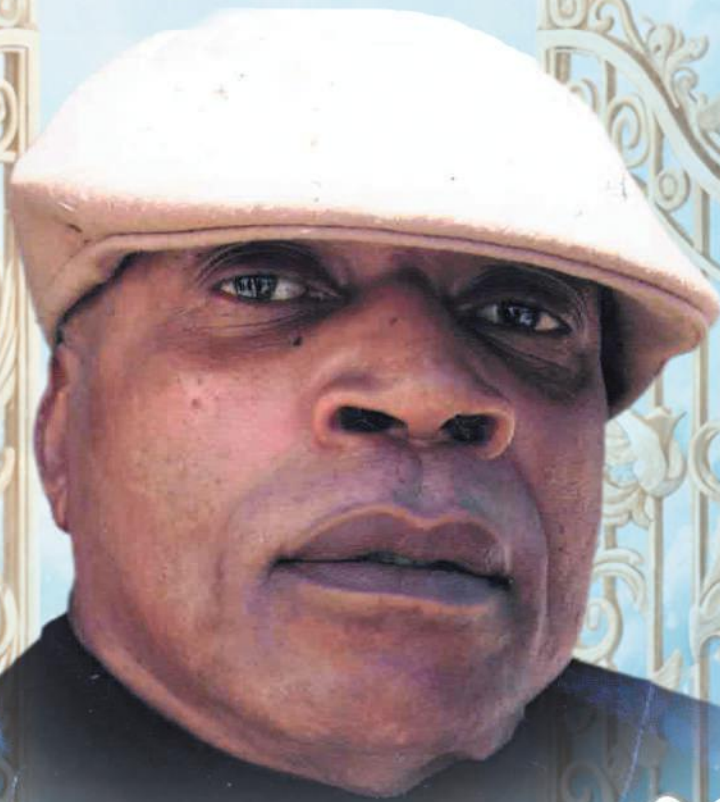


In **LOVING**
MEMORY *of*



Roderick
A. JACKSON

October 15, 1957 – December 5, 2025

Wednesday December 17, 2025
W W HOLT FUNERAL HOME
175 W 159th St Harvey, IL 60426
Pastor Vincent Anderson Officiating

Reflection of LIFE

Roderick A. Jackson was born on October 15, 1957, in Chicago, Illinois, the ninth child of the late Ezra and Odessa Jackson. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, his granddaughter Ar'reonna, and his nephew Timothy.

Roderick received his early education at Doolittle Grammar School and Brown Elementary School and later graduated from Eisenhower High School. He went on to attend Kennedy-King College, demonstrating a desire to further his education and build a meaningful life. In 1981, his journey was forever changed by an injury that left him paralyzed. Yet, even in the face of life-altering circumstances, Roderick's spirit, determination, and sense of humor never wavered.

He was raised in the Catholic faith and was baptized at Holy Angels Church in Chicago, Illinois. As he grew older, his faith remained an important part of his life, and he later rededicated his life to Christ, drawing strength, peace, and hope from his relationship with God.

Roderick grew up in Chicago, and, in his teenage years, the family moved to Blue Island, where he would reside for the rest of his life in the beloved family home where they were all raised. There, he built and maintained lifelong friendships. He was known for his jokes, his laughter, and the countless hours spent talking and sharing stories.

Roderick had one son, Calvin, whom he loved dearly and with whom he shared a close and special relationship. He also held deep bonds with each of his siblings. Before his injury, Roderick worked at Victor's Comptometer and at Commonwealth Edison as a security guard. After his injury, his parents, Ezra and Odessa, devoted themselves to his care, ensuring he remained surrounded by love, dignity, and support. His mother, in particular, served as his primary caretaker and lovingly trained his caretakers. The family is eternally grateful for each caregiver's compassion, dedication, and love shown to him.

As the years went on, the love and support of his family continued to surround him.

