

Acknowledgements

The family of Ms. Annie R. Payne wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many prayers, comforting messages, floral tributes, and other expressions of love and kindness evidenced at this time. May God continue to bless you all.

The Family

Special thanks to the Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home, Altercare of Canal Winchester, Absolute Hospice, The Word Church, and Meredith Temple COGIC.

Interment

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

Repast

Immediate family and out of town guests

Pallbearers

Keinan Stewart - Marcus Grace Sr. - Michael Grace Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Keith Harris - Harry Miller - Michael Tyler Grace
Marcus Grace Jr. - Braxton Grace

Flowerbearers

Zion Chandler - Kaila Stewart - Taylor Stewart
Olivia Stewart- Kennedy Grace

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Celebrating the Life of



Annie Ruth Payne

December 3, 1940 - July 28, 2024

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Visitation: 11:30am Service: 12:30pm

The Word Church of God In Christ

115 Wilson Ave., Columbus, OH 43205

Pastor Eddie T. Parker III, Officiating Minister

Reflections of Life

Ms. Annie Ruth Payne of Columbus, Ohio passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, July 28, 2024. She was born December 3, 1940 in Youngstown, Ohio to the late Mr. Ulysses Harris, Sr. and Mrs. Hessie L. (Montgomery) Harris who she met at the pearly gates of Heaven.

Ms. Payne attended the public schools in Youngstown, Ohio as well as Choffin Career Center, where she received a certification in Computer Literacy. Ms. Payne began working in 1969 for General Electric Lamp factory prior to its closure in 1985. She then held multiple positions in the food service industry after attending the Youngstown Skills Training Center where she was certified as a Salad Maker, Short Order Cook, Baker, Head Cook, Cashier, and Inventory Controller. Following that, she worked for the Youngstown Hospital Association as a Dietary Aide, Mahoning Valley Association of Churches as a part-time Receptionist, and Oxford Dry Cleaners prior to her full retirement in 2004.

Prior to leaving Youngstown, Ohio to seek better opportunities and to live with her eldest daughter in Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Payne was a member of St. James Church of God In Christ under the leadership of the late Pastor Howard K. Wells. Once she relocated to Columbus, Ohio in 1998, she joined Meredith Temple Church of God In Christ under the leadership of the late Pastor Hezekiah Meredith. A few years later, she attended World Harvest Church until later on in life The Word Church of God In Christ with her youngest daughter.

Ms. Payne was always helping everyone and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was a passionate basketball fan which she played as a youth, an avid fan of Western and Court TV shows, and had a love for gospel music, specifically Shirley Caesar. Everyone who knew her also knows she was a lover of Pepsi and Skittles.

Ms. Payne leaves to cherish her memories; one son, Keith Harris of Columbus, Ohio; and two daughters, Cheryl (Harry) Miller of Columbus, Ohio and Sheila Harris of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Mr. Ulysses, Jr. (Coreen Lisa) Harris of Youngstown; her grandchildren, Courtney (Keinan) Stewart, Kodi Harris of Texas, Michael Grace Jr., Marcus Grace Sr., Shayla Grace, Chelsea Miller, and Cassie Miller as well as a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including a niece, Erica Forney, whom she helped raise and loved dearly; and special sister-in-love, Mrs. Johnsie Harris.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Mr. Ulysses Harris, Sr. and Mrs. Hessie L. (Montgomery) Harris; two brothers, Mr. Edward Harris and Mr. Joseph Harris; and one sister, Margaret McClain.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE	Music Ministry
PROCESSIONAL	Clergy
PARTING VIEW	Immediate Family
SCRIPTURE READING	
Old Testament.....	Pastor William Meredith
New Testament	Rev. Jack Pettis
PRAYER OF COMFORT.....	Elder Terrance Garr
SELECTION	Michael Grace Jr.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Courtney Stewart
REFLECTIONS ... (2 Minutes Please).....	Family and Friends
FAMILY TRIBUTE.....	Grandchildren
OBITUARY	Courtney Stewart
SELECTION	Britney Williams
THE EULOGY	Elder Marcus Grace Sr. Grandson
BENEDICTION	Pastor Eddie T. Parker, III
RECESSIONAL.....	Clergy, Family, and Friends