A Word of Thanks

The family of Sister Willie Pearl Penn would like to express appreciation and gratitude to Pastor Roscoe D. Robey, First Lady Vanessa Robey, and the 7th Avenue Community Missionary Baptist Church family, Rev. Dr. Scottie Aaron and First Lady Hollie Aaron of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and church family, and the staff at Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home. Thank you to everyone that prayed, offered kindness, condolences, love, and support to our family in the passing of our queen, our angel, our matriarch, and friend; we say thank you! May God bless you, and may Heaven smile upon you and give you peace.

Pallbearers

Wayne Penn - Kent Penn - Tony Moses Johnnie Miller - Anthony Saunders II - Steve Engram Raymond Engram - Virgil Hughes

Honorary Pallbearers Zion Keels - Jeremiah Jackson



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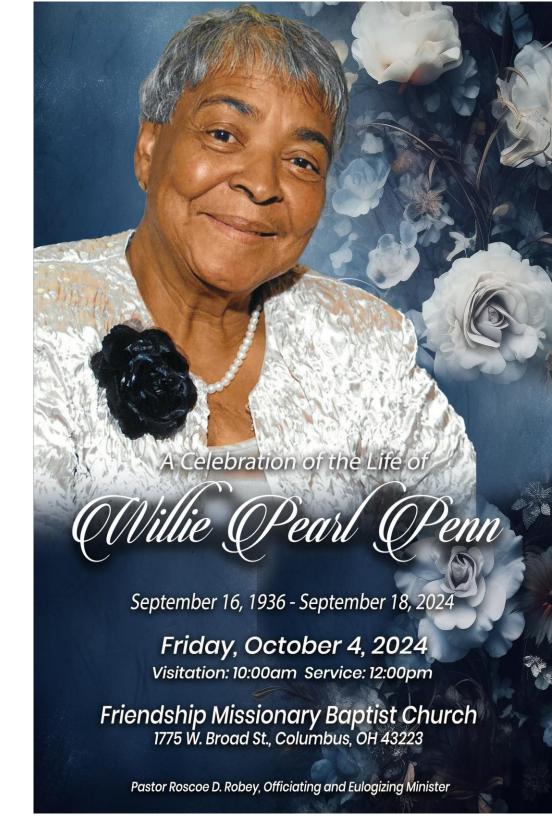
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.

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

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joys. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.
God wanted me now; He set me free!



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Obituary

Willie Pearl Penn was born on September 16, 1936 in Winston Salem, NC. Willie Pearl was the last of three children born to Willie Mae Stenson Price and Kenneth Price. Willie Pearl departed this earthly life on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Willie Pearl was educated in the North Carolina school system. She completed her studies at Atkins High School in Winston Salem, NC. Willie Pearl dedicated her life to service, starting her career at The Ohio State University Medical Center in August 1966. Willie Pearl started in the Neonatal Unit.

Over the years, she rose to a management position, impacting countless lives with her professionalism and kindness. Upon her retirement on September 30, 2009, Willie Pearl left behind a legacy of compassion and dedication.

She was a true Buckeye fan. During football season for the Buckeyes, Willie Pearl was glued to her seat watching the Buckeyes play. Same during basketball season. Willie Pearl liked watching other teams and other sports at the college level and at the pro level, but she felt like nothing could compare to her beloved Buckeyes.

Willie Pearl was a faithful and devout member of 7th Avenue Community Baptist Church for over 40 years. She was a church mother, previously sang in the choir, helped around the church, and did anything else that was required of her as a member. She found solace in her faith and gave back to her community through her involvement in various activities such as mentoring programs at OSU and Weinland Park Civic Association. Her warm spirit and unwavering commitment to helping others will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Willie Pearl was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Mae Stenson Price and Kenneth Price; husband, Lemuel F. Penn; brothers, Kenneth Price and Charles "Pee Wee" Price; and daughter, Trina Moses.

Willie Pearl leaves to cherish her memory, daughters, Bonnie, Angela (Johnnie) Miller, and Lementha; sons, Wayne, Lemuel, Tony, and Kent; grandchildren, Anthony (Shelmine) Saunders II, Steve, Raymond and Raya Engram, Kamara Penn, and Jeremiah Jackson; great grandchildren, Anthony Saunders III, Zion Keels, Raiana Carter, APrince, Areeyah, and Anani Aziz, Bishop Engram, and Ashaia Jackson; great-great grandchildren, Mi'Anthony Saunders and Mi'Aire Saunders; special cousin, Virgil Hughes; God daughter, Mary Durr; and a host of other relatives, extended family, and friends.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDEMusic Ministry
PARTING VIEW Immediate Family
SELECTIONS
SCRIPTURE READINGSOverseer Leon Rodgers NEW TESTAMENT John 14:1-6 Min. John Proctor
PRAYER OF COMFORTBishop Alfonso Guice, Jr.
REMARKS (2 Minutes Please) Bro. Anthony Saunders II Sis. Raya Engram Sis. Lementha Penn
Rev. Dr. Scottie Aaron
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Interment

Evergreen Burial Park

Repast

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