



Mr Ray David Torrence Sr.

December 13, 1957 - September 2, 2025

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Sunrise: December 13, 1957 Sunset: September 2, 2025

We celebrate the life of Ray David Torrence Sr., born December 13, 1957, in Akron, Ohio, and called home on September 2, 2025, in West Union, South Carolina, where he had lived since 2021.

Ray grew up in Akron and graduated from Copley High School, where he excelled in basketball and earned a scholarship to California University of Pennsylvania. Basketball was more than a sport to him—it reflected his discipline, teamwork, and spirit.

He devoted his life to serving others, working as a Security Officer for Summa Health Systems, a Police Officer for Twinsburg Township, and later as a Bus Operator for Metro Regional Transit Authority, retiring with pride after faithfully serving the community. Ray touched countless lives with kindness and reliability throughout his career.

Ray's passions included Moo Duk Kwan martial arts, drumming, fishing, hunting, and coaching basketball and baseball. A devoted Cleveland Browns fan, he was loyal through every season. He was well known for his fellowship, laughter, and legendary cooking through Big Ray's Ribs & Catering, where no guest ever left hungry.

A faithful member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in West Union, SC, Ray shared his gifts of rhythm and spirit through music and fellowship.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Barbara Jean Torrence, and his beloved wife, Virginia "Jenny" Torrence.

He leaves to cherish his memory his children: Ray (Cristina) Torrence Jr., Roy (Jennifer) Torrence, and Tamiah (Erick) Torrence-Hunt; his extended daughters, Takenya Lindsey and Taleia Stevenson; his brother, Keith(Dionne) Torrence; his sister, Cassandra

“Sandee”(Ricky) Torrence-Clayton; his niece, Janaé Turner; his nephew, Aregeros “Ducee” Turner II; his grandchildren: Rayannah, Alexis, TreVon, Cierra, Jordan, Aleiah, Elijah, Bryant, Jayce, Evan, Gabriel, and Brea Torrence; his great-granddaughter, Ja’liya Mushamuka; along with a host of family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Ray lived fully, gave freely, and loved unconditionally. His legacy endures in all who were blessed to know him.

The family will hold a visitation and Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 2:00 PM- 4:30 PM at Ed Davis Community Center, 730 Perkins Park Dr., Akron, OH 44320. Repast will be held from 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM following the service.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **27**. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Ed Davis Community Center
730 Perkins Park Drive
Akron, OH 44320

Repast

SEP **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ Cherished memories with family❤️
Sending prayers and love to the Torrence family during this difficult time. May God give you the strength to move forward and comfort you on this journey.



Corretta Ball - September 25, 2025 at 11:19 PM

DE

“ Me & Ray are brothers best friends, he will br missed by family & friends, Love You Brother, From The Evans Family ! 🙏

David D Evans - September 24, 2025 at 11:03 AM

SW

“ Steve Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr Ray David Torrence Sr.



Steve Wilson - September 20, 2025 at 08:09 AM

ES

“ My Condolences to all the family so sorry for your loss . Sending prayers for comfort at this time God bless you all. Love you 🙏

Esther Smith - September 17, 2025 at 08:04 PM

MV

“ Sandy and family I'm sending you all my deepest condolences and prayers in this time of grief. ~Marshelle~

Marshelle Vales - September 13, 2025 at 02:46 PM

SC

“💔 Rest in Peace, Big Brother 💔

My heart is heavy as I share that my oldest big brother passed away suddenly. There are no words that can capture the shock and pain our family feels right now. He was more than just my brother – he was a protector, a teacher, and a constant presence in my life.

He had a way of making everyone feel welcome, always ready with a laugh, a story, or a piece of advice. I will miss his calls, his jokes, and just knowing he was there. Life feels so different without him in it.

Please keep our family in your prayers as we navigate this difficult time. Hold your loved ones close, say what you need to say, and cherish every moment.

Rest peacefully, big brother. You will always be loved and never forgotten. 🕊️❤️

Sandee Clayton - September 13, 2025 at 10:28 AM