

Floral & Casket Bearers
Family & Friends

MAY TIME SOFTEN YOUR PAIN

In times of darkness, love sees...
In times of silence, love hears...
In times of doubt, love hopes...
In times of sorrow, love heals...
And in all times, love remembers.
May time soften the pain
Until all that remains
Is the warmth of the memories
And the love.

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Gratitude from the Phinisee Family

The family of William James Phinisee wishes to express heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during this period of bereavement. Thanks to our friends who have shared love and provided strength to us during this most difficult time. We are grateful to Pastor Stringer and the New Freedom Missionary Baptist Church Family. May God bless you.



**Comfort Ministry and After-Care
Transitional Arrangements
Entrusted To**

J.E. Washington Funeral Services
2234 Glenwood Ave, Youngstown, OH
330.782.8500

*In Loving
Memory of*



William James Phinisee

1976 - 2025

Monday, November 10, 2025

Calling Hours: 11:00am

Services: 12:00pm

New Freedom Missionary Baptist Church

1590 Tod Avenue SW

Warren, Ohio 44485



- Order of Celebration -

Pastor Robert L. Stringer, Officiant



Parting Viewing

Invocation

Pastor Stringer

Sacred Text Readings

Old Testament

Psalms 23

New Testament

II Corinthians 5:8

Music Ministry

Audrey Stringer

Public Expressions

Leslie Davis

Words of Comfort

Selected Voices

Life & Legacy of William Phinisee

Read Silently

Family Tributes

Music Ministry

The Message

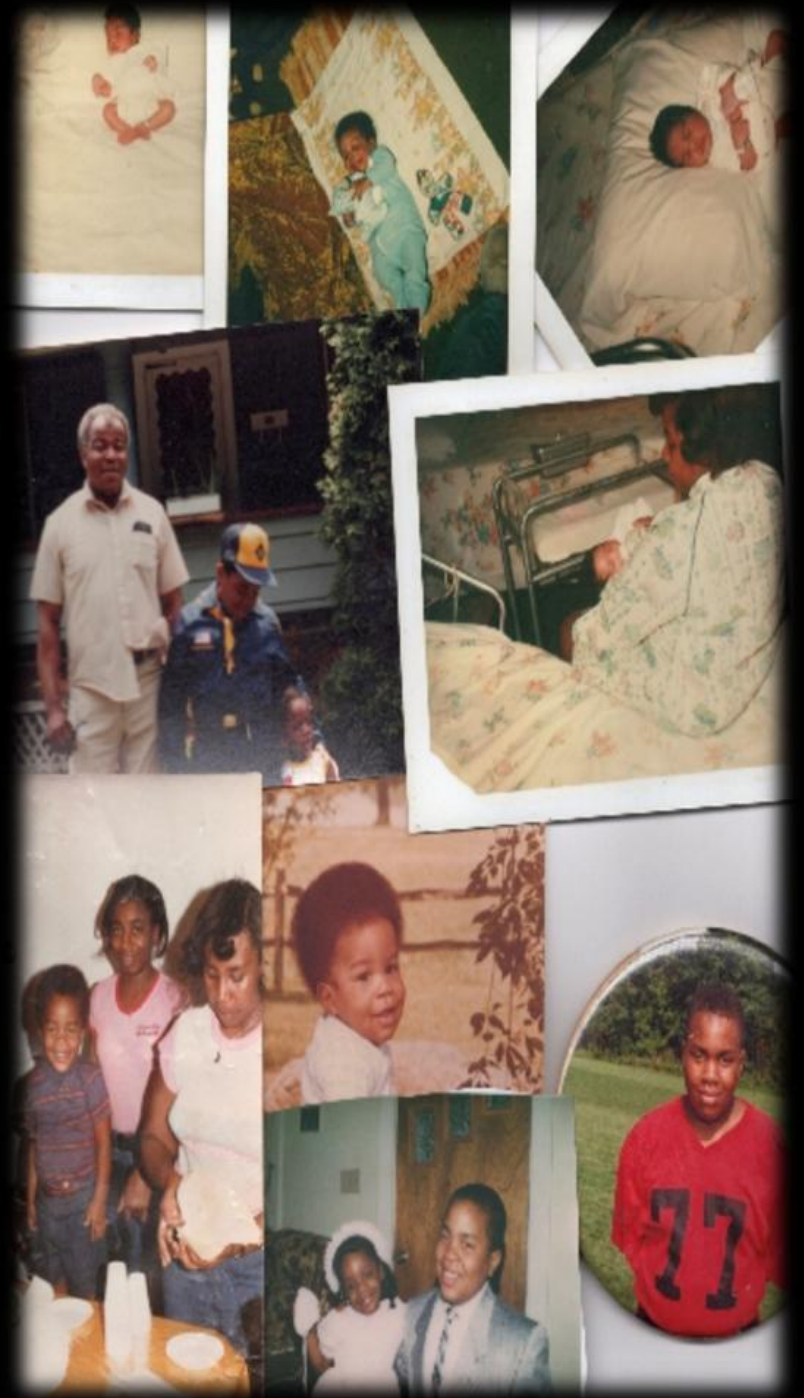
Pastor Stringer

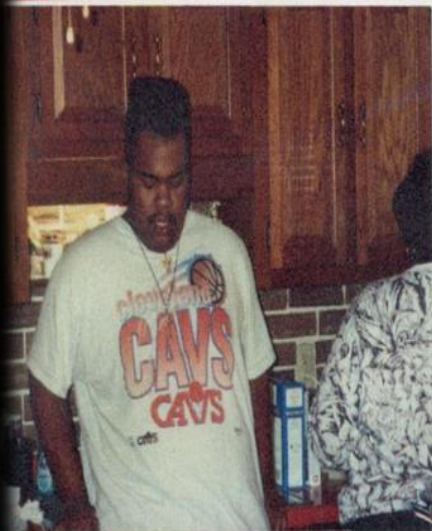
Committal Ceremony

Benediction




*The family will receive friends immediately
following the services in the fellowship hall of
New Freedom Missionary Baptist Church*





The Life & Legacy of William James Phinisee

A portrait of William James Phinisee, a man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a green shirt and a watch. He is smiling and has his hand near his face.

