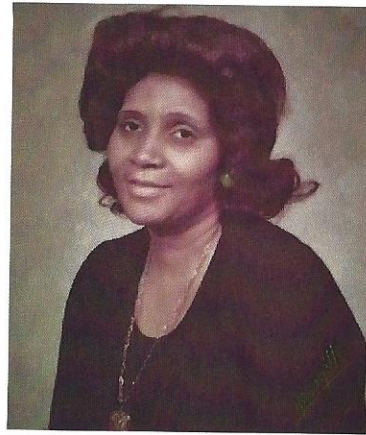


He Only Takes The Best

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered "Come to Me". With tearful eyes we watched you suffer and saw you pass away. Although we love you dearly we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands at rest. God broke out hearts to prove to us He only takes the best. It's lonely here without you. We miss you more each day. Life doesn't seem the same since you went away. When days are sad and lonely, and everything goes wrong, we seem to hear you whisper, cheer up and carry on. Each time we see your picture you seem to smile and say, Don't cry, I'm in God's hands, we'll meet again someday.



*In Loving Memory
Of Joyce*



Acknowledgements

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*Pallbearers / Flower Bearers
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Celebration of Life



Joyce O. Offutt

August 26, 1940 - January 14, 2021

Funeral Service 11:00 a.m.
Friday, January 22, 2021

Thomas Funeral Home
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Trotwood, Ohio 45416
Rev. Dr. Charles Spencer,
Officiating



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

Joyce Odessa Offutt, age 80 was born on August 26, 1940 in Dayton Ohio to the late James and Indella Offutt. She was educated in the Dayton Public School System. Joyce accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior, was baptized at an early age and was a long time member of Greater New Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church. Joyce was kind, caring and giving. She loved family and was willing to help anyone in any way she could. She loved attending church services and when she had no transportation she walked to church. She enjoyed cooking, watching television, walking and attending family and church activities.

On Thursday, January 14, 2021 Joyce Odessa Offutt transitioned from this life to be in the presence of the Lord. She was also preceded in death by: (6) siblings, Odie Lee Matlock, William, Richard and Donald Offutt, Voyia Boston and Marva Plummer. Joyce leaves to cherish precious memories and celebrate her life: (2) siblings, Barbara Phillips and Frances White; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends including her dearest friend, Roseann Banks.

Don't Cry For Me - Author Unknown

Don't cry for me, I will be okay. Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay. Don't cry for me, I'm where I belong. I want to be happy and try to stay strong. Don't cry for me, it was just my time. But I will see you someday on the other side. Don't cry for me, I am not alone. The angels are with me to welcome me home. Don't cry for me, for I have no fear. All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears. Don't cry for me, this is not the end. I'll be waiting here for you, when we meet again.

Order of Viewing

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
Musical Prelude.....Soft Music
Parting View.....The Family
Scripture Reading.....Clergy
Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Carl Turner
Musical Selection.....Regina Lewis Martin
Obituary Reading/Poem.....Frances White
“He Only Takes The Best”
Acknowledgements/Resolutions.....
Reflections.....(Please limit to 2 minutes)
Musical Selection.....Regina Lewis Martin
Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Charles Spencer
Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
Interment.....West Memory Gardens

Please wear mask during Service and Interment and remember Social Distancing.

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.