

### **Acknowledgement**

The family of Gwendolyn Raymore is extremely grateful for all the kindness displayed during this difficult time. Many have sent a card, flowers, offered comforting words, lent a shoulder, gave their prayers and kept us in their hearts. For that, we are truly grateful and no deed has gone unnoticed. Special thanks to Bishop Donald J. Washington, special friends who helped and cared for Gwen during times of need, and the administrative and nursing staff at The Grove at Oakleaf Memory Care Facility.

### **Safely Home**

*I am home in heaven, dear ones;  
Oh so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder how I so calmly  
Trode the valley of the shade?  
Oh, but Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.  
And he came himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's will.  
There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remains,  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

To offer condolences to The Raymore Family,  
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## *Celebration OF THE Life OF*



**Gwendolyn B. Raymore**

**JUNE 19, 1960 ~ MARCH 18, 2021**

**~Service~**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021 ~ 2:00 PM**

**MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME**

***Chapel of Peace East***

**5456 E. Livingston Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio**

**BISHOP DONALD J. WASHINGTON**

*Eulogizing Minister*

## Obituary

Gwendolyn B. Raymore, age 60. Sunrise June 19, 1960 and Sunset March 18, 2021. Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Gwen attended East High School, graduating class of 1978.

She worked for the State of Ohio, Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, where she retired after 30 years of service. As a hardworking woman of God, she gave her life to Christ as a young adult. Gwen was a long-time member of Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir.

Gwen gave much of her love and devotion nurturing her daughter. She loved shopping, many knew her to be “stylish” and ready to shop for any occasion. She did everything in her will to make sure she took care of family and friends.

Her battle with memory loss began in 2009. Gwen continued to fight until the Lord called her home and she now lay at rest peacefully under his guidance.

She was preceded in death by her parents Kelly (Susie) Littlejohn Jr.; Richard L. Crosby

Left to cherish her memory; daughter Dominique (Kyle) Beck; brother, Richard L. (Carolyn) Crosby; sisters, Carla J. (Tommy) Crosby-Tucker, Debra K. Dansby; grandson, Keegan A. Raymore; Sylvester Raymore Jr. and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... "Blessed Assurance" By CeCe Winans

PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Clergy  
 Old Testament ..... Psalm 23:1-6  
 New Testament ..... John 14:1-7

PRAYER ..... Clergy

SELECTION ..... "The Battle is Not Yours" By Yolanda Adams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES..... Silent Reading

REMARKS ..... Linda Lassiter Patterson  
Alice Williams  
Alberta Cunningham-Austin

READING OF OBITUARY ..... Clergy

SELECTION ..... "More Than I Can Bear" By Kirk Franklin

## The Eulogy

BISHOP DONALD J. WASHINGTON

BENEDICTION .....Bishop Donald J. Washington

RECESSIONAL..... Clergy, Family & Friends

SELECTION ..... "Stand" By Donnie McClurkin



*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me  
though he were dead yet shall he live.  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

John 11:25-26