



Ralph Bailey Sr

November 27, 1945 - December 24, 2021

Ralph Bailey, Sr. was born on November 27, 1945, in Bowling Green, KY, to the late Adeline (Johnson) Bailey and to the late Jimmie D. Bailey. During the early morning hours of, December 24, 2021, the guardian angel visited the Greenwood Rehabilitation Facility and Ralph departed this life at the age of 76 years.

Ralph professed a hope in Christ at an early age. He was a faithful member, deacon and Sunday School member of the State Street Baptist Church, for many years, where he also presided over the bus ministry until his later years. Ralph was a 1964 graduate of High Street High School and a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, where he served as a military police officer from 1964 until 1969.

After completing his military service obligation, Ralph returned to his beloved hometown and during September 1969, he became the second African American police officer in the history of the city. During his time as a police officer, Ralph served as a detective and as a patrolman. He retired from the police department in 1992. Ralph enjoyed watching sports and coaching his sons in baseball, basketball and football.

On April 18, 1970, Ralph married the former Wanda L. Embry and to this

union, three sons were born: Ralph, Jr., Benjamin and Bryson.

Ralph is preceded in death by his siblings: Elese Bailey, Russell Bailey, Jimmy H. Bailey, Harriett (Bailey) Spruill and Willie M. Bailey; in-laws Ted Halcomb and Eleanor Bailey.

Ralph leaves to mourn his three sons: Ralph (Tannisa) Bailey, Jr. of McDonough, GA., Benjamin T. Bailey and Bryson J. (Megan) Bailey of Bowling Green, KY; four brothers: John H. Bailey, Dr. Charles (Helen) Bailey, Michael J. (Kathy) Bailey, and Angelo R.S. (Zanetta) Bailey; three sisters: Lela Halcomb, Joyce (Matthew) Porter and Marilyn Bailey; in-laws Willa "Zane" Bailey, Michael G. Spruill and Juanita Bailey; six grandchildren: Brittani, Javren, Bethany, Jaliyah, Donovan and Mayeson; his former wife and lifelong friend, Wanda (Bailey) Dye; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Cemetery Details

Brock A. Beery Veterans Cemetery

1209 Fairview Aveune
Bowling Green, KY 42102

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

State Street Baptist Church
340 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
<http://statestreetbaptistchurch.org?>

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

State Street Baptist Church
340 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
<http://statestreetbaptistchurch.org?>

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Celebration of Life for Ralph Bailey Sr. in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - January 02, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - December 31, 2021 at 11:35 AM

DB

“ *Dallas And Paula Butts lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Dallas and Paula Butts - March 24, 2022 at 08:09 PM

DJ

“ Donald Daniels Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Donald Daniels Jr - January 12, 2022 at 09:40 PM

CW

“ My prayers are with the family.

Cedric Whitney - January 04, 2022 at 11:51 PM

EH

“ Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Estella Hill - January 03, 2022 at 02:19 PM

KC

“ Kenny. And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Kenny. and Crisandra Coleman - January 03, 2022 at 09:29 AM

FJ

“ *Frank & Vickie Withrow, Jr lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Frank & Vickie Withrow, jr - January 02, 2022 at 05:53 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Page lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Barbara Page - January 02, 2022 at 05:07 PM

GB

“ *Gladys Beason lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Gladys Beason - January 02, 2022 at 05:06 PM

WF

“ *Our prayers are with the family.*



Whitney Family - January 01, 2022 at 03:07 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Duncan lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Brenda Duncan - December 31, 2021 at 06:58 PM

WD

“ *Winora Duffey Lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Winora Duffey - December 31, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Bailey Sr.*



December 31, 2021 at 05:12 PM

BW

“ *Bobby Whitney lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Bobby whitney - December 31, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Bailey Sr.*



December 31, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Rev.-Sis. J. L. Williams lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Rev.-Sis. J. L. Williams - December 30, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ *Tina Cooke lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Tina Cooke - December 30, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ *Cathy Parker lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Cathy Parker - December 30, 2021 at 05:56 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Brenda Williams - December 30, 2021 at 12:51 PM

SI

“ *Sanford And Marcia Irvin lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Sanford and Marcia Irvin - December 29, 2021 at 11:01 PM



“ *Angela Townsend lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Angela Townsend - December 29, 2021 at 10:12 PM

DB

“ *David &Anna Barbee lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



David &Anna Barbee - December 29, 2021 at 05:57 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Duncan lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Brenda Duncan - December 29, 2021 at 12:47 PM

KF

“ *Kenneth & Shirley Fant lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Kenneth & Shirley Fant - December 29, 2021 at 12:23 PM

LW

“ *With Deepest Sympathy!!*



Linda Williams - December 29, 2021 at 04:29 AM

GR

“ *Gail Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Gail Rasmussen - December 28, 2021 at 08:10 PM

TF

“ Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Tina Fant - December 28, 2021 at 07:45 PM

KC

“ Kenny. And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Kenny. and Crisandra Coleman - December 28, 2021 at 06:57 PM

RP

“ Raymond & Robbie Potter sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Raymond & Robbie Potter - December 28, 2021 at 06:36 PM

BP

“ Worked with Ralph many years at the PD. Always a pleasure to work with and be around. My sympathy to his loved ones.

