

A Celebration of Life



In Loving Memory of
Saundra M. Buxton Menefee "Saunny"
Sunrise July 30, 1948 — Sunset May 24, 2020

Funeral Service Monday, June 1, 2020 1:00pm
by Thomas Funeral Home 4520 Salem Ave. Dayton, OH 45416
Inurnment Woodland Cemetery at a later date.

Order of Service

Procession Entrance....."Saunny's Song" by Leroi Hall

Opening Hymn.....This is my story -Choir

Prayer of ConsolationClergy

Sacred Scripture Reading.....Clergy

Old Testament.....Psalm 121

New Testament....I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Selection.....Give me Jesus -Callie Day

Acknowledgements +Resolutions.....

Moments of Reflections.....Nephew, Philip G. Buxton Jr.

The ObituaryRead Silently

Selection.....It is Well with my soul

Selection We Shall behold him face to face

SelectionI Love the Lord

Eulogy.....Pastor Gerald Cooper

Closing Prayer.....

Recessional When we all get to Heaven-Choir

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Saundra Michelle Menefee, age 71, was born on July 30, 1948 to Herbert and Mattie Buxton in Dayton, Ohio. After a long valiant battle with cancer, she went home to be with Jesus on May 24, 2020 in the loving presence of her family and extended family. All who knew and loved her called her "Saunny". She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior as a little girl attending their family church of Wayman AME Church. She gave her beautiful alto voice to praise and worship for 25 years in the Inspirational/Gospel Choir in addition to many other church organizations.

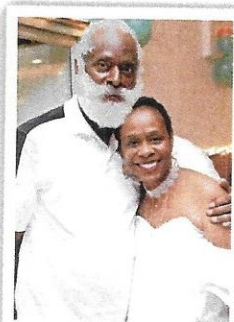
She was educated in the Dayton Public School System, graduating from Dunbar High School in 1966. Saunny received her BA in Education from Central State University in 1970 and her MS in Education Counseling from the University of Dayton in 1985. Her passion for teaching and inspiring children in Dayton led her to teach elementary school so successfully she advanced to serve as Special Services Level Lead Reading Instructor for Montgomery County Schools. Saunny's teaching skills were further recognized and utilized by the Montgomery County School System when she was appointed as a member of the Intervention Team for At Risk Students. When her health would not allow her to teach anymore, she retired in 1999.

Saunny worked in the fields of the hearts of everyone who knew her, always ministering the love of Jesus Christ, feeding the lonely soul, the drug and alcohol addicted, the single mother, the financially destitute,

the insecure and fearful young person, the cancer patients at her Dayton chemo treatments and at the Cancer Treatment Center in Atlanta. The fruit of her labor was not in vain in the Lord when we measure the endless number of people who love her.

Saunny is preceded in death by her father, Herbert Buxton; (2) brothers Phillip Buxton Sr. and Stanley "Jay" Buxton Sr.; niece Elonda Lewis; nephews Jay McClain, Venice Buxton and Keith Buxton and former husband Ray Menefee. She leaves so many loved ones to hold glad memorials of her which includes but is not limited to her devoted sister Donna "Jeannie" Buxton; brother Timothy Moore (Jennifer); her faithful and affectionate daughter, Jamila Menefee, who became her mother's caregiver; her loving son Jibri Carr, mother Mattie Buxton who Saunny cared for all during her twenty year battle with cancer, (4) granddaughters Shakeela Davidson, Jada, Azariah and Alanah Carr ; (2) grandsons Jibri Carr Jr. and Ameer Talley; and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended relatives and friends.





My Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up
just say that I gave in.
Don't say I lost the battle,
For it was God's war to lose or win.

Please don't say how good I was,
but that I did my best.
Just say I tried to do what's right,
to give the most I could,
not less.

Please don't give me wings or halos,
That's for God to do.
I want no more than I deserve.
No extras, just my due.

Please don't give flowers,
or talk in harsh tones.
Don't be concerned about me now,
I'm well with God, I have made it home.
Don't talk about what could have been,
its over and done.
Just see to all my family needs.
The battle has been won!

When you draw a picture of me,
don't draw me as a saint.
I've done some good, I've done some wrong....
So use all of your paint.



The Broken Chain

We little knew that day,
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.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although 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.

