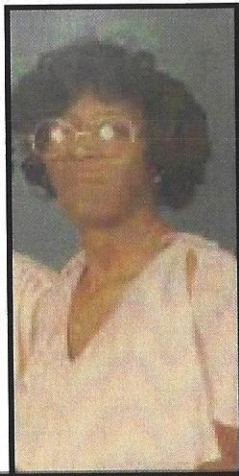
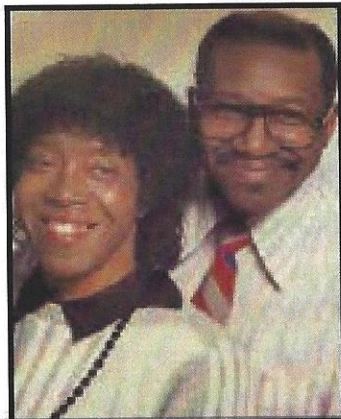


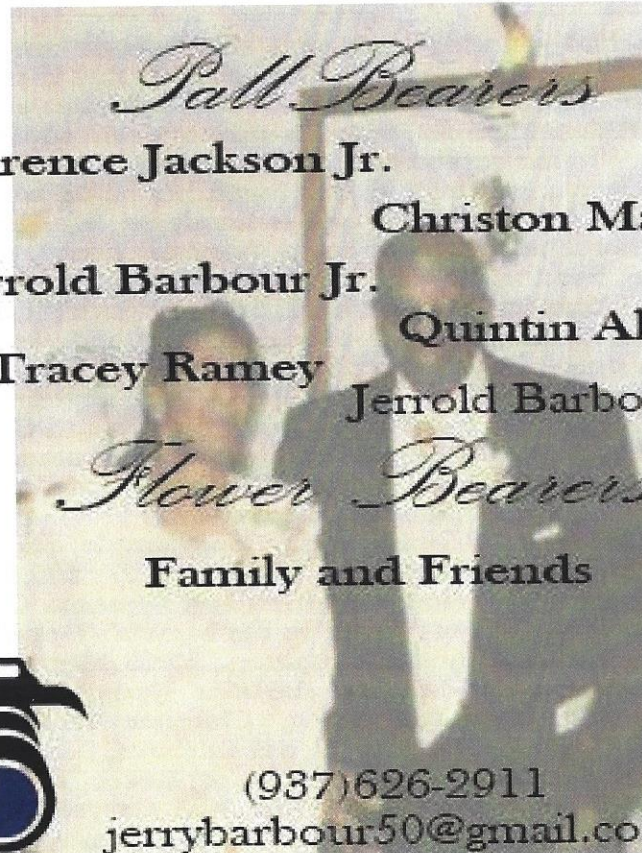
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The family of Leanda Fanning wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls, visits and wonderful acts of kindness that you have shown during this time of loss. We would like to extend a very special thank you of appreciation to Hospice of Dayton. To all our exceptional family and friends whose continued love and caring support has sustained us during this time, we thank you more than words can express.



Acknowledgements

A friendly smile, a casual touch, these are things that mean so much. To know you are with us in our time of sorrow, sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow. God gives us comfort in the form of good friends. May His peace be with you, His Love never ends.



Pall Bearers

Clarence Jackson Jr.

Christon Martin

Jerrold Barbour Jr.

Quintin Allen

Tracey Ramey

Jerrold Barbour Sr.

Flower Bearers

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Homegoing Celebration of Life for Leanda Fanning



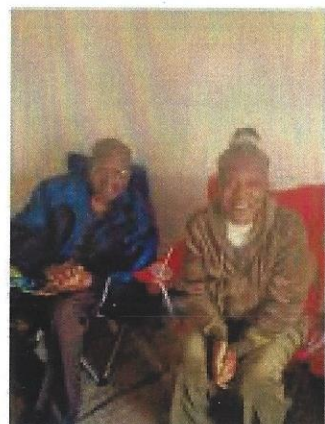
September 15, 1930 - December 27 2020

Funeral Service 11:00 am

January 7, 2021

Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Ave., Dayton, OH

Rev. Vanessa Cummings
Officiant & Eulogist
Christ Our Redeemer AMEC, Dayton



Obituary

Leanda Fanning, age 90, rose up and got on board the Glory Train to Heaven to meet her late husband, the Rev. James Fanning, their son James Jr., daughter Nina, son-in-law Gerald, and grandchildren Gerald Jr. and Eboni.

Leanda was born September 15, 1930 in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Willie Mae McCray and Curry Brown. She graduated from Parker High School in 1949 and began working several jobs until she met James, who was the love of her life. They married and moved to Dayton, Ohio.

Leanda, affectionately called "Momma" by her children, began her most rewarding job as the Dear Mother and Granny to her children and family. Momma encouraged them with her support and taught them life lessons they learned as kids and carried into their adult lives. She made enormous sacrifices to give her children the opportunity to attend college so they would become productive members of society. Momma would always send them care packages while they were away at school and would enclose loving notes.

Momma had a caring spirit and she lovingly embraced being a homemaker and truly lived the life that she would sing about in church. She had a steadfast devotion to assisting her husband, James, with his sermons and sometimes she served as the choir as well.

Momma was a country girl that loved her some southern food, which is what she raised her family on. Her culinary specialties included turkey soup, hoecake bread, Christmas cake, fried apple pies, cheese toast, and homemade ice cream. She was also the backyard barbecue pit master of the family. Momma had a heart of gold and she loved her soap operas, crocheting, knitting, arts, and crafts, and sewing. Momma was the best "Granny" that anyone could ever ask for or dream of. As the best Momma and Granny, she would take the shirt off her back to help others. She taught her children the value of honest work and the importance of saving money.

Leanda "Momma" Fanning lived a long, simple, quiet, and comfortable life. However, on December 27, 2020, early in the morning, the clouds opened and Momma Granny became a magnificent flower in the Master's Bouquet.

Leanda is survived by two daughters, Vicki Martin (Gerald, deceased), and Monica Barbour (Jerrold Sr.); six grandchildren, Niyata Fanning, Clarence Jackson Jr. (LaShonda), Eboni Barbour, Sydni Barbour, Jerrold Barbour Jr.; and three great-grandchildren, Reece, Riley, and Clarence III; a sister-in-law, Willie Nell Grayson; brothers-in-law Tommy Fanning (Stella), Jimmy Fanning (Lula, deceased), and Michael J. Ward. She also leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

- Musial Prelude.....Soft Music
- Processional.....Clergy, Family Friends
- Parting View.....The Family
- Musical Selection.....Cheryl Copeland
"Yes God is Real"
- Prayer of Comfort:
Bishop Gloria Barbour
- Scripture:
Old Testament: Bishop Gloria Barbour
New Testament: Rev. Ada Scruggs
- Musical Selection.....Rev. Becky Hall
"I Won't Complain"
- Obituary Reading.....Rev. Vanessa R. Cummings
- Resolutions/Acknowledgements:
Rev. Becky Hall
- Special Tributes:
Clarence Jackson Jr.
Janis Bryant-Hayes
Rev. Lynn Felts
Bro. Graham
Rev. George Russell II
- Remarks.....Please limit to 2 minutes
- Musical Selection.....Heavens Unlimited
- Eulogy.....Rev. Vanessa R. Cummings
- Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
- Interment.....Dayton National Cemetery

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will not be a repast.