

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all,
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work and play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void.
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good time, a loved ones touch,
Perhaps my time seems all to brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free
He set me free*



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

SERVICE FOR



Martha Helen Conner

MARCH 13, 1952 ♦ MARCH 28, 2021

THOMAS FUNERAL HOME
4520 SALEM AVE, DAYTON, OH 45416

Obituary



Martha Helen Conner, 69 of Dayton, OH, departed this life peacefully on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at Miami Valley Hospital. Born on March 13, 1952 in Natchez, MS to Essie Bass and Thomas Singleton Sr.

Martha graduated from Colonel White High School, Class of 1970. She was employed at the University of Dayton for 17 years, and then employed at Taylor Communications where she retired in 2018. She later began working part-time for a staffing agency. She was a member of Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church. Martha was a giver and wholeheartedly dedicated to her family. She enjoyed celebrating special occasions with family even if she had to travel. She also enjoyed cooking for both family and friends and was very particular about her macaroni and cheese recipe. Martha was greatly loved by her family and friends and will be missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents and two sisters: Irelita Donaldson and Elaine Singleton Lyles.

Martha leaves a legacy to cherish her memories, two daughters: Tina Conner of Trotwood, OH and Lanika (Lewis) Wilson of Havre de Grace (HDC), MD; one special daughter: DaNiro Elle Brown of Brooklyn, NY; one grandchild, Jackson Wilson; four brothers: Larry (Charleen) Palmer of Pensacola, FL, Thomas (Yvonne) Singleton and Clifton Singleton of Natchez, MS, and Gary (Diana) Singleton of Houston, TX; nine sisters: Brenda Owens of Pacific Palisades, CA, Mary Turner of Dayton, OH, Elaine (Ben) Houston of Virginia Beach, VA, Yvette (Lewis) Palmer of New Orleans, LA, Barbara Latham, Rose (George) Lee, Claudette (James) Perry, Brenda McGrew all of Natchez, MS, and Juanita (Jesse) Stevenson of Cincinnati, OH. One Aunt, Henri Ruth Brown of Dayton, OH and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
(2 Timothy 4:7)

Order of Service

Musical Arrangement & Viewing

Selected Scripture & Prayer

Pastor Gerald Cooper, Wayman Chapel AME

Remarks from Brothers & Sisters

Open to Family & Friends

Obituary

Marvin Johnson

Solo

Regina Lewis

Remarks from Close Friends & Other Family

Open to Family & Friends

"A Dedication"

Tina Conner, Lanika Wilson,
Da'Niro Elle Brown

Eulogy

Brian Keith Palmer

"I'm Free" (poem)

Natalie Mitchell

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Woodland
Historic Cemetery & Arboretum



Always With Us



*We thought of you today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name
Now all we have is memories.
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
Yet God has you in his keeping
We will always have you in our hearts.*

Active Pallbearers

Dejuan Hooker

Duane Hooker Jr

Jalen Hooker

Jaden Hooker

Honorary Pallbearers

Dontae Battle

Duane Hooker Sr

Gary Singleton

Larry Palmer

Acknowledgments

As the family of thee ascended we would like to acknowledge all the support and prayers we have received from everyone during this extremely trying time. This was not planned, as life rarely is. But this time feels so different, everything is happening so quickly and we haven't had time to really sit and breath. The loss of our rock and matriarch will forever change us, but it has also brought us so much closer as a family. With this we thank you in advance for your continued patience and kindness. In a time like this we appreciate it and need it more than we can say. We love you and thank you for celebrating the life of our mother, sister, and aunt with us.