

Acknowledgements

The family of Gaynelle G. Ward wishes to convey heartfelt thanks to all of their many friends and loved ones for their kindness deeds and prayers. Thank you for your presence with us here today. We ask that you continue to pray for us and may God continue to keep you in his care.

Family of Gaynelle Ward

Resting Safely At Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, Safely Home in Heaven at last. There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand; Do it now, while life remains. You shall rest in Jesus' land. When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home; Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!

Pallbearers / Flower Bearers *Family Members and Friends*

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In Loving Memory *Gaynelle G. Ward*



Sunrise July 21, 1938 - Sunset November 12, 2020

Funeral Service 11:00 A.M.
Thursday, November 19, 2020

Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Ave., Trotwood, Ohio

Reverend Paul Palmer, Officiating
Reverend Mark Hunt, Eulogist

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Gaynelle G. Ward, age 82 of Dayton, Ohio was born July 21, 1938 in Lexington, KY to the late James and Charlotte Lee. She attended school in Dayton and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1956. She continued her studies at Ohio University and graduated from Southwestern University of Arizona with a dual degree in Business Administration. She also graduated from Air Command and Staff College in Montgomery Alabama. She was the first black woman to graduate in residence from ACSC. After returning to Dayton, she was not through learning. She attended and graduated from the 2 year Lay Program at Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio. Gaynelle retired from Wright Patterson Air Force Base after 27 years of service. Not one to be idle, she founded GiGi's Material and Supplies in 1990. Later she became a licensed substitute teacher in various school districts. She loved to travel and her employment at Wright Patterson Air Force Base allowed her that opportunity. For several years she commuted to Los Angeles every 4 weeks working with aircraft manufacturers. She traveled to Switzerland to work with Swiss government on an agreement between the U.S. and the Swiss Government for aircraft purchases. Later she was tasked with the job of finding minority businesses to contract with the U.S. Government. She received recognition for her efforts along with the James Cisco Award for Superior Management of the Small Business Minority Enterprise Program at ASD WPAFB. As a member of Corinthian Baptist Church, Gaynelle served on many committees and taught Sunday School. She was active on the Nurses Guild. A lover of sports, particularly golf and was a member of the Fairway Golf Club and the Wright-Patt League until her health prevented her from playing. She was a Golden Life member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and Past President of Dayton Alumnae Chapter. Also she was a member of Deborah Chapter #19 of the Ohio Eastern Star PHA. Gaynelle transitioned from this life on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Preceded in death by; daughter, Lorraine Christian. Gaynelle leaves to cherish precious memories and celebrate her life; William (Tulu) Ward; (1) son, Jeffrey Ward and (2) grandsons, DeWayne Jefferson and Izayah Junius; (1) sister, Sandra Lee of NY, NY; special daughter and grandson, Linda Ward and Daniel Ward; many special nieces, nephews and friends.

Organist.....Doug Toles
Musical Prelude.....Soft Music
Parting View.....The Family
Scripture Readings.....Old/New Testament
Reverend Paul Palmer
Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Mark Hunt
Musical Selection.....Jeffrey Ward
Obituary / Poem.....(Please read silently)
Resolution / Acknowledgements.....
Reflections(Please limit to 3 minutes)
Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Albert Powell, Family Friend
Musical Selection.....William Ward
Eulogy.....Reverend Mark Hunt
Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
Interment.....West Memory Gardens

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Please wear a mask and remember
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Psalm 23 - A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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