

Acknowledgement

The family of Dorothy M. Bell would like to express sincere gratitude for the many expressions of condolence and consolation. We appreciate the many prayers, calls, meals, and messages, kind words, flowers, and offers of help during our time of bereavement. We give thanks to God for the Love Zion Church Family for the love and kindness shown to Dorothy throughout her life, especially after she became homebound. We know that she loved you all dearly. We pray that God continues to richly bless you all.

Pallbearers

MARQUEL MCGHEE ~ MARSHALL MCGHEE ~ MARLON MCGHEE
MARSALIS MCGHEE ~ ROBERT BELL JR. ~ JOHN ANTHONY SR.
MALACHI WIGGINS ~ ERIC EDWARDS

Honorary Pallbearers

ROBERT BELL SR ~ MARVIN MCGHEE ~ JAMES CARTER II
WILLIAM CARTER ~ ALAN HERGINS ~ SCOTT CRADDOLPH

Flowerbearers

ERIN ELLIS ~ MARA MCGHEE ~ ERICKA BUFORD
MARIKA EDWARDS ~ ELYSA BELL

The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning
That God would call your name
In life we loved you dearly
In death we do the same

It broke our hearts to lose you
You did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home

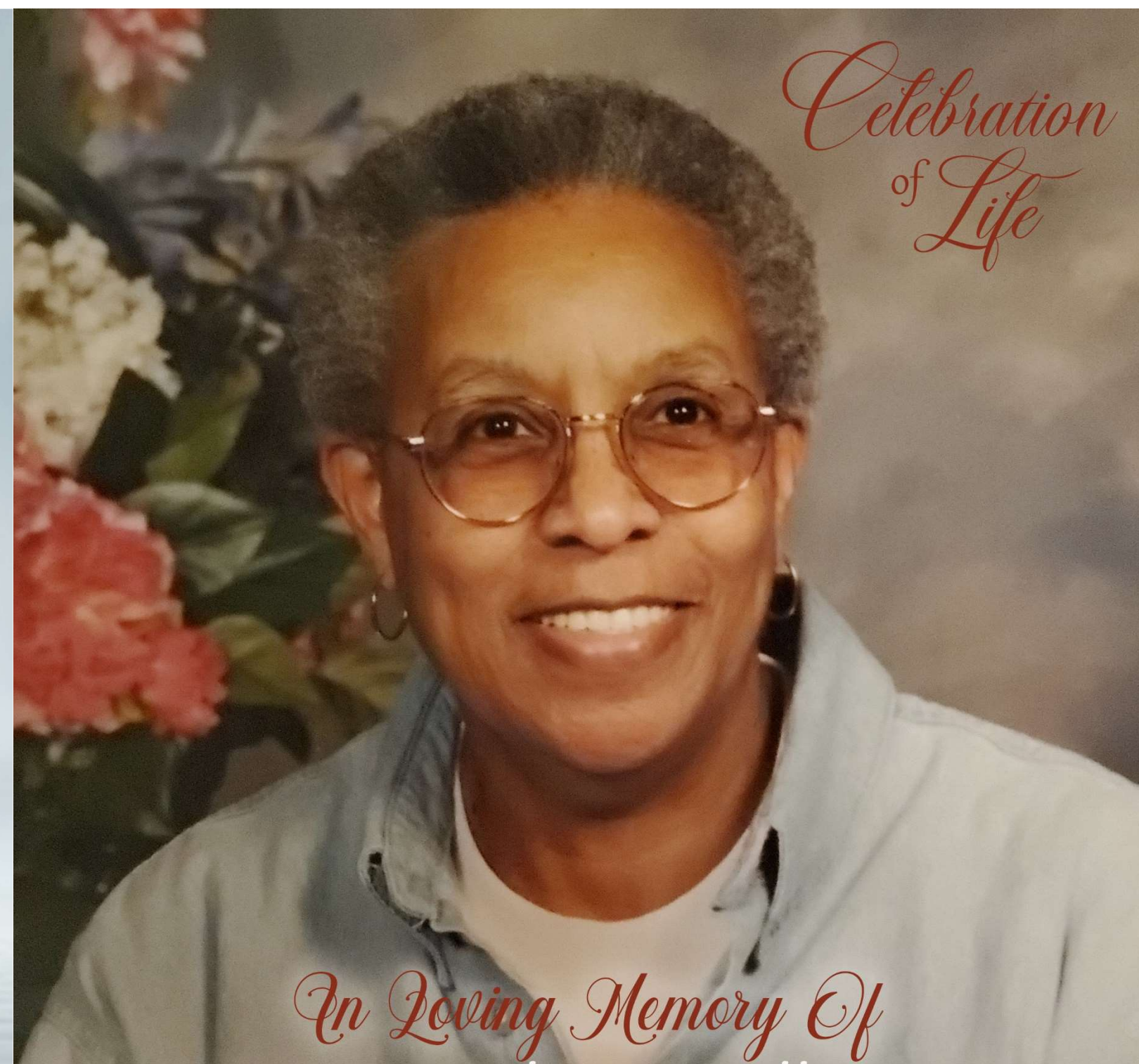
You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
And although we cannot see you
You're always by our side

Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again

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*Celebration
of Life*



In Loving Memory Of
Dorothy M. Bell

SEPTEMBER 30, 1935 ~ JUNE 2, 2021

~Service~

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021 ~ 10:00 am

Love Zion Baptist Church

1459 Madison Avenue · Columbus, Ohio

PASTOR DR. WESLEY GREENFIELD JR.