BRENDA PRYOR - December 28, 2021 at 04:55 PM

BP

“ *BRENDA PRYOR lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr*



BRENDA PRYOR - December 28, 2021 at 01:22 PM

MP

“ *Mary Patterson lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr*



Mary Patterson - December 28, 2021 at 12:35 PM

MP

“ *Mary Patterson lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr*



Mary Patterson - December 28, 2021 at 12:33 PM

LI

“ *LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr*



LIVELY-CLARK - December 28, 2021 at 12:21 PM

BY

“ *Buel Young lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Buel Young - December 28, 2021 at 11:49 AM

DB

“ *DeAnna Bluett-Daniels&Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



DeAnna Bluett-Daniels&Family - December 28, 2021 at 10:28 AM

MH

“ *Melanie Haney sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Melanie Haney - December 28, 2021 at 09:46 AM

VG

“ *Victoria Golden-thompson lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



victoria golden-thompson - December 28, 2021 at 01:08 AM

SG

“ Stephanie Gilbert lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr



Stephanie Gilbert - December 27, 2021 at 10:19 PM

SC

“ Sandra Claypool sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr



Sandra Claypool - December 27, 2021 at 08:42 PM

EB

“ Edward N Deborah Bufford lit a candle in
memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Edward n Deborah Bufford - December 27, 2021 at 05:53 PM

RM

“ Ruth Morrow lit a candle in memory of Ralph
Bailey Sr



Ruth Morrow - December 27, 2021 at 03:55 PM

RM

“ *Ruth Morrow lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Ruth Morrow - December 27, 2021 at 03:54 PM

KC

“ *Kenny. And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Kenny. and Crisandra Coleman - December 27, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Sharon Haynie lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Sharon Haynie - December 27, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Matthew 5:9 : Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.*



Yvonne Williams - December 27, 2021 at 01:01 PM

TF

“ *The Wade Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



The Wade Family - December 27, 2021 at 11:25 AM

RC

“ *Regina Caulfield sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Regina Caulfield - December 27, 2021 at 08:05 AM

RC

“ *Regina Caulfield sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Regina Caulfield - December 27, 2021 at 08:04 AM

RR

“ *Welcome to your eternal life. What a mighty God we serve*



Rev.Roger Ray - December 27, 2021 at 12:13 AM

SJ

“ *Stella Jewell*



stella Jewell - December 26, 2021 at 10:54 PM



“ *Marian Benton lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr*



Marian Benton - December 26, 2021 at 08:45 PM

KC

“ *Kenny. & Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in
memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Kenny. & Crisandra Coleman - December 26, 2021 at 07:13 PM

CD

“ *Cecile Denning lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr*



Cecile Denning - December 26, 2021 at 07:11 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Duncan lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr*



Brenda Duncan - December 26, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ *Faye Roberson lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr*



Faye Roberson - December 26, 2021 at 11:25 AM

DH

“ *Delores Holland lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr*



Delores Holland - December 26, 2021 at 10:20 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ralph Bailey Sr*



kenetha bryant - December 26, 2021 at 10:09 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



kenetha bryant - December 26, 2021 at 10:08 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



kenetha bryant - December 26, 2021 at 10:08 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



kenetha bryant - December 26, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Darlene Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Darlene Collins - December 26, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ Darlene Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Darlene Collins - December 26, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ Darlene Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Darlene Collins - December 26, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ Charletta Ray lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Charletta Ray - December 26, 2021 at 12:57 AM



“ Brenda Carver lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Brenda Carver - December 25, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Berona Massey - December 25, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ *Vicki Withrow-Franklin lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Vicki Withrow-Franklin - December 25, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ *William Walker lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



William Walker - December 25, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Nathaniel Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Nathaniel Bernadine Martin - December 25, 2021 at 06:54 PM

KG

“ *Kellie Girbert lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Kellie Girbert - December 25, 2021 at 12:42 PM

WB

“ *Many condolences and prayers in memories to the late Ralph Baily Sr, will truly be missed.*

Willa Blewett - December 25, 2021 at 11:16 AM

WB

“ *Wathetta Buford lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Wathetta Buford - December 25, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Frank Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Frank Alexander - December 25, 2021 at 07:07 AM

CF

“ *Chantay Offutt & Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Chantay Offutt & Family - December 24, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“ *" Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5*



Yvonne Williams - December 24, 2021 at 10:30 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Jewell lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Debra jewell - December 24, 2021 at 09:59 PM

TB

“ *Teresa Beason lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Teresa Beason - December 24, 2021 at 09:51 PM

TC

“ He will be missed..... We love you Jaliyah! I know your gonna miss your PAPA ❤️



Toya Clark - December 24, 2021 at 09:42 PM

JB

“ Judith Boards lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Judith Boards - December 24, 2021 at 08:56 PM

LW

“ Loretha Burton Withrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Loretha Burton Withrow - December 24, 2021 at 08:13 PM

KC

“ Kenny. And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Kenny. and Crisandra Coleman - December 24, 2021 at 07:48 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



cheryl hewitt - December 24, 2021 at 07:34 PM

CS

“ Carolyn Sydnor sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Carolyn Sydnor - December 24, 2021 at 05:58 PM

FC

“ Florence W Claypool lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Florence W Claypool - December 24, 2021 at 05:31 PM

CH

“ Cardine & Shawna Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr



Cardine & Shawna Harrison - December 24, 2021 at 04:22 PM

MC

“ *Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Mary Cole - December 24, 2021 at 04:06 PM

MC

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Ralph. My deepest sympathy to his family. May the Lord surround you with love and comfort. Ralph and I were classmates at High Street High School, class of 1964.*

Mary Cole - December 24, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *Deborah Claypool lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



Deborah Claypool - December 24, 2021 at 01:15 PM

JD

“ *James H. Davidson lit a candle in memory of Ralph Bailey Sr*



James H. Davidson - December 24, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ *Dear BaileyFamily,*

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - December 24, 2021 at 12:12 PM