



## Ralph Cunningham

February 21, 1962 - March 11, 2023

Ralph Cunningham, 61, of Lawrenceville, Georgia entered eternal rest on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Born in Greenwood, SC, he was the son of the late Albert "AB" Cunningham, Sr., and Emma Frances Wardlaw Cunningham. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Linda Lee Allen, and Elaine Cunningham, and three brothers-in-law, Roger Watson, Leo Allen, and Curtis Fulton.

Ralph, a 1980 graduate of Greenwood High School, served and retired from the United States Airforce. He is a graduate of Lander and Troy University. He was employed at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for over 15 years before retiring in February 2021. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Ralph was a devoted father, brother, uncle, and friend. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling around the world.

He leaves to cherish his memories, one daughter, Imani Cunningham, of College Park, Georgia; five sisters, Mattie Pearl Fulton, Gertrude "Molly" Watson, Doris Cunningham and Shirley (Stanley) Jones, all of Greenwood, Emma J. Cunningham of Greenville, SC and two brothers, Albert Cunningham, Jr. and Clyde Cunningham, both of Greenwood, SC; two aunts, Laura Griffin of Cleveland, Ohio and Margaret Hickstep of Forestville, MD and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **24**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
[info@levettfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@levettfuneralhome.com)

## Celebration of Life

MAR **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *What an amazing person and what a remarkable life...We feel so lucky for the time we all spent together!! “RIP” Ralph Cunningham. Eric & Frankie Williams 🙏*



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**Frankie60!** - March 31, 2023 at 03:11 PM

CR

“ *Sincere condolences and prayers of comfort and peace. Sincerely, Charleen Ross*

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**Charleen Ross** - March 29, 2023 at 02:58 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Beasley lit a candle in memory of Ralph Cunningham*



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**Kimberly Beasley** - March 29, 2023 at 12:29 AM

VA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Ralph. When I first came to CDC in 2009, Ralph was my supervisor. I am forever grateful for crossing paths with such a laid back, kind-hearted and always helpful boss. May the God of hope give you all the peace, comfort and love you will need in the difficult days ahead; the love of family and friends to surround you with the strength to carry you through. Rest well in heaven, Ralph!



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**Victoria Alfred** - March 28, 2023 at 03:35 PM

SR

“ Ralph was such a good guy to know and to work with. My deepest condolences to the Cunningham family.

*Shawn Robinson*

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**Shawn Robinson** - March 28, 2023 at 03:29 PM

JU

“ My sincerest condolences to the family!! Ralph, you were always there when I had budget and career questions and served as a great mentor and friend! We didn't talk as often as we should've but when we did it was all love.

*"...Until we say our last goodbye"  
RIH good brother!!*

*FIETTS,  
Justin Horhn*

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**Justin** - March 28, 2023 at 12:32 PM

CH

“ *Ralph was one of my favorite people at CDC. He would encourage me and share his wisdom with me. He really cared about the people he worked with, and I felt blessed to know him and be part of his team. After he retired, I never forgot Ralph, his words of wisdom and kindness. My condolences to his family.*

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**Charmika** - March 28, 2023 at 12:29 PM

HB

“ *My sincere condolences to the Cunningham family during this time. Brown & Julius Family.*

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**Haydreia Y Brown** - March 28, 2023 at 12:13 PM

JS

“ *I am shocked and sad to hear of Ralph's passing. I had the pleasure of meeting, working, and becoming friends with Ralph during our tenure at CDC. He was always professional, encouraging, and moved with confidence. I just found out today that he passed away. My condolences to his Imani and his family. We were both from South Carolina and served in the Air Force. Rest in heaven Ralph.*



- Chaplain Juan Scott

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**Juan Scott** - March 26, 2023 at 01:25 AM

CS

“ *Wishing Ralph's family comfort now, peace soon, and warm memories forever. With Sympathy,*  
*Carla Shands*