William James Phinisee, a beloved son, father, brother, and friend, who departed from this world surrounded by his family at the Cleveland Clinic on October 27, 2025. William entered the world on August 30, 1976, in Youngstown, Ohio, to the union of Willie and Barbabra Phinisee, William, known affectionately as Will, was a shining light in the lives of everyone who knew him. Growing up in the heart of Youngstown, he played football for North Junior High School's Bulldogs. His family relocated to the city of Warren where Will attended Warren's Western Reserve High School. He furthered his education at Kent State University.

As a Warren resident, Will's vibrant spirit and generous nature flourished. He grew to become a prominent figure in the nonprofit sector as the Vice President of Operations at Citizens Uniting Citizens. Actively involved with the Wean Foundation, Will's passion for helping others inspired countless lives, showcasing his dedication to uplifting his community and fostering a sense of unity.

Ambitious, Will had several business ventures and enterprises which varied from a car-detailing operation, a haberdashery for men, a frequent vendor at area flea markets and a jeweler. His talents in audio technology were appreciated by the retail customers at the former Sun TV.

Will is lovingly remembered by his mother, Barbara Phinisee; cherished son, Adam De'antae Phinisee; dear sister, Deneen Simko; and a host family and friends. Each of these relationships was a testament to the love and legacy William nurtured throughout his life—a tapestry woven with compassion, laughter, and unwavering support.

As William crossed the celestial sands into eternity, he was reunited with his father Willie Phinisee; sister Raylen Lane; grandparents Pope Phinisee, Pearl Phiness and Mary Williamson. May his journey remind us of the beauty in kindness and the power of unity that he so fervently championed.

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