us to have him here on earth.

*With love & sympathy
Your cousin
Bishop Floyd Turley*

Turley Floyd D Jr - May 02, 2020 at 02:11 PM

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“ To Gwen and family. So sorry to hear of your brother's death. My condolences to you all.

*Sincerely,
Dorothy Futrell Randall*

Dorothy Randall - April 19, 2020 at 07:10 AM



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Janella Clayborne - April 17, 2020 at 08:32 PM

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To the Staples Family: sorry to of hear of Roberts transition. I wish and pray for comfort to your Family! Tony Hague

Tony Hague - April 22, 2020 at 12:31 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *How Robert Lived His Dash*



Brenda Staples - April 17, 2020 at 08:30 PM

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“ *Blessings of comfort & peace to the family and loved ones of Robert. He will not be forgotten in the hearts of all who knew him. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord".*



Bobbie - April 17, 2020 at 01:32 PM