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**Carla Shands** - March 25, 2023 at 01:29 PM

DD

“ *Darnell Daniels lit a candle in memory of Ralph Cunningham*



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**Darnell Daniels** - March 25, 2023 at 10:21 AM

DD

*My sincere condolences to the Cunningham Family and the many friends who knew and loved him. He is and will be deeply missed. Rest well, until we meet again.*

*Darnell Daniels*

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**Darnell Daniels** - March 25, 2023 at 10:31 AM

RN

*My sincere condolences to the Cunningham family during this time.*

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**Regina Neequaye** - March 27, 2023 at 09:51 AM

GH

*With deepest sympathy to loved ones and friends from one of Ralph's CDC colleagues. May his memory be eternal! Glykeria*

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**Glykeria Hadjisimos** - March 28, 2023 at 01:06 PM

SC

*I was Ralph's "neighbor" at DPHID. He always had a smile to share. He was a class act. Sending my heartfelt condolences to his loved ones.*

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**Sioux Henley Campbell** - March 28, 2023 at 02:45 PM

AI

“ *Condolences to Ralph’s family and friends. We met and served together in the Air Force in Wiesbaden, Germany. May his legacy live on through those whose lives he touched. Rest in heavenly peace dear friend! Dr. Alan J. Ingram*



Alan Ingram - March 25, 2023 at 05:24 AM

JB

“ *Jataun Smith, Altovise Floyd & Lisa Ball purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ralph Cunningham.*



Jataun Smith, Altovise Floyd & Lisa Ball - March 24, 2023 at 01:25 PM

JS

“ *My sincere condolences to the Cunningham family. Although, I didn't have the pleasure of working directly with Ralph at CDC, we often passed each other going in and out of the building - he was always cordial. He once took the time to speak with me about retirement, although we did not really know one another, but when I reached out for advice he told me "come right on down and feel free to reach out me - if I can help you in any way, I will". That went a long way with me. Rest well Ralph and to his family may God grant you the peace and assurance that all is well.*



Jataun Smith - March 24, 2023 at 12:04 PM

AW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I am missing my friend and classmate.*

Angela Williams - March 24, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Cunningham.*



March 24, 2023 at 08:20 AM

TM

“ *Our hearts are heavy. Ralph was my best friend for over 43 years. I miss him already. This void will never be filled. Rest well my brother. We love you.*



Terrence Manns - March 23, 2023 at 10:34 PM

JF

“ *My condolences to his family, friends and frat brothers. He had an infectious smile that lit up the room. May his soul rest in peace.*

Jo Ann Fuller - March 23, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Cunningham.*



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March 22, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to my cousin/niece I, Imani for the untimely loss of your father. I know the two of you were very close here on earth. That love and closeness will forever be with you. May God grant you the peace and comfort you need at this time and forever more. Love, Aunt Cynthia Giddens Hunter Carson, CA*



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**Cynthia Giddens Hunter** - March 22, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Cunningham.*



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March 22, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Cunningham.*



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March 22, 2023 at 01:08 AM

LY

“ My sincere condolences to the Cunningham family especially his daughter Imani, who he loved dearly. Ralph was a forever friend who will be dearly missed. Rest in paradise until we meet again.

Leda Young - March 20, 2023 at 05:04 PM

B"

“ BATMITE R.J. BATMAN PIP & L.D. "S.CREW" purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ralph Cunningham.



BATMITE R.J. BATMAN PIP & L.D. "S.CREW" - March 20, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ Condolences to the Family of Ralph "ICE" Cunningham Brother in Arms from the U.S.A.F Stationed with him at Lindsey Air Station Wiesbaden Germany. R.I.H from James Johnson aka "Batmite".

Jay Johnson - March 20, 2023 at 03:19 PM

IT

“ Ralph you were one of the best supervisors. You started my career with CDC and I will be forever grateful. Rest well and I pray Gods love and comfort surrounds your family and friends.

