

# IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Born into Joy:  
August 20, 1940



Entered Eternal Rest:  
December 24, 2025



*Oscar Joseph, Jr.*

## **SERVICE:**

Thursday, January 8, 2026  
11:00 AM

Second Baptist Church  
301 S. Hamilton Street  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
Rev. George W. Waddles, Jr., Pastor

## OBITUARY

Oscar Joseph, Jr., age 85, entered into eternal rest on December 24, 2025. He was born August 20, 1940 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Oscar and Julia Joseph, Sr.

Oscar Joseph was united in holy matrimony with Corrine Griffin on July 6, 1985, together they shared a loving marriage of 40+ years.

Oscar who was affectionately known as O.J., was a man of deep faith. He was a devoted and faithful member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Plano, Texas. In 2020, he relocated to Michigan where he joined Second Baptist Church of Ypsilanti. He worshipped and served on the Ushers Ministry and the food pantry, which he served with love and dedication.

Oscar attended Ferris State University for two years, after that, he enlisted into the U.S. Air Force. He was honorably discharged after serving eight years. Following his discharge from the U.S. Air Force, he began working for Michigan Bell as a manager. He later began working at Ericksson Telecommunications in Dallas, Texas where he retired after 40 years.

Oscar had a passion for working with seniors and working in the community.

Oscar leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife, Corrine (C.J.) Joseph; one sister, Ella (Nicholas) Ramirez; three brother-in-laws, Michael (Janice), Tony (Shelly), and Tracy Williams; two sister-in-laws, Elizabeth Williams and Diane Wright; three sons, Oscar, III, Bruce (Ursula Price), and Tony (Francis) Shelton; two daughters, Cynthia Batiste and Melonie Joseph; four bonus children, Richard (Vicky) Griffin, Yolandus (Victor) Swanson, Ronald (Victor) Griffin, and Ryan Griffin; a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives, and friends.

Oscar was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Oscar and Julia Joseph, Sr.; his grandmother, Cyslodia Ella Smith (Momma Ella); his first wife, Mary Price; four brothers, Alfred, Alvin, Arthur, and Anderson Joseph; three sisters, Geraldine (Milford) Burney, Gloria Jean Joseph, and Donna Marie Young-Joseph; and a bonus daughter, Linda L. Griffin.

*If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.  
Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.  
Romans 14:8 (CSB)*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Family Hour ..... 10:00 am

Organ Prelude ..... Musician

Processional ..... Family

Old Testament Scripture ..... Pastor Herman Love  
Life Touch Ministries COGIC, Ypsilanti

New Testament Scripture ..... Reverend Aeysha Young  
Kentwood Community Church, Kentwood

Prayer of Comfort ..... Pastor C.E. Lewis, III  
New Millennium Baptist Church, Ypsilanti

Musical Selection ..... Second Baptist Church Male Chorus

Remarks ..... Friends & Family

Reading of Obituary, Acknowledgements  
and Resolution..... Sister Lisha Lewis

Musical Selection ... His Eye Is On The Sparrow..... Sister Dorothy Quinn

Eulogy..... Pastor George W. Waddles, Jr.

Recessional

*The family repast will be held immediately following  
the service in the Fellowship Hall.*



I will love you always and forever.

- Your "Babydoll"



And now these three remain:  
Faith, hope and love.

But **the greatest**  
**of these is love.**

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

## ***In Loving Memory***

Today we remember a man who was more than just a stepfather — he was a mentor, a protector, and a true friend. OJ entered our lives with kindness and an open heart, showing us that family is about love, not just blood. Through his actions, he demonstrated what it meant to be strong, supportive, and caring.

He had a way of making everyone feel welcome and valued. His ability to listen, offer guidance, and provide unwavering support shaped the lives of everyone who knew him.

OJ was a man of integrity, always doing the right thing even when it wasn't the easiest path.

We will carry his lessons with us, his laughter in our hearts, and his memory in our minds forever. His love, generosity, and strength will continue to guide us as we move forward.

Rest in peace, OJ you will always be part of our family, and we will never forget you.

- Ricky, Landy, Ronnie, and Ryan



Papa,

Your life spoke volumes each and every day.  
You used your actions to show us the right way.

You made each moment count no matter when or  
where Inspiring others to work hard, have integrity,  
to care

Words can't express how much we miss life without  
you But we thank you for the gift of inspiration  
from life so true.

Love you always Papa,

- Your grandchildren



My dear brother and brother-in-law, with heavy hearts and deep love we honor the passing of my brother. Though your time with us feels far too short, your presence and your spirit will remain forever.

Oscar, my beloved brother, we grieve your passing, but we honor your life and the love that we share.

You will be deeply missed and always remembered.

Rest in peace, my dear, beloved brother, you are loved beyond words and will be in our hearts forever.

- Your baby sister and brother-in-law  
*Ella and Nicolas Ramirez*



We remember our uncle with hearts full of love and gratitude. He was deeply loved, and his presence filled every room he entered. His smile was a light—steady, warm, and comforting—and his infectious laugh reminded us to find joy even in the hardest moments. He was stern when needed, but always loving, always fair, always guiding. He showed us, by example, what it truly means to be a man: strong yet gentle, disciplined yet kind, and unwavering in his love for family. Though he is no longer with us, his lessons, his laughter, and his light will live on in us forever.



