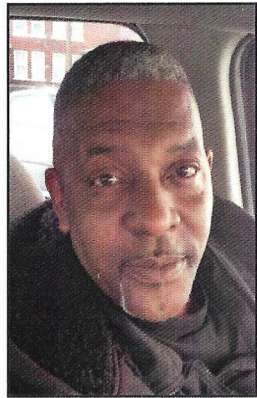




The Obituary



JAMES RUFUS PRESTON, JR.

was born on Tuesday, July 23, 1963, to Ann Preston and James Preston, Sr. here in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Marion-Franklin High School. Shortly after graduation, James joined the Columbus Fire Department and then the U.S. Navy. But most of all, he was a devoted father of four.

James was called home, after a mere 54 years of life, on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, after his struggle with cancer. James was preceded in death by his father, James Preston, Sr. and grandparents, Marie Gilchrist and Molly Thomas.

He leaves a loving legacy cherished by his mother, Ann Preston; sister, Nikki Marshall; nephew, Earl Marshall, Jr.; uncle, Kenny Ector; sons, James Preston Carr, Javon (Kayla) Preston, and Joshua Preston; daughter, Deana (Brandon) Bates; grandchildren, Karema Bates, Joshua Preston, Jr., Teronne Lockett, Jr., Jemari Preston, Javon Preston Jr., Ja'Mykhal Preston, Zy'Anne Bates, Cali White, Brandon Bates, Jr., Taniya Preston, and James Preston Carr, Jr.; a mass amount of other relatives and dear friends. James will truly be missed.

A Father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.



The Worship Celebration

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018 • 10:00 A.M.

Family Visitation & Viewing - 9:00 A.M.

NEW BIRTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Bishop Kenneth E. Moore, Sr., Pastor

3475 Refugee Road • Columbus, Ohio 43232

PRELUDE Musician

OPENING PRAYER Minister

SCRIPTURE READING

The Old Testament - Psalm 23

The New Testament - Romans 8

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND READING OF THE OBITUARY

"I SHALL WEAR A CROWN" New Faith Ministries Choir

REMARKS - *Two Minutes, Please* Family and Friends

"GRATEFUL" New Faith Ministries Choir

The Eulogy - PASTOR LARRY CALDWELL

2879 Brice Road • Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

BENEDICTION Pastor Larry Caldwell

RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family, and Friends

"Goin' Up Yonder"

Interment - **GLEN REST MEMORIAL ESTATE**

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