

## *He Only Takes The Best*

God saw you getting tired, And a cure  
was not to be;

So he put his arms around you, And  
whispered, "Come to me". With tearful  
eyes we watched you, And saw you  
pass away; Although we loved you  
dearly, We could not make you stay. A  
golden heart stopped beating, Hard  
working hands to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of the late E.B. Gowdy wishes to express  
our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, visits, and  
many other acts of kindness shown during this difficult  
time.

-The Family

# IN LOVING Memory



## *E.B. Gowdy*

MAY 3rd, 1956 - FEB 7th, 2026

The Jaylex Center  
2110 Greenwood Ave, Youngstown, OH 44511  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026 AT 10:00 AM



## Obituary

E.B. Gowdy Jr., affectionately known as Junior, passed away on February 7, 2026, in Youngstown, Ohio. Born in Cuba, Alabama, on May 3, 1956, to the late Elizabeth and E.B. Gowdy Sr., he was 69 years old.

Junior attended South High School and served his country in the United States Marines. Known for his big smile, jokes, and fun spirit, Junior deeply cherished his family and friends. His love was boundless and could be felt by anyone who had the privilege to know him. His passions included listening to the blues, his dogs, and he was a super fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, showing his unwavering support whenever they played.

Junior was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Gowdy, his father, E.B. Gowdy Sr., his brother, Johnny B. Cole, and his sisters, Hattie Mae Rozier-Glover and Denise L. Sullivan.

He is survived by his siblings Lula Mae Scott, Lula Belle Green, Mary Louise Smith, William (Styme) Gowdy (wife Marie A. Gowdy), and Curtis Lee Gowdy. His loving children, Kimona (Mona) Anderson and Edward (Precious) Gowdy. Junior also leaves behind four grandchildren (Donrico Stoutmire Jr., Dylon Dawson, Imani Gowdy, & Ebraejah Gowdy) and a great-grandchild (Donrico Stoutmire III), along with a host of nieces and nephews who will carry on his legacy of love and family devotion.

Junior's passing is a significant loss to all who knew and loved him. His vibrant spirit and unwavering love for his family will forever be remembered. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate his life and the lasting memories he has left us with.

In memory of Junior, may we all strive to love deeply, smile often, and cherish our family and friends. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide us in the days to come.

## Order of Service

Prelude - Soft Music

Scripture Old Testament - Minister

Scripture New Testament - Minister

Selection - Debbie Jenkins

Prayer of Comfort - Rev. Lewis W. Macklin II

Obituary - Member of the Family

Words of Expression - Family/Friends

Eulogy/Words of Comfort - Rev. Lewis W. Macklin II

Recessional - Soft Music

Repast will be held at the Youngstown Event Center,

12 E. Dewey Ave., Youngstown, OH 44507



## REMEMBER

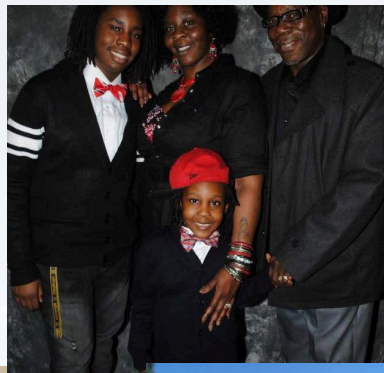
A OOG mindset- Stay in a positive mindset.  
Stay in a positive lane. Grind. Elevate. Be a game  
changer. Most importantly love your bloodline  
unconditionally.

Build your own brand.

Always give don't worry about receiving.  
Move in Silence. It's not about how you start.  
But how you finish.. But when you finish.  
Finish stronger than ever.



# Precious Memories

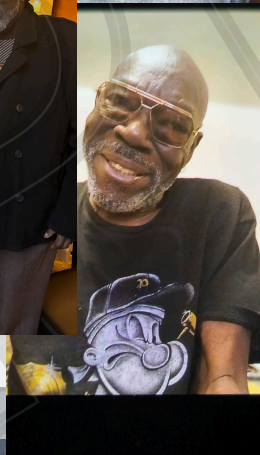
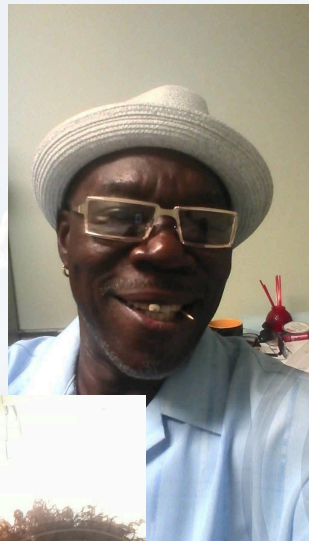


# Love Always





# *Loving Memories*



# *Always Remember*

