

In Loving Memory



Deaconess Iva Jean Stewart

Sunrise: JANUARY 15, 1945 • Sunset: OCTOBER 25, 2024





The Obituary

DEACONESS IVA JEAN STEWART **“JEANIE”**

*There is a time and place for everything . . .
“To everything there is a season, and a time for every
purpose under the heaven” - (Ecclesiastes 3:1, KJV)*

A TIME TO BE BORN

On Monday, January 15, 1945, God blessed Betty and Ivory Franklin with an adorable baby girl whom they named Iva Jean Franklin. Iva Jean was raised by a Christian mother who believed in putting God first in everything. She was taught to have Christian morals, values, and beliefs. As a result of being taught these core values, Iva Jean gave her life to Christ at a young age. She exemplified those beliefs when she became a member of Christ Memorial Baptist Church, under the pastorate of the late Rev. L.H. Johnson. Iva Jean served in numerous ministries at Christ Memorial and was a lifelong loyal member of the church.

A TIME TO LOVE

Miss Iva Jean Franklin was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Harley Michael Stewart I on September 21, 1963. She was a loving and devoted wife for sixty-one years. Together, Iva Jean and Harley welcomed three beautiful children into the world, raising them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. No words can express the love Iva had for her children, husband, and family.

Iva Jean loved her family and believed in teaching her children and grandchildren about the love of God. She nurtured them and guided them the same way in which she was taught and nurtured. She guided them with love, taught them right from wrong, to strive for the best, to have Christian morals, to treat others right, to love family, and to always put God first in everything. Iva Jean consistently lived the values that she taught.

Iva Jean loved to entertain. She always enjoyed hosting Thanksgiving, which was her favorite holiday. She loved to cook and was especially known for her delicious pound cakes.

A TIME TO PLANT

Iva Jean graduated from Central High School. Throughout her lifetime, Iva always worked with children. When her children were in elementary school, Iva volunteered to help tutor other children. Iva later decided to go into the work force. Her initial employment was with Gold Circle Central Offices and she worked there for several years. After Gold Circle closed, Iva passed the test to be a school bus driver. She was scheduled to be a bus driver when she was offered the position as a “Peak Teacher” at Devonshire Elementary School. Iva returned to her love of teaching and working with children. Iva enhanced her God given talents by earning an associate degree in education from Columbus State Community College. Iva continued her career at Devonshire School and worked there until retiring with twenty years of service.

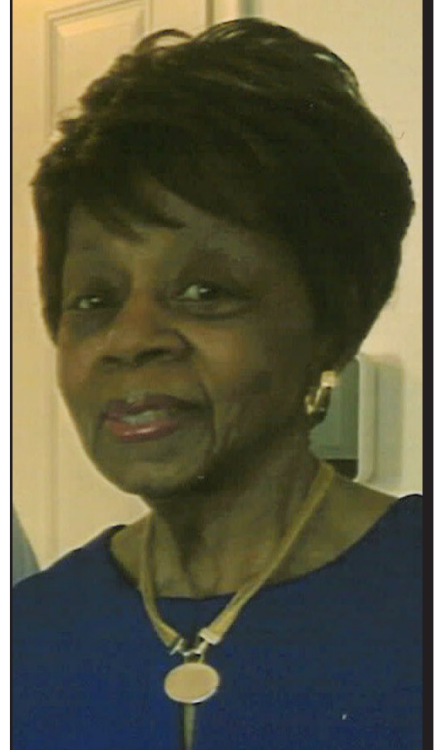
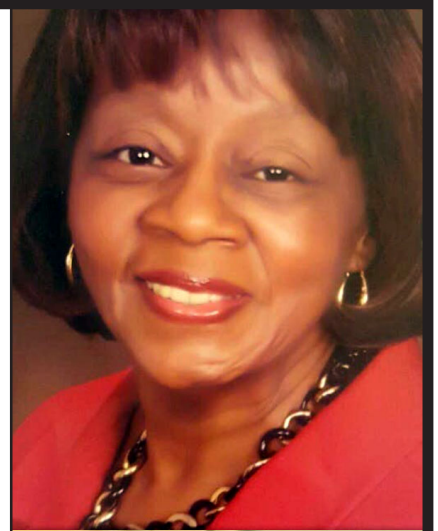
Retirement was not long for Iva Jean. She was a strong and determined person who continued to work. Iva worked part-time for Lord and Taylor, Kauffman’s Department Store, and Von Maur Department Store, where she excelled and often received many awards for her hard work and great service.