When their mother Odessa could no longer supervise his daily care, his sister Phyllis stepped in as a diligent and devoted sister, taking over his care and faithfully ensuring his health care needs were met, advocating for him with her medical expertise from years as serving in the medical field, during surgeries, hospital stays, and home care. His brother Gerald played a vital role in assisting him with his finances and the day-to-day management of his life, helping to provide stability and peace of mind. His sister Jacquelyn supported Roderick when he needed late night assistance, showing up, sitting with him, and making sure he had what he needed. Each of his siblings, along with other family members, stood by him, visiting, helping, and loving him in countless ways—each act a reflection of their deep bond and devotion.

He had an infectious smile and an amazing sense of humor. He loved music deeply, especially the sounds of Elvis Presley and Jimi Hendrix. Music was one of the many ways he expressed his joy and personality. Though limited physically, he never allowed his disability to confine his spirit. He loved to travel and spend time with family, visiting places such as Las Vegas and Florida, and he refused to let his condition stop him from living life to the fullest. Roderick was highly skilled with cars and took great pride in his collection of Cadillacs. He frequently entered his cars into shows, where his hard work and attention to detail were recognized with first-place awards. He was not only a collector, but a true car enthusiast and mechanic at heart.

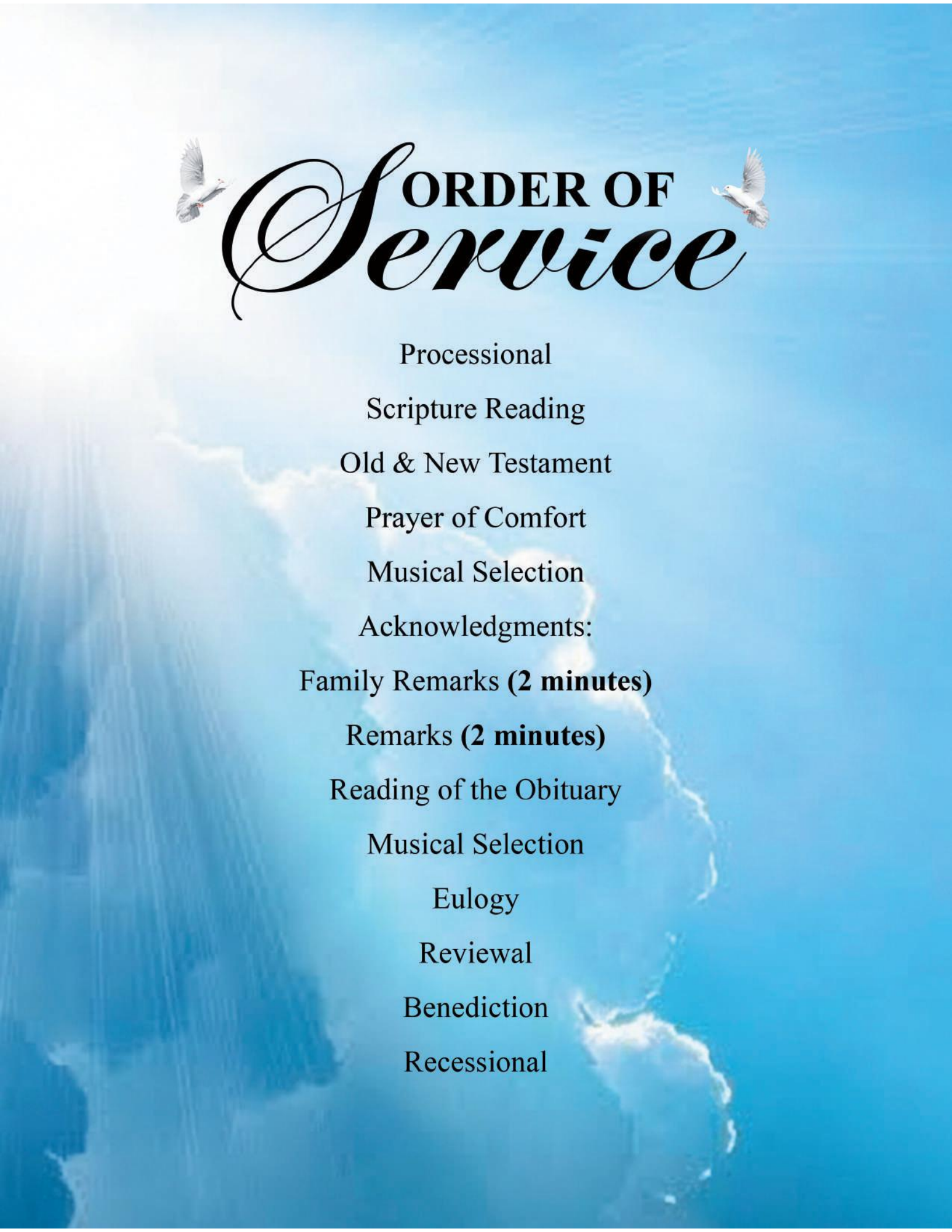
Family was at the center of Roderick's life. Holidays and family gatherings were often built around him, with loved ones sitting on the stairs and throughout the house, talking, laughing, and enjoying being together. His warmth and hospitality brought the family together, and his frequent travels, including yearly trips to Las Vegas, inspired many family members to travel and see more of the world themselves.

