

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of Nicole Renee Rakes would like to thank you for your calls and expressions of condolence shown to us during this difficult time. A special thank you to Pastor Wesley Dunlap and Pastor Nathaniel Carter for their kindness and care. May God Bless you all.

#### *Pallbearers*

KENETH L.V. GOINS  
AKILI STEPHENS  
MICHAEL CHARLES  
JOSIAH HUNG

#### *Honorary*

#### *Pallbearers*

JEREMIAH CARTER JR.  
ANDRE RANSON

#### *Flowerbearers*

JAYAH HUNT  
LARRYNN STEPHENS



#### **Don't Cry For Me**

*Don't cry for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following paths God made for me  
I took his hand I heard him call  
Then turned and bid farewell to all*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found my peace... at close of play*

*And if my parting left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

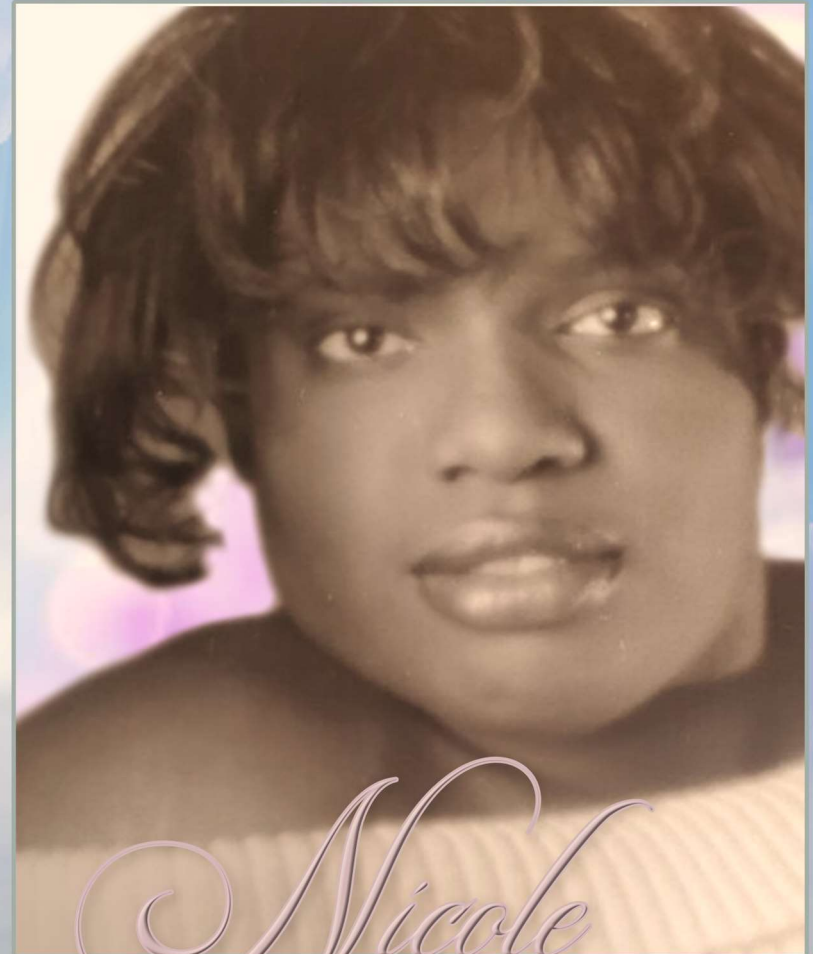
*Be not burdened... deep with sorrow  
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full I've savoured much  
Good friends, good times A loved one's touch*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with grief  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God wants me now... He set me free.*

To offer condolences to The Rakes Family,  
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## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Nicole*  
**RENEE RAKES**  
JULY 1, 1970 ~ JULY 20, 2021

~Service~

**MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021 ~ 2:00 PM**  
**MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME**

***Chapel of Peace East***

5456 E. Livingston Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

Pastor Wesley Dunlap, Officiating & Eulogizing

## *The Obituary*

Nicole Renee Rakes, 51, was born to Harry J. Goins and Patricia C. Rakes on July 1, 1970 in Columbus, Ohio. She went home to be with the Lord, unexpectedly, on July 20, 2021.

Nicole graduated from Independence High School, class of 1989. She attended Ohio Dominican University. Over the years she worked in a variety of office-related positions. She was a Customer Relations Specialist for J C Penney's Stores at the time of her passing. She was also the proud owner of Sunday Desserts. Affectionately known as "Sweets Baker" she was an amazing pastry chef.

Nicole loved the Lord and her family. She had a charming personality and never met a stranger.

Nicole was preceded in death by her grandparents; Edward and Beatrice Rakes, Cleve and Ora Westmoreland, John L. Goins, and George and Murdis Dawson; cousins James Derick Goins, Kevin Magwood, Albert Rhodes and uncle Virgil W. Rakes

She is survived by and leaves to mourn her passing her parents Patricia and Larry Stephens, Columbus, OH and Harry and Barbara Goins, Alexandria, VA. Sisters Leah (Roger) Hunt, Shari Goins, and Phylicia Goins; brother Larry D. (Keesha) Stephens; special aunts Charlotte Goins Carter, Belva (John) Goins-Ramsey, Gonnies Goins, and Tammy Dawson; special uncles Kenneth (Adrianne) Dawson, Bishop George (Shalonda) Dawson and Jeremiah Carter, Sr.; nieces Jayah Hunt and Larrynn Stephens; nephews Akili Stephens, Josiah Hunt and Kevin Morris; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and loving friends. Special thanks and much love to Nicole's God sisters Yolanda Suel-Moorman and Robin (Curtis) Holloway for all that they did to make Nicole's life happier.

## *Order of Service*

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING..... Charlotte Goins Carter

Old Testament ..... Psalm 23

New Testament ..... I Thessalonians 4:13-18

PRAYER ..... Pastor Nathaniel Carter

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church

SELECTION ..... Pastor Wesley Dunlap

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES

Pastor Wesley Dunlap

REMARKS (2 minutes)..... Pastor Nathaniel Carter

Family & Friends

READING OF OBITUARY ..... Yolanda Suel-Moorman

SELECTION ..... Keith Dawson

### *The Eulogy*

PASTOR WESLEY DUNLAP

BENEDICTION..... Pastor Wesley Dunlap

RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family & Friends

*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