



*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.*

*II Timothy 4:7-8*

## *Sketch of Life*

*Sharon D. Gates, age 51, of Dayton, Ohio was born March 27, 1969 in LaGrange, Georgia to Pete Gates and the late Ruby Godwin. She attended Trotwood Madison High School and worked at Volunteers of America as a Residential Specialist. Sharon accepted Christ as Lord and Savior and was baptized in the name of Jesus' at Valley Peace M. B. Church under the leadership of Pastor Jackie Robinson. Sharon was a faithful member of the church for 10 plus years.*

*Sharon was a loving and devoted mother who was hard working and full of love for everyone. She was charismatic, kind, and met no strangers. She was very independent, a leader and known as "The Boss". She loved staying busy and enjoyed cooking and fashion.*

*Thursday, November 12, 2020 Sharon D. Gates transitioned from this life to be in the presence of the Lord.*

*She was also preceded in death by her mother Ruby Godwin and sister Cathy Godwin. Sharon leaves to cherish precious memories and celebrate her life; her only loving child, Davion Watson; father, Pete Gates; (3) sisters, Glenda Godwin, Michelle Gates and Valerie (Phillip) Buxton; (2) brothers, Troy (Rebecca) Godwin and Troy (Anita) Gates; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends including special friends, Monica Davis, Lisa Ballard and Erica Crawford.*

*- Sharon -*

*"Your life was a blessing, Your Memory a Treasure.  
You were loved beyond words and  
Missed beyond Measure."*

## *Order of Service*

*Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends  
Musical Prelude.....Damita Haddon  
"No Looking Back"  
Scripture Reading:  
Old Testament - Minister Tony Godwin  
New Testament - Minister Troy Gates  
Prayer.....Minister Troy Gates  
Musical Selection.....Evangelist Cynthia Davis  
Obituary Reading.....(Please read silently)  
Poem/Acknowledgements.....  
Wykeitha Godwin - "Cry No More"  
Reflections.....(Please limit to 2 minutes)  
Musical Selection.....Evangelist Cynthia Davis  
Eulogy.....Chaplain Phillip G. Buxton, Jr.  
Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends  
Interment.....Jefferson View Cemetery*

## *Psalm 23 - A Psalm of David (nkip)*

*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.*

*If Roses Grow In Heaven*  
- Author Unknown

*If roses grow in Heaven, Lord pick a bunch for me. Place them in my Mother's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her I love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while. Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away.*



*In Loving Memory  
Of Mother*

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*Acknowledgements*

*The family of Sharon D. Gates acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown in our hour of bereavement. Special thanks to Chaplain Phillip G. Buxton, Jr. and to all of our family and friends. Thank you for your presence here with us today. May God continue to bless and keep each one of you. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.*

*Pallbearers*

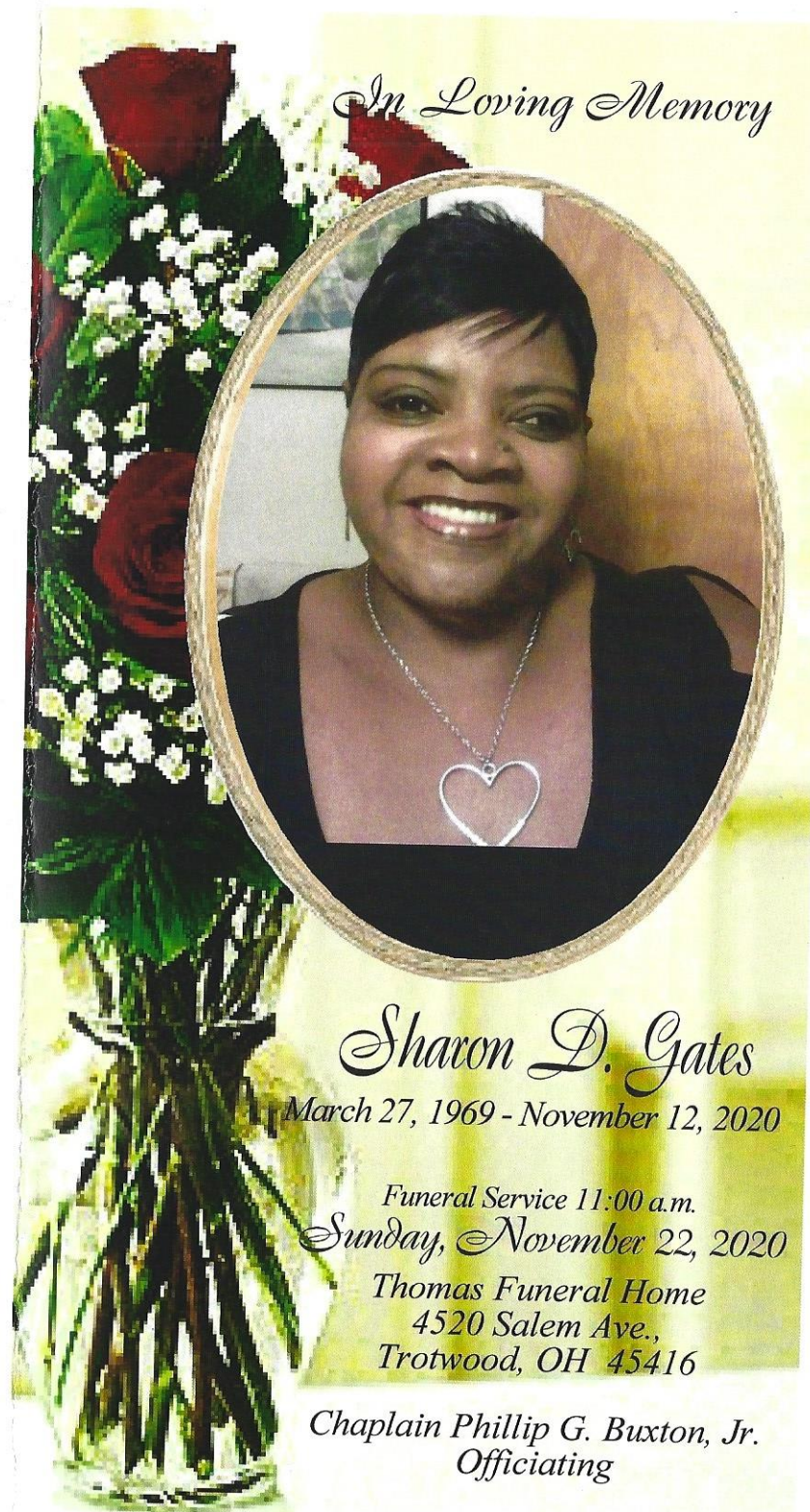
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Travis Godwin Andre Jordan, Jr. Darius Wilson*

*Flower Bearers*

*Family Members & Friends*

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*In Loving Memory*

*Sharon D. Gates*

*March 27, 1969 - November 12, 2020*

*Funeral Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, November 22, 2020*

*Thomas Funeral Home  
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*Chaplain Phillip G. Buxton, Jr.  
Officiating*