He had a special, tender relationship with his nieces and nephews. Even in his disability, he found joy in caring for them, taking them to parks, spending time talking and joking with them, listening, advising, and encouraging them. Among his nephews, Allen Bell and Chuck were especially active in assisting him. In Roderick's final hours, it was Chuck who sat by his side, comforting him and ensuring that he was not alone as he transitioned from this life. This final act of love was a powerful reflection of the love that all his nieces and nephews held for him. On December 5, 2025, Roderick departed this life and entered into eternity. He was greatly loved and will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted son Calvin; his siblings Allen (Ruby), Gregory (Carolyn), Ronald (Brenda), Gerald, Phyllis (Relbue), Jacquelyn, Stanley, Derrick (Carlita), Sandra, and Beverly; his grandchildren Faith, Malik, Da-Shaun, Ka-Mya, Jalen, Jayden, Camarion, Janiyah, Jaida, De-Andre, Amare, Azaryah, Chloe, and Calvin Jr.; his great-grandchildren Korissa and Kalani; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and caregivers who loved him dearly and each played an important part in his life.

Roderick's life is a story of resilience, faith, joy, and love. He faced hardship with courage, embraced laughter in the midst of struggle, and poured love into his family and friends. His legacy lives on in the memories shared, the strength and faith he modeled, and the love that will continue through generations. May his memory be a blessing and may those who loved him find comfort in knowing that his life was well-lived, his spirit unbroken, his faith secure, and his love everlasting.





ORDER OF *Service*

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old & New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Acknowledgments:

Family Remarks (**2 minutes**)

Remarks (**2 minutes**)

Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Reviewal

Benediction

Recessional

San **TRIBUTE** *from HIS*

In memory of my dad, if I could write a story, it would be the longest. greatest ever told a kind and loving father who had a mine like no other an cadillac soul and a heart of gold ride pretty as a fox and miles full of laughter and miles of hope if I could write a million pages, but still be unable to say, just how much I love you, miss you, cherish every memory and the truest he ever spoke wisdom and knowledge. Peace love you forever until we meet again.

You will always be in my heart.

- Love Calvin





Pallbearers

Calvin Cook-Bey

Chuck Barnes

Allen Bell

Malik Cook-Bey

Jalen Cook-Bey

Jayden Cook-Bey

Pallbearers HONORARY

Allen Jackson

Gregory Jackson

Ronald Jackson

Gerald Jackson

Stanley Jackson

Derrick Jackson



*A*cknowledgments

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that we saw sitting there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much for whatever part.

With Love,

The Family of Roderick Jackson



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