



Services will be 1:00 P.M. Friday, December 19, 2014 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 827 Wilson Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio for Mr. Joseph Thomas Joe, Jr., 63, of Youngstown, who departed this life Thursday, December 4, 2014 at his home.

Mr. Joe was born November 12, 1951 in Youngstown, a son of Joseph Sr. and Minne Griffin Joe. He was a 1971 graduate of Niles McKinley High School where he played football with the Niles Red Dragons , and also attended National College. He also played semi-pro football with the Youngstown Hardhats in 1975. He had worked as an independent long haul truck driver. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and its Male Chorus and Senior Choir, and a former member of the Senior Usher Ministry. He was a U. S. Army veteran.

He leaves to cherish his beloved memory his wife, Jackie; seven children, Marie A. Joe of Sharon, PA, Joseph T. Joe III (fiancé, Kayla Neeley), Aiesha L. Joe (fiancé, Gregory Gilford), Anthony (Shaurice) Coder and Mae Lee Thomas all of Youngstown, Nicole Joe and Jovanna Joe both of Colorado; three sisters, Ann Durley Carter of Texas, Nellie Bridgeforth and Muriel Bridgeforth both of California; three brothers, Dr. William Brant of Adelphi, MA, Wayne Bridgeforth of Texas and Walter Bridgeforth of Michigan; an aunt whom he was very close with, Olla L. Tate; special friends Sandra Abrams, Joseph Williams and Lisa Jones; 24 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Vickie Bridgeforth and Cheryl Jackson.

Friends may call from 12:00 noon to 1:00 at the church. Arrangements entrusted to the L. E. Black, Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.