

### *Heartfelt Thanks and Appreciation*

The family of Charlene Reed wish to express their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to everyone for their prayers, encouragement, support, and expressions of love shown during this hour of bereavement. Special thanks to Evangelist Patricia Aaron, Elder Renee Riley, Charles Pack, Q Mitchell, Minister Kia Wrice, Kasia Richey, Norvell Howard, Sandra Carpenter, John Kendrix, and the Trinity Baptist Church Family, The City of Zion Church Family, Continuing Healthcare of Gahanna, and the Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home Chapel of Peace for the excellent services provided.

#### **PALLBEARERS**

LEMONT FOUNTAIN ~ KWASI HOLDER ~ JOHN KENDRIX ~ DEJON KENDRIX  
KENNETH KENDRIX ~ AARON THOMAS III ~ COURTNEY TURNER ~ GEORGE WILLIAMS

#### **INTERMENT**

EASTLAWN CEMETERY  
1340 Woodland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219

#### **REPAST (MASKS REQUIRED)**

Following the interment, for the family and out-of-town guests ONLY  
The American Legion,  
3227 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, OH 43227

#### **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

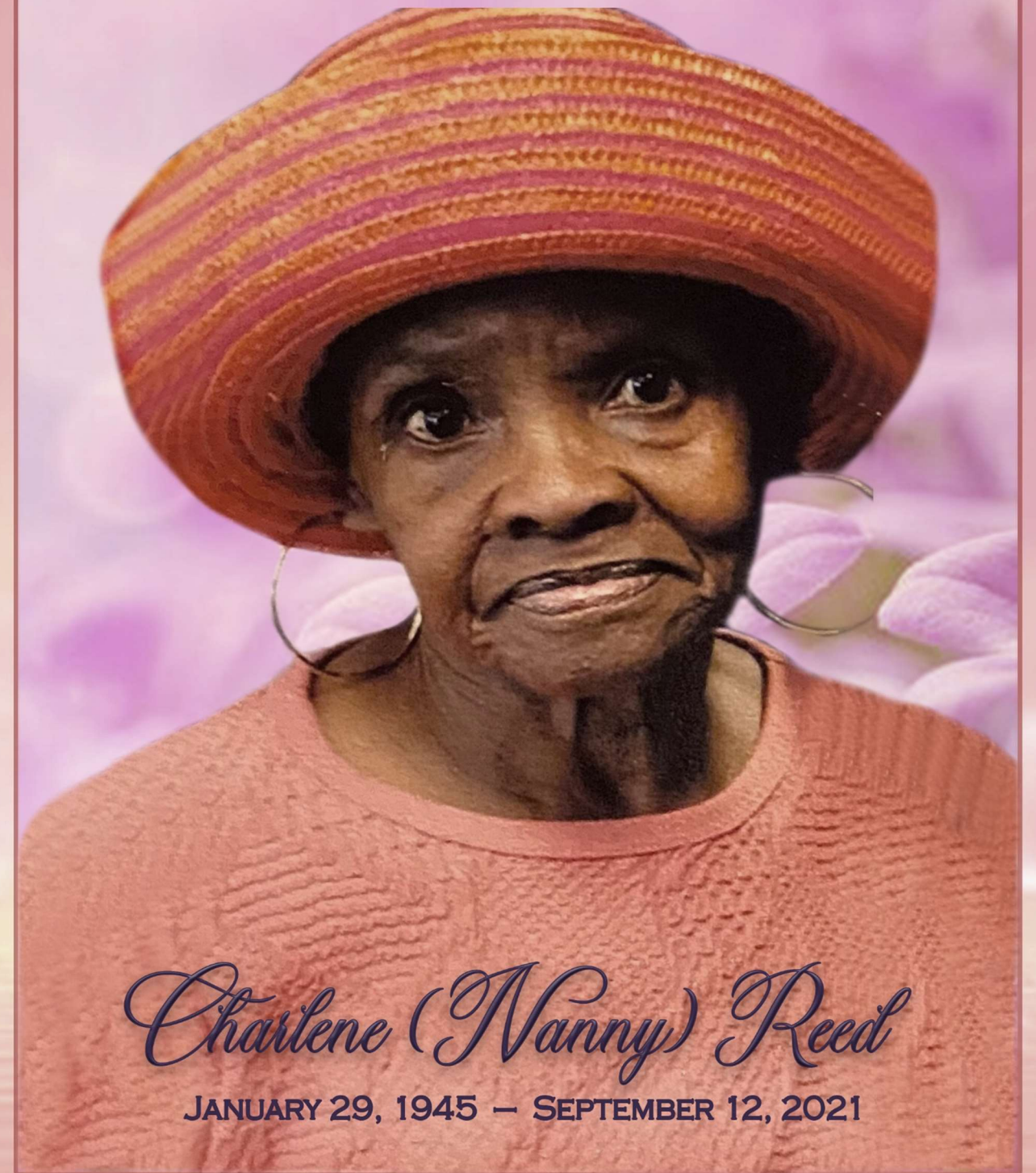
You left us beautiful memories  
Your love is still our guide  
And although we cannot see you  
You're always by our side

