

Acknowledgements

We would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the love, kindness and thoughtful gestures that have been bestowed upon our family through calls, cards, flowers, text and many other acts of kindness. Thank you for your support during our time of loss. Your presence helped to lighten our burden and has meant so much. Please continue to pray for our family. May God bless and keep you.

Pallbearers

Frederick Davenport Steven Sneed
Anthony Tisdale Donnell Tisdale

Flower Bearers

Ayesha Tisdale Ayiana Brown

Trees - Joyce Kilmer

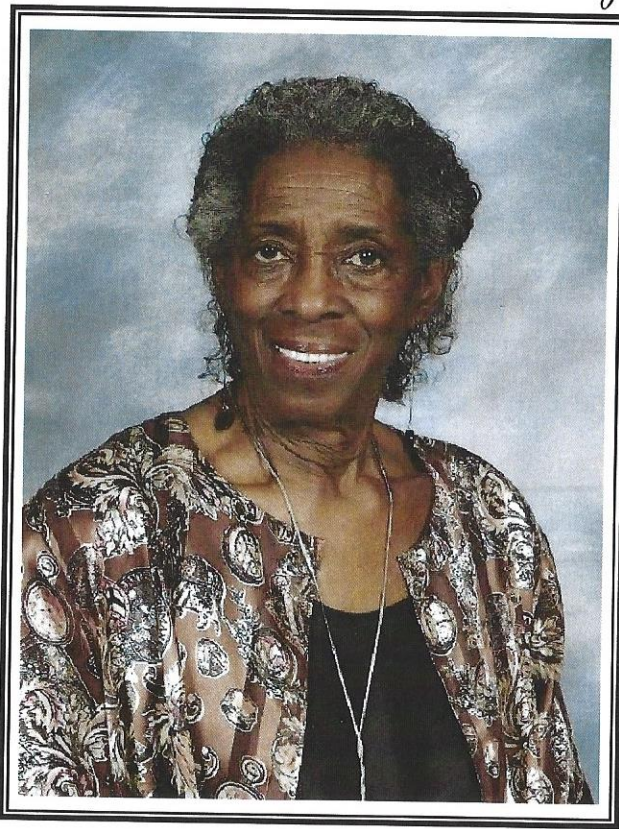
*I think that I shall never see,
a poem lovely as a tree. A tree
whose hungry mouth is pressed,
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
and lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

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Celebration of Life *Delmar D. Dunning*



Sunrise July 9, 1933 - Sunset May 26, 2021

Funeral Service 12:00 P.M.
Saturday, June 12, 2021
Christ Community Bible Church
3526 Detroit Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45416
Pastor Ron Ballard, Officiant

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Delmar Debora Dunning, age 87 of Dayton, Ohio was born July 9, 1933 in Chicago, IL to the late Otis A. Gipson and Coriene Thomas Gipson. She was a graduate of Jean Baptist Point DuSable High School, class of 1951. Throughout the years Delmar continued her education receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Columbus in 1979 and a Master's of Social Work Administration Degree in 1992 at the University of Cincinnati. Delmar was employed as a Social Worker from 1997 to 2015 and a dedicated foster parent until her death. She also worked for Homeless Women at Linda Vista, Inc., Montgomery County Children Services thirteen years and Substitute Teacher for Dayton Board of Education in West Carrolton, Oakwood, Centerville, Kettering and Englewood Schools grades K-12. Delmar accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at the age of eleven at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicago IL. She later joined Home Ministries Church, formerly known as Christ Community Bible Church under the leadership of Pastor Dr. Ron Ballard. Delmar was a faithful member of Christ Community Bible Church for more than thirty-five years. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, Assistant Director of the Albert Merritt Learning Center, Refreshment Coordinator for Vacation Bible School, Facilitator of Defensive Parenting Work Shop and a member of the Praise Team Dancers. Delmar was willing to work in any capacity where needed.

Delmar had a joyful disposition, loved to laugh, and enjoyed working with children, parents, homeless women and others.

Delmar was joined in holy matrimony to David D. Tisdale on December 5, 1953. Of this marriage 2 children were born (Danita and the late Donnell Tisdale, Sr.) In 1973 Delmar married the late Fred Clay Dunning and adopted a son (Brandon D. Dunning) in 1994. On May 26, 2021 Delmar transitioned from this life to be in the presence of the Lord. She was also preceded in death by: (2) sisters, Barbara Ann Gipson Sneed Brown and Dollie Dean Gipson Davenport. Delmar leaves to cherish memories and celebrate her legacy: (1) daughter, Danita C. Tisdale; adopted son, Brandon D. Dunning; daughter-in-law, Alice M. Tisdale; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Processional.....	Clergy, Family and Friends
Musical Prelude.....	Soft Music
Parting View.....	The Family
Scripture Reading.....	Pulpit
Prayer of Comfort.....	Pulpit
Musical Selection.....	Annie Burden
Obituary/Poem.....	The Grandchildren
Resolutions/Acknowledgements.....	Church Clerk
Reflections.....	(Please limit to 2 minutes)
Musical Selection.....	Christ Community Male Chorus
Eulogy.....	Pastor Ron Ballard
Benediction.....	Pastor Ron Ballard

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Please wear a mask during Services and Remember Social Distancing.

Psalm 23- *A Psalm of David (kjp)*
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth 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 thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth 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.