Ivory Toomer - March 20, 2023 at 12:57 PM

AN

“ Ralph was simply the best. He was a great person and Supervisor. I am praying for peace and comfort for his family, friends and all whose lives he impacted.

April Nichols - March 20, 2023 at 11:14 AM

PC

“ Prayers go out to the family. Good friend and high school class mate ❤️



Pauline M. Carroll - March 19, 2023 at 10:58 PM

VC

“ Life gives us all unexpected situations and this is one of them. Please know that our hearts are with you all in shared grief, and we will always be in prayer for comfort, strength, and peace which will only come from God. Our great memories and time will bring healing, but until then, we can lean on each other by keeping in touch with each other. We love you all.  
Johnny, Bunny & all the family



Velma T Caldwell-Wardlaw - March 18, 2023 at 08:03 PM

MM

“ 5 files added to the album WP6-OGs



Mr. McHorne - March 18, 2023 at 01:46 PM

BH

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family. Ralph was a wonderful guy and classmate.

~Bruce Harling (Greenwood, SC)

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**Bruce Harling** - March 18, 2023 at 01:40 PM

DD

“ My deepest sympathies to the Cunningham family.

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**Donna David** - March 17, 2023 at 03:15 PM

JW

“ Janice Davis Weston purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Ralph Cunningham.

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**Janice Davis Weston** - March 16, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Cunningham.

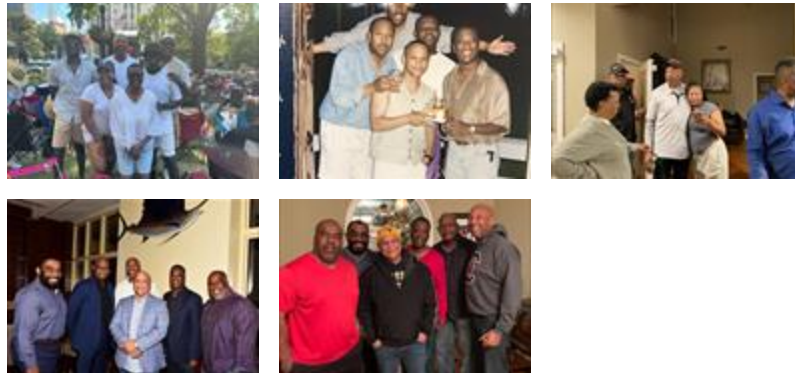


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March 16, 2023 at 07:18 PM

MM

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Mr. McHorne - March 16, 2023 at 02:22 PM

CG

“ Sending my love and condolences to my cousin Imani and to my entire family. Love you guys from Tito and I.

Crystal and Tito Galarza - March 16, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Cunningham.



March 16, 2023 at 11:52 AM

CC

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to the Cunningham family...

Cheryl Cosby - March 16, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ralph Cunningham.*



March 16, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Cunningham.*



March 16, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ *The Cunningham Family!* 🙏🙏🙏

**Patsy Armstrong-Buckhalter** - March 15, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ *My Prayers for comfort, strength and peace to the Cummmngham family! May his soul rest in eternal peace.* 🙏

**Patsy Armstrong-Buckhalter** - March 15, 2023 at 09:29 PM



*The Cunningham family* 🙏🙏🙏

**Patsy Armstrong-Buckhalter** - March 15, 2023 at 09:33 PM

PS

“ Sending Condolences to Ralph’s family. I just can’t believe he is gone. I saw him at the Walmart on Sugarloaf about 4 months ago, he told me he is Happily Retired. Rest in Eternal Peace my Brother.  
Paula Smith

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**Paula Smith** - March 15, 2023 at 07:41 PM

ST

“ Prayers of peace and comfort to Ralph's family. May he rest in eternal peace.  
He was a wonderful supervisor and will be missed!

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**Sharon Turner** - March 15, 2023 at 06:57 PM

LK

“ Praying for Comfort and Peace to Ralph's family and may soul be at rest with God.