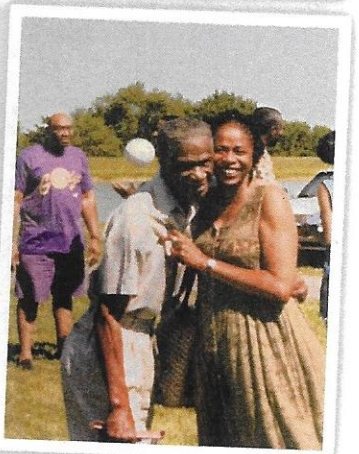
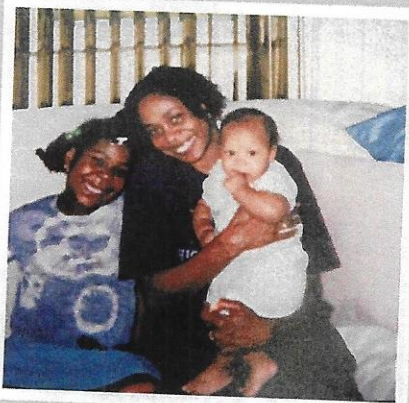
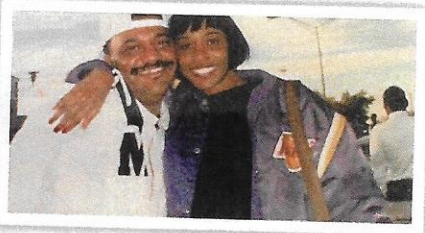
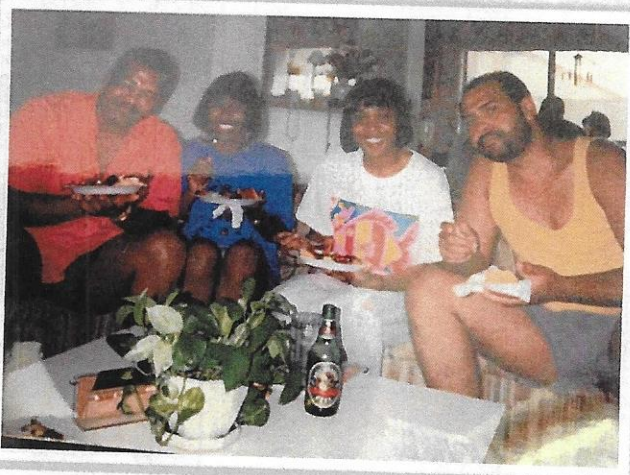
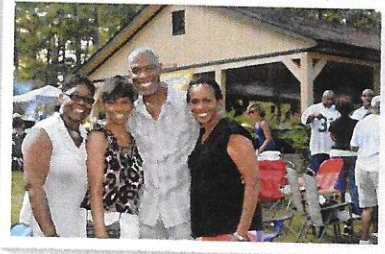
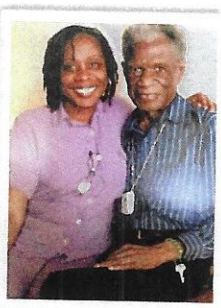
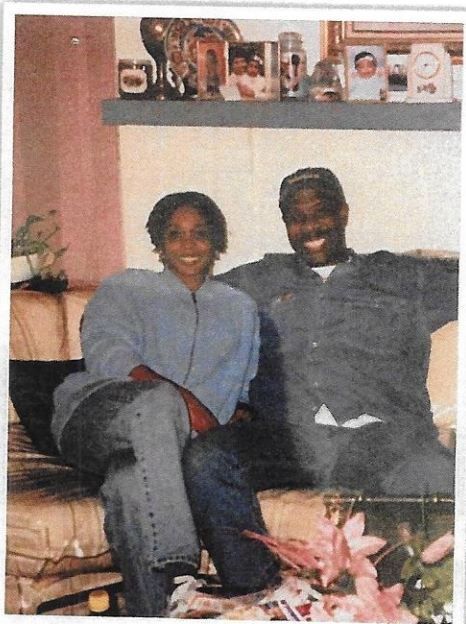
Not just the bright and light tones.
Use some gray and dark.
In fact, don't put me down on canvas,
just paint me in your heart.