We love you Uncle Oscar!  
*- Nieces and Nephews*

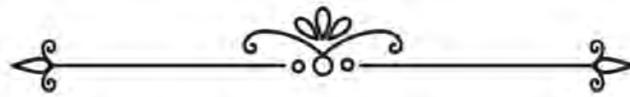
Oscar and I are first cousins, but our relationship was closer — we were brothers, with him older by five months. When my sisters and grandmother moved to Grand Rapids, we initially lived with Uncle Oscar's family. Three adults and eleven kids in a two-bedroom house. That is when Oscar and I became brothers for life.

Each day after school, we sold the Grand Rapids Press on our way home. When we became teenagers, we helped Uncle Oscar with his side jobs to earn money for the family. His dad taught us many things about life. The most important thing for us was learning to drive. Each Sunday, Uncle Oscar took us down a dirt road near the railroad tracks and let us drive his car — that was exciting.

After graduating from high school, our lives took different paths. Oscar went on to college, and I joined the Army. Later, Oscar joined the Air Force. Whenever we had the chance to visit, we did, but we always marked our birthdays by calling, talking, and exchanging cards.

I am so thankful that God allowed me to see Oscar and Corrine in July 2024 before he was called home to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I will miss him, but I understand he is in a better place. Peace and love, brother.

- Wesley Green, III, Col (Ret, US Army)



### **Flower Bearers**

Family and Friends

### **Pallbearers**

Richard Griffin, III  
Ryan Michael Griffin  
Jori Griffin  
Myles Griffin  
Tracy Wright  
Ryan Griffin



### **Arrangements Entrusted To**

C&H Community Home for Funerals  
411 S. Adams Street  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

### **Internment**

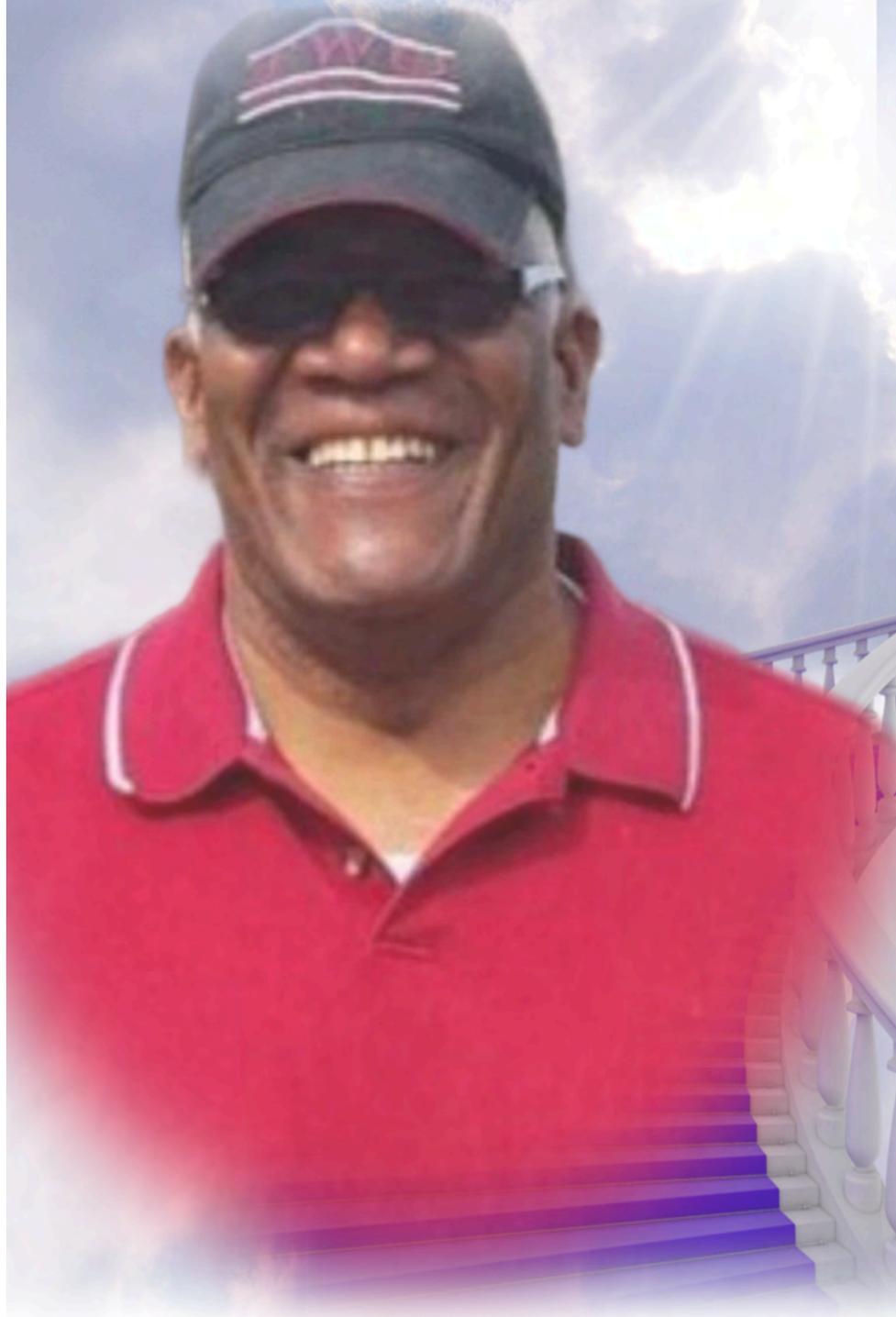
Temple Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
January 9, 2026

## Acknowledgment

Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy and your love and support during this time of loss. We are blessed and grateful to have you in our lives.

THE FAMILY OF

*Oscar Joseph, Jr.*



**Sunrise: August 20, 1940**  
**Sunset: December 24, 2025**