

Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Isabelle Dawson would like to thank everyone who prayed, called, reached out, sent cards and condolences, during this time of grief. There are no words that could express the gratefulness and appreciation we have felt from it all. We are forever indebted and will hold your kindness as we continue to honor our Isabelle's memories.

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be;

So He put his arms around you
and whispered,

"Come with Me".

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
and saw you fade away.

Although we LOVED YOU DEARLY
we could not make you stay.

A GOLDEN HEART stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best!

To offer condolences to The Dawson Family,
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A Celebration of the Life of



Isabelle Cecilia Dawson

December 2, 1942 - July 17, 2023

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

DEB's Celebration & Event Center

5508 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

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



Obituary

It is with sadness, yet gratitude, that on July 17th, 2023, at 5:35AM, our beloved Isabelle slipped quietly into an eternal sleep. Her job was done, and the Lord called her home.

She was born Isabelle Cecilia Gilliam at her home in Jeddah, Ohio, on December 2nd, 1942. She was born to Mattie Elizabeth, and the late Henry Gilliam and lovingly raised by the late Isaiah Culbreath and guided by the late Primes Burns. She was the eldest of her siblings, Isaiah Culbreath, Stanlee Culbreath, Wilastine Gilliam, late Everett Culbreath, Jeffrey Gilliam, Todd Gilliam, late April Gilliam, Shelia Gilliam and stepsisters Darla Burns and Rhonda Parrish.

Isabelle graduated from the infamous Steubenville Big Red High School in 1960 and was a trendsetter, embraced by everyone she connected with. Before leaving Steubenville and starting her college career, she made it a point to leave her mark. While employed by the grocery, she became the first Black woman to hold a position as cashier at the Kroger grocery store.

After leaving Steubenville, she attended Columbus State University, formerly known as CTI, where she received her Associate Degree of Arts and Sciences. Furthering her education, she attended The Ohio State University, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Arts and Sciences, with an emphasis in Black studies. She was also recognized as a cultural leader/influencer within the community.

In 1965, she married Albert Dawson, and welcomed her first child, Abert Lamont Dawson Jr., and she later united with her life partner, Marshall Evans, and welcomed the birth of their daughter Malika Keianna Dawson (Horston) in September 1972.

Isabelle, a beautiful spirit, who attracted all walks of life, had never met a stranger and understood what it means to love unconditionally. She meant everything to everybody and made a conscious effort to spread love to everyone who needed it. She attended New Faith Baptist Church.

In Columbus, Isabelle held various positions. She worked as a teacher, where she enjoyed mentoring the youth. In 1984, she began working closely with her brother, attorney Stanlee Culbreath, as an administrative assistant extraordinaire. She was the face of the law office and retired in 2014.

Isabelle Cecilia Dawson regained her legs and wings in the early morning of July 17th. She spent her final days enjoying comforting words from a host of family members and friends sending her off.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDEChapel of Music Ministry

SCRIPTURE READING Clergy
Old Testament.....Psalm 16: 8-11
New Testament 1 Corinthians 15: 51-54

PRAYER..... Clergy

SELECTION..... "I Won't Complain"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Danielle Scott

REMARKS Anthony Gilliam

READING OF OBITUARY..... Anthony Gilliam

The Eulogy

Pastor Jeffrey Keys

BENEDICTIONPastor Jeffrey Keys

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

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5508 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43232
12:30pm