

Acknowledgement

The Family of the Christy M. Dawson, acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, the comforting messages, floral tributes, and other expressions of kindness during this time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

Homegoing Celebration For

Pallbearers

**Brad Drew
Ronald Thornton, Jr.
Jason Elbert
Ronald Thornton III
Tyler Smith
Mahzeen Cross**

Honorary Pallbearers

**Sherel Elbert
Charles Elbert, Jr.
Barry Elbert
William Cross
Brian Smith, Jr.
Xayvion Cross**

"I'M FREE"

**Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
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've found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has 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 with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.**



Christy M. Dawson

May 1, 1966 - July 3, 2023

**We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:
Golden Gate Funeral Chapel
2800 East 18th Street ~ Kansas City, MO 64127
(816) 255-3676**

"A Service Designed...With You In Mind"

**Service Held At:
Saint Matthew's A.M.E.
309 Spruce St., Boonville, MO 65233
Saturday, July 15, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Sr. Pastor, Rev. Bridget Mitchell, Officiating**



~ Reflections of Her Life ~

Christy Michelle Dawson, 57, transitioned from labor to reward on Monday, July 3, 2023 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Born on May 1, 1966, Christy entered this world as the beloved last, ninth child and fifth daughter of the late Charles "Bud" Elbert, Sr., and Loyal Jane Elbert.

She completed high school in 1984 through the Boonville R-1 School District and obtained her Associate's Degree from Pinnacle Career Institute.

Christy possessed a spirited nature filled with both fiery energy and a delightful sense of humor, which brought laughter and smiles to those around her. She lovingly nicknamed many family members as a heartfelt expression of love and affection.

Christy married Orlando Hester, Sr. and although their paths later diverged, their union blessed them with three incredible daughters, Marshanna, Brittany, and Lindsey. These precious girls captured Christy's heart and she took every opportunity to proudly celebrate their accomplishments. Christy poured her heart and soul into nurturing her girls with love, teaching them values of respect and showing them the essence of being ladies. They are a true testament to Christy's legacy and serve as her biggest achievement in life. And yes, Christy adorned her daughters with special nicknames, Sissi, Boogie, and Lucy!

Christy loved the Lord, actively serving in the church at St. Matthew's AME Church in Boonville where she was baptized at a young age, and later at Christ Our Redeemer AME Church in Kansas City, MO. As a dedicated member of the Women's Missionary Society, she organized various faith-based events, demonstrating her commitment to sharing God's love.

Left to cherish Christy's memory are three children, Marshanna Smith (Brian) of Kansas City, MO, Brittany Cross (William) of Columbia, MO and Lindsey Hester of Kansas City, MO; grandsons, Xayvion, Dehmillion and Mahzeen Cross; grand-dogs, Cole Max Hester and Sir King Murphy; siblings, LaDonna Drew, Charles Elbert, Jr. (Sheila), Sherel Elbert (Leta), Gail Thornton, Barry Elbert (Dianne), Stephanie Hutchen and Wanda Trawick (Tyrone); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Clergy & Family

Crowning Ceremony

Golden Gate

Prayer

Rev. Bridget Mitchell

Scripture

Rev. Bridget Mitchell

Psaln 23

Selection

Community Choir

"Be Grateful"

Acknowledgements & Condolences

Marva Williamson

Life Reflections

Read In Silence

"Thank You Lord"

Selection

Brian Smith Jr.

Remarks

Family & Friends

Two (2) Minutes Please

Selection

Carman Bruce

"Walk Around Heaven"

Words of Comfort

Rev. Keith Cordier

Prayer of Committal & Benediction

Recessional

**Repat Following Services:
Turner Hall
518 Vine Street, Boonville, MO**