In addition to being diligent in the workplace, Iva was a dedicated worker in the church. She was involved in many ministries and auxiliaries which included the Willing Workers, the Deaconess Board, the Treble Clefs, and the Celestial and Combined Choirs. Iva was also over the Christ Memorial Summer Camp. Her focus with the Summer Camp was the same as her focus when working with school students. She concentrated on what was good for the children. She made sure they learned, were well fed, and taken care of throughout the week.

A TIME TO PASS AWAY

After battling Parkinson’s Disease and Dementia here on earth, on Friday, October 25, 2024, Iva took her last breath, transitioning from her earthly to her long-awaited home on high with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was blessed with seventy-nine years of life.

“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: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” - (II Timothy 4:7-8, KJV).





A TIME TO MOURN

OUR BELOVED IVA JEAN STEWART was preceded in death by her parents, Ivory Lee Franklin and Betty Doris Hull; brother, Tony Franklin; sisters, Reta (John Sr.) Collins and Cynthia Simpson; and brother-in-law, Wilson Walker. Iva leaves to treasure her memories her husband, Harley Stewart I; three children, Michele (Rev. Shawn) Anderson, Harley (Monica) Stewart II, and Ivan (Yolanda) Stewart I; grandchildren, Tiffany Overton, David Stewart, Paul Baldwin Jr., Ashley Stewart, Haley Stewart, Mirissa Stewart, Brittany (Anthony) Dohman, Courtney Stewart, Ivan Stewart II, Sydney Stewart, and Isaiah Stewart; great grandchildren, Christian Rogers, Michael Sellers Jr., Luke Miller, Zayden Morris, and Sanai Dohman. She is also cherished in memories by her uncle, Peter James Johnson; beloved sisters, Marcia (Eddie) Robinson, Berdina Payne, Opal Franklin, Kay Franklin-Williams, and Jackie Franklin; brothers, William Hurt Jr., Lee Franklin, Roy Franklin, and Michael Franklin; sister-in-law, Janice Walker; brothers-in-law, Barry (Janice) Stewart and Darrell Stewart; a host of nieces, nephews, other family members, and dear friends.



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE REMEMBERING

Deaconess Iva Jean Stewart

CHRIST MEMORIAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. E. Richard McDaniel, Pastor / Officiant

Monday, November 4, 2024 • 11:00 A.M.

3330 East Livingston Avenue • Columbus, Ohio 43227

GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDSVideo Tribute

Family Visitation & Viewing - 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDEJoseph Thrower, Organist

PROCESSIONAL Members of the Clergy

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament Rev. Shawn C. Anderson, Pastor
City of Zion Church • Jamestown, Ohio

The New Testament Rev. Reginald Edwards, Pastor
Committed To The Word Church • Columbus, Ohio

PRAYER OF COMFORTClergy

SELECTIONChrist Memorial Baptist Church Choir

WORDS OF COMFORT Minister Sharon Thrower

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND CONDOLENCES Church Clerk

SELECTIONChrist Memorial Baptist Church Choir

SPECIAL WORDS OF COMFORT Dr. Shedrick L. Fowler, Ph.D.
Pastor Emeritus • Christ Memorial Baptist Church

THE OBITUARY *Read Silently / Soft Music*

SOLO Jennifer Price

The Eulogy - DR. CHARLENE E. WATKINS

First Church of God • Columbus, Ohio

RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family, and Friends



A Tribute To Our Beautiful Grandmother

OUR BELOVED GRANDMA JEANIE was the heart of our family, a steady light in all our lives, guiding us with her warmth, her wisdom, and her wonderful sense of humor. Her home was always open; a sanctuary filled with love, laughter, and lessons that lingered long after the laughter faded. All of my siblings and cousins spent our childhood in her care, drawn to her like a warm hearth, learning from her and growing in the glow of her love.

Grandma taught us about the power of family, of always choosing each other first. She embodied what it meant to belong – to feel safe and loved in our family. Her presence gave us roots and wings, showing us how to carry ourselves in this world with grace, strength, and humility. And oh, her humor, we will miss her humor more than anything. She wielded her wit with precision, her sarcasm sharp, yet tender, an artful tool that taught us truths we didn't even realize we were learning at the time. Her one-liners stayed with us. Little reminders of the lessons she infused into her laughter – lessons on resilience, humility, and the importance of never taking life too seriously.