Officiating & Eulogizing Minister

Obituary

Dorothy Mae Jackson was born in Columbus, Ohio on Monday September 30, 1935 to Jordan L. Jackson and Madeline Jackson (nee Johnson). Dorothy was educated in the Columbus City School District and graduated from East High School.

Dorothy began working after high school and first worked in the medical field at a local hospital. After she began to have children, she became a stay-at-home mother until the youngest child began to attend school. Then, Dorothy became a volunteer at Deshler Elementary School where her youngest child was attending, eventually becoming employed at Deshler as a Teacher's Aid. When her youngest child moved on to junior high school, Dorothy followed, and became employed at Roosevelt Junior High. Dorothy eventually began working at Fairwood Elementary School and, as it happens, worked there at the time that two of her granddaughters attended. She eventually retired from the Columbus City Schools in 2000, after 29 years of service.

Dorothy accepted Jesus Christ as her savior as a young woman. She loved attending Sunday School classes and reading and studying the Word of God. Dorothy could be counted on to be in prayer for her children, other family, and her friends. She was an avid attendant of church services at Love Zion Baptist Church for many years before becoming a member of New Fellowship Baptist Church. Dorothy served as the Church Secretary at New Fellowship for a number of years before returning to Love Zion. She loved to sing, and throughout her years of church service, no matter the location, she always sang in the choir. Dorothy also served as a Nurse at Love Zion for many years.

Dorothy met Clarence one evening as they were both walking along the street to their respective destinations. Clarence was walking alone, dressed in his Sailor uniform and Dorothy was with several of her friends, dressed for a night out. Clarence and Dorothy were married on December 1, 1956 and were married for 61 years. To this union were born four children: Mary, Robert (Bobby), Richard (Ricky), and Martha.

Dorothy will be remembered as a sweet, friendly, and generous mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt, and friend. She had a no-nonsense approach to life, and was always able to handle any situation put before her with calm and grace. She was always willing to lend a hand, to give you a ride, put some money in your pocket, feed you, or give you a place to stay no matter what or for how long. She was also able to deliver a funny one-liner or a snappy response. She will be remembered for many things like her Cherry Delight, the organization of the Jackson Family reunions, and her acceptance of one and all, always.

Blessed with 85 years of life, Dorothy was preceded in death by parents Jordan and Madeline Jackson; husband, Clarence; daughter Martha (Alan) Bell-Hergins; son, Ricky Bell. Also preceding her in death: brothers Jordan L. Jackson, Jr., Robert L. Jackson, and James L. Jackson; sisters Flora B. Anthony, Mildred L. Carter, (Alice) Virginia Craddolph, and Louise V. Johnson; nieces Linda Jackson and Diana Craddolph, and nephews Darryl Craddolph, and Eugene J Carter (EJ).

Left to cherish her memory are children: Mary (Marvin) Bell-McGhee and son Bobby. Also left to cherish her memory: 10 grandchildren: Marquel (Nicholene) McGhee, Erin (Frederick) Ellis, Mara McGhee, Robert Bell Jr. (BJ), Marshall McGhee, Ericka Buford, Marika (Eric) Edwards, Elysa Bell, Marlon McGhee, and Marsalis McGhee; 11 great-grandchildren: Malachi Wiggins, A'lessia Bell, Kristopher Buford, Nyarrah Bell, Charles Jones III, Maliek Bell, Makai Bell, Jaxon McGhee, Davon Burgess II, Anaiyah McGhee, and Leila McGhee; loving nieces and nephews: Janet, Janice, James (Brother), Billy, Tim, Denise, Johnny, Roselyn, Marty, Marian, Jackie, June, Michele, James (JJ), Madeline, Scott, Maurice, James (little Jimmy), Stacy, Lorraine, and Diallo; and hosts of other loving relatives and friends.

May I Go Now?

*May I go now?
Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain filled days
and endless lonely nights?
I've lived my life and done my best,
an example tried to be.
So can I take that step beyond
and set my spirit free?*

*I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now
to a warm and loving light.
I want to go, I really do.
It's difficult to stay.
But I will try as best I can
to live just one more day.*

*To give you time to care for me
and share your love and fears.
I know you're sad and afraid,
because I see your tears.
I'll not be far,
I promise that, and hope you'll always know
that my spirit will be close to you
wherever you may go.*

*Thank you so for loving me.
You know I love you too,
that's why it's hard to say goodbye
and end this life with you.
So hold me now just one more time
and let me hear you say,
because you care so much for me,
you'll let me go today.*

Order of Celebration

ORGAN PRELUDE“I’m Going Away”
Walter Hawkins

PARTING VIEW Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING Clergy
Old TestamentProverbs 31:10, 17, 20, 25-31
New Testament..... John 14:1-6

PRAYERPastor Marquel McGhee

SELECTION “His Eye is On the Sparrow”
Marika Edwards acc. by Marquel McGhee

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES

POEM Ericka Buford

REMARKS (1-1.5 minutes please) Family & Friends

READING OF OBITUARY Mara McGhee

SELECTION Marquel McGhee

The Eulogy
PASTOR DR. WESLEY E. GREENFIELD JR.

BENEDICTION..... Pastor Greenfield

RECESSIONAL “Going Up Yonder”

Interment
EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free!*

*Miss me a little, but not for long,
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared,
Miss me but let me go!*

*For this a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone;
It’s all a part of the master’s plan
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me, but let me go.*

