

In loving

MEMORY



of

RUTHERFORD
LINZIA
HALLMAN

1951 - 2026



June 6th
twenty twenty-six
at 10 o'clock
in the morning

1350 Katherine Ave
Youngstown, OH 44505



O B I T U A R Y

Rutherford Linzia Hallman, age 74, entered the loving presence of the Lord on May 12, 2026, in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Rutherford, known to many as Russ, was born on June 11, 1951, in Hubbard, Ohio to Thomas L. and Ruth Hallman, and after his mother's passing, was lovingly raised with great devotion by Thelma D. Hallman.

In his youth, Rutherford attended church alongside his parents and siblings at Triedstone Baptist Church. As his spiritual journey continued, he later became a devoted member of Phillips Chapel Church of God in Christ and Heavenly Place Church of God in Christ, where he faithfully served as both a Deacon and Trustee. His life reflected a quiet strength of faith, service, and dedication to his church community.

Rutherford attended school in Hubbard, Ohio, graduating in 1969. He later pursued Engineering studies at Youngstown



State University and furthered his education through advanced Engineering coursework at Kettering University.

In his early working years, Rutherford held positions unloading train cars and later co-owned a painting company with his close friend, Sunny Johnson. However, the greater part of his distinguished professional career was devoted to General Motors, where he faithfully served for an extraordinary 53 years. During his tenure, Rutherford worked on the production line, became a skilled Tool and Die Maker, and briefly served in a supervisory role in Lordstown, Ohio. In 1988, his passion for growth and innovation led him to pursue an Engineering apprenticeship, for which he was accepted. Through dedication and perseverance, he advanced to the position of Senior Die Design Engineer Processor Layout, contributing across multiple engineering disciplines. He also served approximately three years as a Benefits Representative until the merger of the Pontiac and Flint, Michigan plants in 2015.

Rutherford was a proud and active member of the United Auto Workers, where he remained deeply engaged in union and political affairs.



He faithfully attended rallies and union meetings and generously gave his time to charitable initiatives, including support for The News Voice and Make-A-Wish Foundation. His career was marked not only by professional excellence, but also by service, leadership, and compassion for others.

Russ found joy in life's simple and meaningful pleasures. He loved sharing good meals, listening to smooth jazz, and expressing his appreciation for fashion and automobiles. He also enjoyed reading, watching western films, gardening, bowling, and ballroom dancing, which he embraced both for enjoyment and exercise. In recent years, Russ enjoyed playing chess and learning the saxophone as hobbies that brought him joy and mental stimulation. The combination of his lively spirit, sense of humor, and insight made his presence unforgettable to those who knew him. An engaging conversationalist, Russ brought great life to any gathering with his charm, intellect, and wit.

On August 3, 1974, Rutherford united in marriage with Bernise Jackson. Together, they built a beautiful life and were blessed with two cherished daughters, Chantelle and Alicia, whom he lovingly referred to as "his baby girls."



A devoted father, he nurtured resilience, creativity and confidence in them. Rutherford deeply treasured his family and found his greatest joy in spending meaningful time with those he loved most. He was the brother, uncle, cousin and friend where no distance was too great for him to travel to remain connected and supportive.

In his later years, one of Russ' greatest joys was spending as much time as possible with his beloved grandson, Solomon. Whether building things together or taking peaceful walks, those moments brought him immense happiness and fulfillment. It made Russ' heart smile to watch Solomon proudly driving the toy car and train he lovingly gifted to him — simple yet precious moments that became treasured memories for their family.

While deeply missed Rutherford's enduring legacy will continue through the lives of his daughters Chantelle Hallman, Alicia Gooden, son-in law Christopher, and grandson Solomon. He also leaves to cherish his memory, three sisters, Lenora Jefferson and Loretta Crenshaw (Paul) of Youngstown and Esther Broomer (Bennie) of Wilmington, Delaware, sister-in-law Jill Conway (Charles) of Lorain,



bothers-in-law Stafford Jackson (Bobbi Jean) of Liberty, and Louis Jackson (Simmie) of Hubbard - and a wide circle of extended family and friends. Besides his wife, Bernice Hallman, Rutherford was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Juan and David Hallman, and sister Carmenia Wooldridge.

A celebration of his well lived life will be held at 10 am Saturday, June 6, 2026, at The Light Church 1350 Katherine Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505. Friends may call 9am - 10am at the church.

Arrangements entrusted to the J. E. Washington Funeral Service.



You will always be in our hearts, never forgotten.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Rutherford acknowledges with sincere appreciation the comforting messages, floral tributes, and other expressions of kindness during this time of bereavement. May God bless you.

The Family of Rutherford

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A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says,
”Grieve not for me.”
Remember the best times,
the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I’m counting on you.
Keep smiling, and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don’t worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes when we’re together again.

~Author Unknown



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REMEMBERING RUTHERFORD
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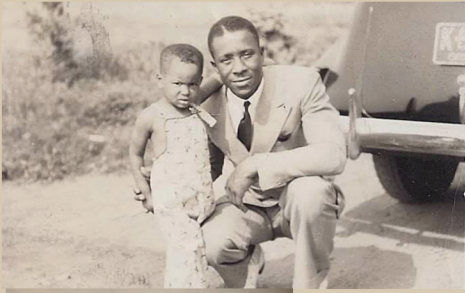
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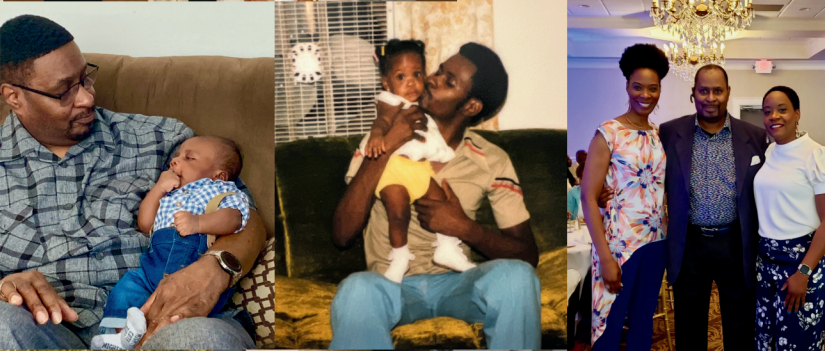


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SINCERE THANKS

Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered with love.

Chantelle & Alicia

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