

DENISE *Martin*

THE *Angels* ARE AT
Heavens Gates
WAITING FOR

Final Resting Place

Green Lawn Cemetery
1000 Green Lawn Ave. Columbus, OH 43223

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all for
your prayers, your love, phone calls, visits and all expressions
of love and concern for us during our time of bereavement.
May God bless you and keep you.*



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The Broken Chain

We little knew the day that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you
You are always at 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.

Precious Memories



A Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes, He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

Celebration
OF THE
Life & Love



*A Life Time
Of Memories*

DENISE
Martin

AUGUST 23, 1950 | NOVEMBER 4, 2024.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024 | 10AM
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Obituary

Denise Marie Martin, age 74, went home to be with the Lord, on November 4, 2024. Denise was born, August 23, 1950, at St. Ann's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, to Juanita and Vernon Barkstall.

She was raised in Columbus; where the family lived, until her mother moved them to the Panama Canal Zone. Denise graduated from Balboa High School in the Canal Zone. After graduation, Denise returned to Ohio, to attend Central State University. Denise continued her education, receiving a Master's Degree in Education; graduating Summa Cum Laude, from Otterbein University. Among her many accolades throughout her career, she also received the Teacher of the Year Award from Clay High School, South Bend, Indiana, in 2004.

Denise was a kind-hearted, loving, devoted, faithful, wife, mother, aunt, and sister. Though she was proud of her degrees, she once said her greatest accomplishment were her two daughters: Pamela ("Little Pam") and Juanita ("Tink"). But what Denise was most proud of was her commitment to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Denise accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio, as a young adult. There, she stayed under the watchful, caring eye of her Godmother Sister Deaconess Elsie Stanley. This is also where she met her future husband, Curtis Martin.

Curtis and Denise were married in 1984, at the nursing home where Curtis' ailing mother was living, so that she could attend their wedding. Denise loved Curtis, more than life itself... Curtis and Denise would have celebrated their 40th Anniversary, this December 30th.

Denise was preceded in death by her parents, Juanita M. Thompson and Vernon L. Barkstall; loving adoptive father, Romie Watkins, Jr., beloved great-aunt and uncle, Sarah F. and Andrew J. Mizelle; sisters Anita R. Watkins and Karen A. Barkstall; brothers Michael (Barkstall) Norris and Daniel Watkins; and a host of other loved ones who were there to greet her at Heaven's gate.

Denise leaves to cherish her memory, husband, Curtis L. Martin; daughters, Pamela R. Woods and Juanita M. Morrison; stepson, Yero L. Martin; beloved stepmother, Barbara Jeanne Watkins; stepfather, Wendell Thompson; sister/cousin and first friend, Pamela A. Mizelle; sisters, Lisa Barkstall of Chicago, IL, Renee Richardson, Mia (Jesse) Prewitt, and adopted twin sisters Tamara and Tanishia Thompson; brothers, Romie (Wanda) Watkins, III of Alta Loma, CA, Jeffrey (Anjela) Barkstall of Champaign, IL, and John M. Watkins; grandchildren, Pamela, Anthony, Ma'Taya, Lucius, Jr., Martin, and Jahleel; great-grandchildren, A'Maris and A'Naai. She also leaves behind a loving extended family of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins... Denise will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Denise's family wants to thank Elder Wingrove Alleyne (New Birth Christian Ministries) for officiating her service and praying with the family. We also thank the staff of Marlan Gary Funeral Home Chapel of Peace of Columbus for their sensitive, professional care.

...and Jesus said to His disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:1-2;6 RSVB)
(Won't you be one of His own too? See John 3:16...and a faithful church of your choice.)

Order Of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

PARTING VIEW

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament & New Testament

MUSICAL SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONDOLENCES

READING OF OBITUARY
Silent Reading

REMARKS/REFLECTIONS/TRIBUTE
Family and/or Friends
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