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**Lisa Kemp** - March 15, 2023 at 05:41 PM

LE

“ My deepest sympathy to Ralph's family and his friends who dearly loved him during this time of loss. May the Lord wrap his arms around you and give you comfort, peace, and healing in this time of bereavement. Ralph and I both worked at the CDC but he was a very dear friend. We were both from the same hometown. I am praying for the Cunningham family because Ralph will live on in my heart. May he rest in peace. ♥

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**Linda Ebo** - March 15, 2023 at 04:23 PM

RJ

“ I LOVE AND MISS YOU UNCLE RAlph i'll always KEEP MY HEAD TO THE SKY!!! YOUR NEPHEW ROGERS WATSON JR (Bug)



Rogers Watson Jr - March 15, 2023 at 03:58 PM

RJ

*I Will You calling me,encouraging me to be better*

Rogers Watson Jr - March 15, 2023 at 04:03 PM

SB

*As some people journey through life, they leave footprints of kindness, courage and compassion. Praying God will comfort and care for the family as you celebrate his life. He was the best supervisor. No drama. :-)* He will be missed.

Sandra T. Brown - March 23, 2023 at 06:23 PM

FG

“ My deepest condolences to the Cunningham family. Ralph was my first team lead at CDC and an awesome coach to work with. May his soul rest in peace.



Francine Gordon - March 15, 2023 at 02:24 PM

JM

“ Deepest Sympathy to The Cunningham Family. One of the greatest opportunities I had was working with Ralph at CDC. He was one of my first Team Leads when I came to CDC in 2007. He was very Kind with a great spirit and encouraged me to be the Best! I was very sad to hear about this. Take your Rest until we meet again.

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**Joyce LaFrance Moment** - March 15, 2023 at 01:36 PM

FG

*My deepest condolences to the Cunningham family*

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**Francine Gordon** - March 15, 2023 at 02:19 PM

PG

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Ralph Cunningham. I first met years ago as we were both Air Force Reservists. Years later, I had the pleasure of working with him again at CDC. You were one of the kindest, most patient trainers I ever had on the job. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**Paula Gilbert** - March 15, 2023 at 01:09 PM

AC

“ God bless your soul Ralph. May you rest in eternal peace. It was my pleasure to know and work with you as colleague through the years at CDC.

*My sincere condolences to your daughter and family.*

*Anissa Copeland-Wallace*

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**Anissa Copeland** - March 15, 2023 at 10:57 AM



AM

*Rest in Peace my Brother. It's been a long journey.*

**Alvin Mills** - March 15, 2023 at 01:06 PM

RJ

*My condolences to the family.*

**Regina Johnson** - March 15, 2023 at 02:02 PM

SW

*Offering my sincerest condolences to the family. May Ralph rest in power.*

*Stephen Williams*

**Stephen J Williams** - March 15, 2023 at 02:03 PM

LB

*My sincere condolences to the family.*

**Loretta Byrd-Lewis** - March 15, 2023 at 05:10 PM

AR

*Praying for the Cunningham family strength during this time of grief. Ralph was the best co worker always calm and nice. He will be missed.*  
*Amber Robinson*

**Amber Robinson** - March 15, 2023 at 05:57 PM

TG

*Praying for the family's comfort, peace, and strength as they create a new norm. Ralph was a wonderful person to work with and it's hard to believe he's gone.*

**Tonica Gleaton** - March 16, 2023 at 08:43 AM

GH

*Sending my condolences. Happy the pleasure of working with Ralph briefly at NCEH/ATSDR. He was detailed there from CSELS. He was such a joy to work with.*

**Gerri Holmes** - March 16, 2023 at 08:55 AM

MT

*Offering my deepest and sincerest condolences to the Cunningham family. It was truly a blessing to have known Ralph. May he rest in peace and may God be with the family during these challenging times.*

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**Mitchell Taylor** - March 16, 2023 at 10:44 AM

