

With Gratitude from The Staples Family

The family of Tony wishes to thank everyone for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which have been extended during this time. Your love, support and kindness have been comforting and a blessing. The family also wishes to express their appreciation for the compassionate palliative and transitional care extended to Tony by Buckeye Hospice and the staff of the J.E. Washington Funeral Services.

I Don't Know

When life brings questions I can't bear,
I find a quiet place of prayer.
In whispered tones, my heart will say,
"I don't know, Lord, show the way."

Lost in shadows, feeling small,
Seeking comfort through it all.
With trembling heart, I humbly pray,
Guide me gently, come what may.

I don't know where the road will bend,
How or when, my life will end.
I don't know how to calm my mind,
Or what true peace I'll ever find.

I don't know how to face the pain,
Or how to shelter from the rain.
I don't know where to find the light,
Or how to make what's wrong turn right.

With faith so small, yet strong and true,
I lift my fears and doubts to You.
And though my path is steep and rough,
I trust that You will be enough.

So here I leave my "I don't know,"
For in Your hands, I let it go.
I walk away with peace anew,
For God, I know, will see me through.

Transitional Care Arrangements Entrusted
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**Pittsburgh Steelers**

Tony F. Staples
1961 - 2026



UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Saturday, July 11, 2026
Memorial Services will be held
at 1:00pm
The Richard W & Eugenia C
Atkinson Recreation Center
903 Otis Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44510



Order of Celebration

Pastor Deborah Staples, Presiding

Gathering of Family & Friends

Prayer of Comfort

Reading of Sacred Scriptures

Music Ministry

Echoes of Love

Respectfully limit to TWO (2) Minutes

Words of Hope & Comfort

Pastor Collin Staples

Benediction



The Life & Legacy of Tony F. Staples

Tony F. Staples, a beloved father, brother, and friend remains in the hearts of those he loved.. Tony was born on April 20, 1961, the son of Henry Staples Sr. and Fannie Mae (Brown) Staples, in Columbus, MS, he peacefully left us on June 27, 2026, in Youngstown, OH.

Affectionately known as Ice Man, Tony was a dedicated handyman and lawn care provider, always bringing vibrant life to the properties he maintained. He took great pride in his work and was known for his unwavering commitment to his clients. A self-taught man with a knack for fixing anything, Tony never said no to a challenge and approached every task with humor and enthusiasm.

Always the ultimate Pittsburgh Steelers fan, Tony loved cheering for his team and sharing those moments with friends and family. His joy was infectious, and he had a way of bringing people together.

Tony is survived by his children: Toni Staples, Tony Staples Jr., Jermaine Staples, Deangelo Bailey, and Marcus Bailey, as well as his loving siblings Beverlyn Staples, Pastor Collin (Pastor Deborah) Staples, Kenneth Staples, and Zerrick (Lisa) Staples, Sr., and his cousin with whom he shared a brother-like relationship, former Youngstown Mayor Jamal Tito (Lynette) Brown.

Tony also leaves behind a host of family and friends, which includes several grandchildren. The special bond he enjoyed with his family remains unchanged, and his absence will be deeply felt.

As Tony crossed the celestial sands into eternity, he joins the ancestors which includes parents' sons Rashad Staples, Devon Bailey; brother Henry Staples Jr. and grandmother Lula Mae Brown.

-Lovingly Shared by The Family-