



## Joshua Flynn Ford

March 26, 1928 - August 2, 2016

Joshua Flynn Ford, 88, of Columbus Ohio peacefully transitioned Tuesday August 2, 2016. Joshua was born in Cleveland Ohio on March 26, 1928, and if you asked him his birthdate he would proudly tell you the month, day, year and time! As the fifth child of Joseph and Ella Birchmore Ford he grew up with one sister Rebecca and five brothers Isaac, John, Jake, Joe and Major. After attending Capital University School of Music, his passion for music lead him to join a jazz band in the early 40's as the youngest drum musician of the group. During his time as a highly sought after jazz drummer and percussionist, he played for many jazz talents of the time. He also played the vibraphone and was the first African American in Columbus Ohio to receive his music union card. Additionally, he created more milestones as one of the first African Americans to work as a painter for North America Rockwell - now Boeing. He painted such planes as the RA-5C Vigilante, T-2B Jet Trainer and OB-10A Aircraft. After his retirement J. Flynn (as he was lovingly called), enjoyed fishing, listening to and playing jazz music, as well as babysitting his grandchildren. J. Flynn was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Ella Birchmore Ford, his siblings Rebecca Scott, John Ford, Jake Ford (Mina), Major Ford (Charlotte), and his daughter Pamela Kunie Ford. Left to honor his memory are his children, Rondal Davis (Babette) Denise Moffett (Douglas) CarrMel Ford White (Carl) Steven Flynn Ford and Kitty Ford Holliman. His brothers Isaac Ford and Joseph Ford (Patience), Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews with other Family members and Friends.