For everyone, her kitchen was a sacred place, where we learned the secrets of cooking but also the deeper lessons of life. She taught us to measure ingredients and more importantly, to measure our words, to savor both spices and silence, and to become a person worthy of respect. In her unique, humorous way, Grandma shaped us with every wisecrack and every well-timed grin, leaving imprints on our hearts that we carry with us forever.

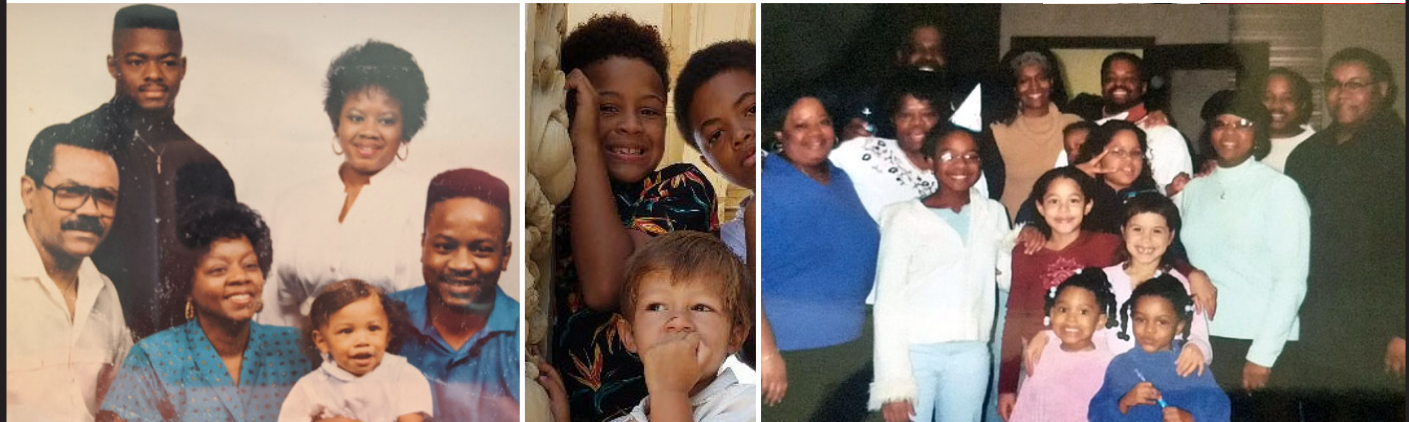
We all followed Grandma around her house for years, watching her closely, simply enjoying being in her presence. If we close our eyes and imagine those times, we can still smell her perfume, (Philosophy Amazing Grace was her favorite) and hear her hum the song she was rehearsing for choir rehearsal. If we sit still and try hard to remember those times, we can hear her laugh which always sounded more like a chuckle. I can hear her telling me not to eat all her grapes (they were one of her favorite snacks) because “we didn't have to eat everything all up in one day.” These moments made us who we are.

Today, we gather in gratitude, with hearts full of love for the woman who chose to sit at the center of our lives. **THANK YOU, GRANDMA,** for being our constant, for weaving your love into every meal, every laugh, every look. You taught us to laugh through life's storms and to cherish one another fiercely. Your legacy lives on in us – your adoring grandchildren are a living testament to your love, faith, and unshakable strength. We will always love you Grandma and keep your memory alive. Thank you for everything.

WITH LOVE, YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

Tiffany • David • Ashley • Haley • MARRISA
Pauly • Brittany • Courtney • Geoffrey • Sydney
Isaiah • Christian • Michael • Luke • Zayden • Sanai





TO MY FAMILY . . . *I'm Free*

DON'T GRIEVE FOR ME, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took God's hand when I heard the 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 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 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 to brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now . . . **HE SET ME FREE.** - *Jeanie*

Interment - **GLEN REST MEMORIAL ESTATE**

8029 East Main Street • Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Pallbearers

David Stewart • Paul Baldwin
Anthony Dohman • Ivan Stewart II
Juan Collins • Keaun Simpson • Joeseeph King Jr.

A Repast will follow the Interment at

DEB'S CELEBRATION AND EVENT CENTER

5508 East Livingston Avenue • Columbus, Ohio 43232

Our Heartfelt Appreciation

WE, THE FAMILY OF DEACONESS IVA JEAN STEWART, extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to everyone who has shown us care and love in our time of sorrow. We appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers, words of love, and support.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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