

#### **PALLBEARERS**

Rodney Smith Gerald Kline Nick Lewis Johnny Griggs Rodricus Lewis Cleve Gillis

# FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family & Friends

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We, the family, want to thank everybody for the calls, cards, text messages, flowers and many comforting expressions of love and concerns shown during our time of sorrow. Knowing the Lord is our shepherd and having friends like you we have the blessed assurance we will be strengthened in the days ahead. May God shower each of you with his most abundant blessings.

# INTERMENT

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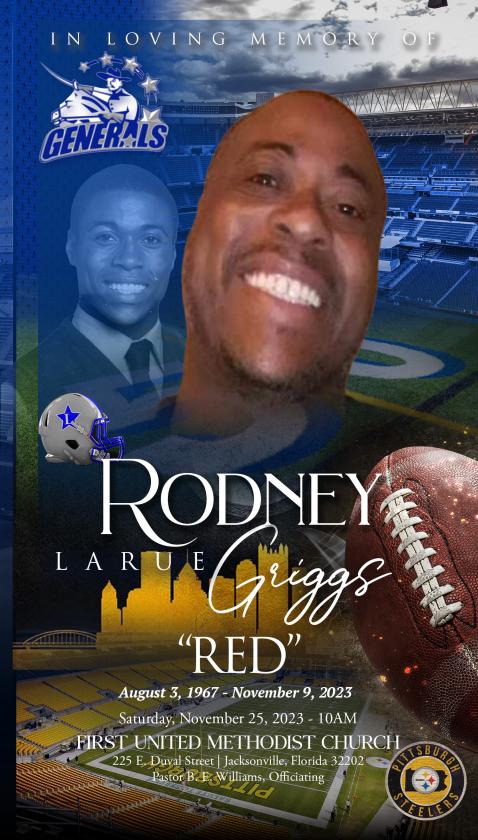
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## THE LIFE STORY OF

# Steelers PODNEY Giggs

Rodney Griggs aka "Red" was born on August 3rd, 1967, to Johnnie Griggs and Dolores Tathum in Jacksonville, Florida. If you met Rodney, you would have gained an instant friend.

Rodney was educated in Duval County Public Schools. During his high school career, he became a star athlete at Robert E Lee High School where he excelled in the sport of football which gave him a scholarship to Bethune Cookman College. Rodney later in life became a licensed electrician for over 30 years. He was employed with Commerical Trade Sources and Catapult Solutions Group. He was an avid fisherman and loved to fish in Florida waters. In his youth, he and his dear friend James McKinney loved to make dance routines in Rodney's parents' living room. He also enjoyed taking his daughters on motorcycle rides to Daytona for a day of fun in the sun. His smile was contagious, and he brought joy to every room he entered. Rodney life was surround by the love of his family and friends throughout the East coast. Rodney illuminating smile will be sadly missed on this earthly plane. Rodney passed away November 9, 2023, in his home in Land O' Lake, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his first cousins Aaron "Randy "Griggs and Kenny Bynes.

He leaves the cherished memories to his two daughters: Chantae Griggs and Latoya Griggs; six sons: Rodney Smith (Shancka), Gerald D. Kline, Nick Lewis, Malakai Ortiz, Mikah Ortiz and Eyen Russell; grandchildren: Deshee, Janielle Rylie, Deshaun Davonte and Tyanna; brother: Johnny Griggs; sisters: Teressa Lewis (Rodricus), Kenisha Blount and Johnel Robinson (Vincent); a loving stepmother: Vernell Griggs; dear cousin: Kennard Battles; dedicated friends: Kelvin "Hammer" Allen, and James McKinney, along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

