

Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Sister Dorothy would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your support, love and expressions of kindness.

We also acknowledge with gratitude the acts from all of our church families across the highways. God's love has been the light to us.

Pallbearers

Kevin Howard and Nephews

Honorary Flowerbearers

Valerie Howard-Bell and Nieces

My Mother Kept A Garden

My mother kept a garden, A garden of the heart
She planted all the good things, That gave my life its start
She turned me to the sunshine, And encouraged me to dream
Fostering and nurturing, The seeds of self-esteem
And when the winds and rain came, She protected me enough
But not too much because she knew, I'd need to stand up strong and tough
Her constant good example, Always taught me right from wrong
Markers for my pathway, That will last a lifetime long
I am my mother's garden, I am her legacy
And I know today the love she shared, Always lives in us.
~Love Valerie & Keven

To offer condolences to The Howard-Smiley Family,
visit www.TheChapelofPeace.com



We Entrusted Our Loved One to the Caring Professionals At

CM MARLAN GARY FUNERAL HOME
CHAPEL OF PEACE

NORTH: 2500 CLEVELAND AVENUE EAST: 5456 E. LIVINGSTON AVE



A Celebration of the Life of **Dorothy Jeanette**

*Howard
Smiley*

NOVEMBER 4, 1948 - AUGUST 21, 2023



Monday, August 28, 2023

Maynard Ave. Baptist Church

2210 Lexington Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211

Visitation: 10:00am Service: 11:00am

Reverend Paul W. Forney, Officiating Minister

Obituary

The life of Dorothy Jeanette Howard-Smiley was filled with love for the Lord and a love for family. Born November 4, 1948. The fierce second child of ST and Ruby Ross was always a fighter.

Dorothy was one of the first black graduates of the Emma Sampson High School of Gadsden, Alabama. This was the school she integrated escorted by the US Marshalls and FBI. She later moved to Detroit, Michigan where she received her nursing degree and worked for the Veterans Hospital where she retired after 34 years of service. After retirement, when she became ill, Earl Smiley became her dedicated driver and caretaker.

Dorothy was a faithful member of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, where she served on the Usher Board. Her greatest works were her children, Valerie and Kevin. She lived so that they could have a better life.

Dorothy moved to Columbus, Ohio in 2016. She joined Maynard Ave. Baptist Church shortly thereafter. She was cared for by her dear sister Betty, a host of caring physicians, and the Minerva Park Davita Dialysis team. She worked her dialysis like it was a job and was a 15-year survivor. She learned to plan her life around it and still expected to go on vacation at least once per year.

Dorothy is predeceased by her parents, ST and Ruby Ross; siblings, Billy Ross, Charles Ross, and Mildred Ross Knight.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory, children, Valerie (Charles) Bell and Kevin (Deb) Howard; grandchildren, Anthony (Lanise), Shaakira, Vaughndae, Charles, Breanna, Iyanna, and Brittany; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Davonte, Carter, Camryn, and Davon; siblings, Betty (Donald), Janice, Felita (Raymond), and Willie (Caroline); special friends, Lula Thurman and Earl Smiley; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL.....Rev. Paul W. Forney and Ministers

PARTING VIEW.....Immediate Family

HYMN OF PRAISE.....Brian Ferguson
"Nobody Greater"

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Pastor Debirley Porter
Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church

SCRIPTURE READING.....
Old Testament..... Rev. Charles Johnson
New Testament.....Rev. Melvin Hawkins

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTSRev. Donna Hawkins

READING OF OBITUARY..... Read Silently

TRIBUTES..... (2 minutes please).....Family and Friends

SELECTION..... Rev. Harold Palmer
"My Souls Been Anchored"

The Eulogy

Reverend Paul W. Forney

BENEDICTION Reverend Paul W. Forney

RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family, and Friends

Interment

Glen Rest Memorial Estate
8029 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Repast following Entombment for immediate family and out of town guests.
Maynard Ave. Baptist Church Clark Forney Fellowship Hall