



Services will be Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 12:00 noon at the Third Christian Church, 241 First St., Warren, Ohio for Mr. James L. Ruffin III, 60, of Warren, who entered eternal rest on Friday, February 6, 2015 at St. Elizabeth Health Center – Youngstown.

Mr. Ruffin, lovingly known as “Nookie” was born, December 23, 1954 in Butler, Alabama, a son of James E. II and Yvonne Whitted Ruffin. He had been employed with LTV (Republic Steel), and was presently employed with Northern State Metals as a machine operator for over 12 years. He was a 1973 graduate of South High School and attended Youngstown State University. He was a member of Third Christian Church and its choir. He enjoyed animals and going to the casino. He also enjoyed sports, and was a diehard Michigan Wolverines and Oakland Raiders fan.

He leaves to forever cherish his memory, his mother; his wife, the former Diane F. Jenkins of Warren, whom he married September 19, 2008; a son, Marcus “Spooky” Singleton, Sr. of Youngstown; stepdaughters, Tamika and Kiara Jenkins both of Warren; a sister, Benola Ruffin; a half sister, Renee Ruffin two brothers, Gerald Ruffin and Michael Ruffin all of Youngstown; five grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; a daughter, Ginger Grace Ruffin; two sisters; and grandparents.

Friends may call Thursday, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the church. Arrangements entrusted to the L. E. Black, Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.