TM

*Sending my love and condolences to Ralph's wife and family. May God give you all the comfort, strength, peace, and understanding in the days, weeks, and months to come.*

*A special prayer of comfort for his pride and joy... his daughter! Be encouraged and stand strong. Continue the legacy and path that your father paved for you.*

*Ralph was a GREAT colleague and friend at CDC!*

*Teresa Miles*

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**Teresa Miles** - March 16, 2023 at 12:20 PM

DC

*Prayers for the Cunningham family. I have known Ralph since 1st grade, from the words of comfort Ralph was still the same intelligent and kind person throughout life.*

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**Debbie Cannady** - March 16, 2023 at 10:02 PM

AF

*May the love and strength of family and friends bring you some comfort. I hope you can find some peace amidst the grief.*

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**A Floyd** - March 17, 2023 at 12:19 PM

LP

*Sincere condolences to the Cunningham family. May God Bless you with grace, mercy and peace in this time of bereavement.*

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**Lisa Powell** - March 17, 2023 at 03:36 PM

LY

*My deepest condolences to the Cunningham family especially his lovely daughter Imani. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

*Ralph was a forever friend. I will miss him dearly. Rest in paradise until we meet again.*

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**Leda Young** - March 17, 2023 at 05:49 PM

JD

*Deepest condolences and prayers to the Cunningham Family.*

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**Jean Ducheine** - March 18, 2023 at 08:36 PM

AL

*My sincere condolences and prayers go out to the Cunningham family. A great man, father, brother and friend and his spirit will remain with us forever.*

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**Adrian Luster** - March 21, 2023 at 03:18 PM

RS

*My deepest condolences and prayers to the Cunningham family. I miss our banter about his Panthers and my Saints.*

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**Rae Sparrow** - March 22, 2023 at 02:09 PM

BJ

*My deepest condolences and prayers to the Cunningham family. Rest in peace Ralph - you will be missed.*

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**Brigetta Jones** - March 24, 2023 at 02:15 PM

BB

*My deepest condolences to the Cunningham family. Ralph was one of the most kind and authentic persons that I have known. Rest In Peace my Good and Faithful Servant you made a great difference in the lives of many.*

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**BERNARD BENDER** - March 25, 2023 at 09:01 AM

JV

*Condolences to the family of Ralph Cunningham. GOD will comfort you during this time of grief. Rest in Peace Ralph.*

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**Jasmine E Vance** - March 25, 2023 at 11:28 AM

RR

*My condolences to the Cunningham family. Ralph was most kind and genuine person to know. You will truly be missed.*

**Ralph Robinson** - March 27, 2023 at 09:55 AM

PD

*My condolences to the Cunningham family. He was a GREAT GUY TO KNOW! Peace be with the family. Rest in Peace Ralph!*

**Patricia D** - March 28, 2023 at 12:34 PM

SM

*Sending prayers and my sincere condolences to the Cunningham family. May the Lord comfort you during your time of loss. I had the absolute pleasure of working with Ralph, as he was my program management officer in CSELS several years ago. I truly enjoyed working with him. He was a very kind, knowledgeable and caring person. Rest in Heaven, Ralph! Selina Mitchell*

**Selina Mitchell** - March 28, 2023 at 12:40 PM

RB

*Deepest condolences to the family. Our hearts are with you during this time.*

**Rhonda L Belser-Davis** - March 28, 2023 at 12:57 PM

AB

*My deepest and sincerest condolences to Ralph's family, friends and loved ones. He was such a positive, confident and encouraging gentleman. I can see him and that smooth walk going down the hall and it has been some time since I last seen him, but whenever I did he was smiling and standing tall. An old coworker and I were talking about how we use to clown at work back in the days. If experiencing his presence has this impact on coworkers, I most certainly am pray for the family's strength, peace and comfort. You will surely be missed.*

**April Barnes** - March 28, 2023 at 05:06 PM