

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of Arlenia Wright Heyward acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown in our hour of bereavement. Special thanks to Pastor Timothy Newkirk, Arlenia's Aide, Marchelle Ellison and to all of our family and friends. Thank you for your presence here with us today. May God continue to bless and keep you. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

*Family of Arlenia Heyward*

### *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*  
*Arlenia Wright Heyward*



*Sunrise June 1, 1921 - Sunset November 27, 2020*

*Memorial Service 2:00 P.M.*  
*Saturday, December 12, 2020*

*Thomas Funeral Home*  
*4520 Salem Ave., Trotwood, Ohio*

*Pastor Timothy Newkirk, Officiating*



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Arlenia Wright Heyward, 99, of Dayton, Ohio was born June 1, 1921, in Cape Haterras, Virginia to T. Rhoshia Wright and Martha Williams. She was a graduate of Virginia State College, class of 1943. She became a member of Alpha Kappa 8.

Arlenia was a teacher in the Dayton, Ohio School System for more than thirty years. Her latter years were spent as librarian at Nettie Lee High School, and Williard and Fairport Elementary schools.

In 1958 she joined Trinity Presbyterian Church, where she was an active member until her health prevented her attendance. She was a woman of faith, who loved her family and fellowman. She was kind, generous, and possessed an infectious sense of humor. Arlenia was an excellent cook. She also enjoyed reading, crocheting, and playing bridge, and until her health began to fail, she was a member of the First Wednesday Bridge Club, and the Reciprocals Bridge Club.

On Friday, November 27, with her family at her side, Arlenia took her eternal rest. Predeceasing her were her loving husband, William Miles Heyward, Sr., and son, William Miles Heyward, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories and celebrate her life: son, Bryan W. Heyward; grandson, Bryan C. (Arcentra) C. Heyward, Sr.; great granddaughter, Taylor Heyward; great grandson, Bryan C. Heyward, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Irma Heyward, Lima, Peru; two sisters, Annette W. Braden, Richmond, VA, Rhoshalle W. Russell, Mesa, Arizona; three nieces, Marvetta Coleman, Philadelphia, PA, Karmon Coleman-Johnson, Richmond, VA, and Carol R. Cook, Carefree, Arizona; great nephew, Cameron J. Cook, Chicago, IL; cousins, Sadie Moses, Baltimore, MD, Sylvia Wright, and Janet Anderson, other relatives and friends.

*"Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends  
Musical Prelude.....Soft Music  
Scripture Reading.....Old/New Testament.....Clergy  
Prayer.....Clergy  
Musical Selection.....Regina Lewis Martin  
Obituary Reading.....(Please read silently)  
Poem/Acknowledgements.....  
Reflections.....(Please limit to 2 minutes)  
Musical Selection.....Regina Lewis Martin  
Eulogy.....Pastor Timothy Newkirk  
Benediction.....Pastor Timothy Newkirk  
Final Disposition.....Cremation

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*Please wear a mask and remember distancing*

*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.