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

To offer condolences to The Reed Family,  
visit [www.TheChapelofPeace.com](http://www.TheChapelofPeace.com)



## THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE



*Charlene (Nanny) Reed*

JANUARY 29, 1945 — SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.  
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day..." 11 Timothy 4:7-8*

#### **~Service~**

**Monday, September 20, 2021**  
Visitation: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Homegoing Service: 12:00 PM

Pastor Genary Maxwell, *Officiant*  
Reverend Dr. Victor M. Davis, *Eulogist*  
**Trinity Baptist Church**  
461 St. Clair Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43203



# Obituary

Charlene Reed affectionately known as “Nanny” was born on January 29, 1945, in Columbus, Ohio to Pearl Williams and Thomas Howard.

Charlene attended the Columbus Public School system and graduated from Central High School and later received her Associate Degree in Medical Assisting from Central Community College.

Charlene was introduced to church at an early age and was a faithful member of the House of God and served as the Secretary for the Elect Lady Hannah Bottoms. She rededicated her life and became a member of the Trinity Baptist Church.

Charlene was a very smart, sassy, and classy lady. Her radiant and warm personality naturally drew people to her.

Charlene truly treasured her family. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family, laughing, dancing, watching western movies and playing cards.

Charlene is predeceased by her parents Pearl Williams and Thomas Howard; husbands, Emmett Reed and William L. Harris; brothers, Theodore Baker and Robert Phipps and sister, Leona Palmer.

Charlene leaves to cherish her memories, beloved daughter, Pastor Arlene Kimberly Harris; grandchildren; Monika Willis, Shernika (Lemont) Fountain, Tanika (Kwasi) Holder, Lyndsy (Alasondro) Roberts; great-grandchildren; Imani Jacobs, Aaron Thomas III, Nia-Symone Branham, Jeremiah Walters, Major Davis, True Holder, Kimaya Holder, and Kamryn Fountain; brother, George Williams; sister, Norvell Howard and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends, and her Trinity Baptist Church family.

## *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

The Officiant  
Pastor Genary Maxwell  
*The City Church, Reynoldsburg*

PRELUDE ..... Music Ministry

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE.....Pastor Eric C. Carson  
*First Baptist Church, Chillicothe*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE.....“We’ll Understand It By and By”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....Sister Ellisa Coston  
*Trinity Baptist Church*

## THE SCRIPTURES

PSALM 91..... Reverend Adrienne Freeman  
*Trinity Baptist Church*

I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18..... Reverend Thomas Toney  
*Trinity Baptist Church*

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Pastor Elgin D. Orton  
*The City of Zion Church*

THE MUSIC SELECTION .....Co-Pastor S. Elaine Phipps  
*New Shiloh Full Gospel Baptist Church*

THE WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Reverend Janet Sheppard  
*Trinity Baptist Church*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE FAMILY REFLECTIONS..... John Kendix, Nephew  
Nia-Symon Branham, Great-Granddaughter  
Monika Willis, Granddaughter  
Pastor Arlene “Kim” Harris, Daughter

THE MUSICAL SELECTION .....Co-Pastor S. Elaine Phipps  
*New Shiloh Full Gospel Baptist Church*

## *The Eulogy*

**REVEREND DR. VICTOR M. DAVIS**  
*Senior Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church*

THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION ..... Music Ministry

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

## *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.*



