### 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

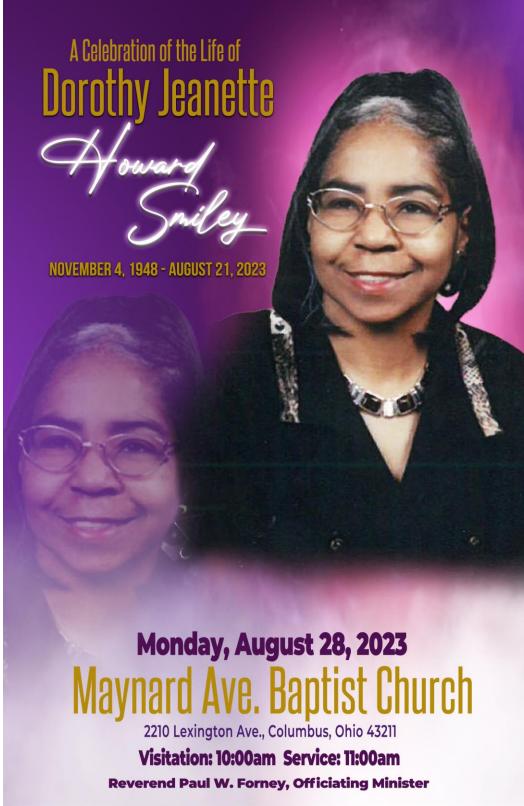
## My Mother Kept H Garden

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







#### 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

PROCESSIONALRev. Paul W. Forney and Ministers	
PARTING VIEW	Immediate Family
HYMN OF PRAISE	Brian Ferguson "Nobody Greater"
PRAYER OF COMFORTPastor Debirley Porter Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church SCRIPTURE READING	
Old Testament	Rev. Charles Johnson
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Rev. Donna Hawkins
READING OF OBITUARY	Read Silently
TRIBUTES (2 minutes please)	Family and Friends
SELECTION""M	Rev. Harold Palmer y Souls Been Anchored"

# The Eulogy

Reverend Paul W. Forney

#### 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