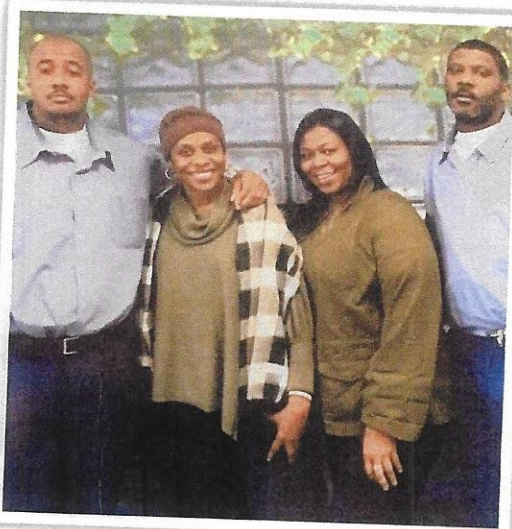
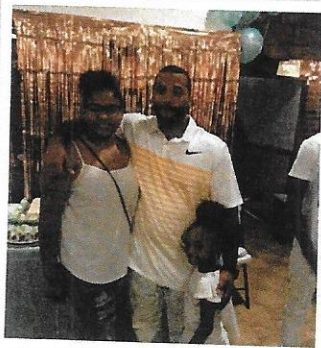
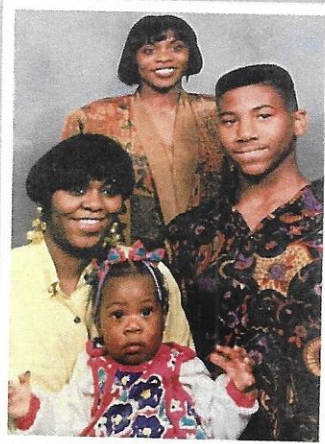
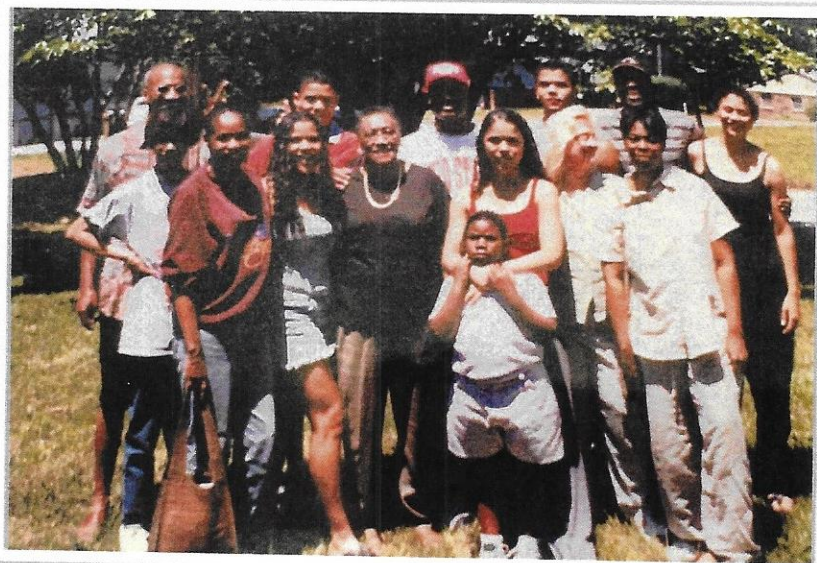
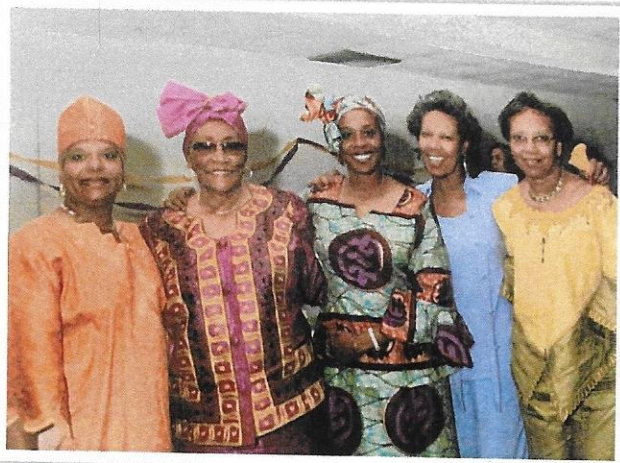
Don't just remember all the good times,
but remember all the bad,
For life is full of many things.
Some happy and some sad.

But if you must do something,
then I have one last request:
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done
and with the love that's left,
Thank God for my soul's resting.
Thank God for all who loved me,
and praise God who love me the best.

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Special Friends and Family

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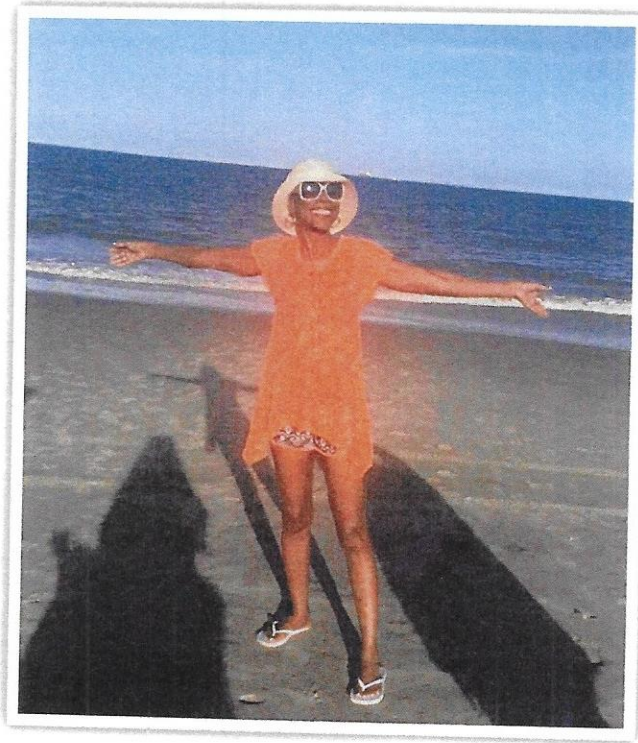
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