



*"Well done, thou good and faithful
servant: "*

~ Matthew 25:21

Pallbearers

Gregory Merritt
Marvin Merritt
Michael Stewart
Louis Lee, Jr.

Louis Lee
Blake Thompson
Marcus Merritt
Ceauntay Gordon

Honorary Pallbearers

Lee Morris
Ontiwon Primus

Anthony Gilbert
Jason Walker

Flower Bearers

Roselawn/Blackstone
Cell Group

New Prospect Church
Choir Members

"Whether through a church fundraiser, a Bible study in her living room, a family gathering around her table, or a word of encouragement to someone in need, Levora lived a life devoted to loving God and loving people."

Acknowledgments

The family of Levora Hudson wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love and kindness shown to us during this time of grief and sorrow. Through your prayers, phone calls, text messages, flowers, cards, words of encouragement, visits, and countless other acts of kindness, you have strengthened and comforted our family.

Special recognition is given to Levora's nephew Gregory Merritt, who moved into Levora's home and provided care, support, and companionship during the final year of her life. We extend a special thank you to Nurse Ronnie Yancy for the exceptional care, compassion, and love shown to our beloved Levora during her final year. Your kindness brought comfort, laughter and peace not only to Auntie Levora but to our entire family.

May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness, support, and prayers. ~ The Family of Levora Hudson



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LEGACY OF FAITH, LOVE, AND SERVICE

Celebrating the Extraordinary Life of

LEVORA Hudson

*"She made room for people—
in her home,
in her heart,
and in her life."*

*~ FUNERAL SERVICE ~
SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
11:00 A.M.*

NEW PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH
1580 Summit Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237
Minister Vernice Appling, Officiating

Sunrise NOVEMBER 3, 1935 | *Sunset* JUNE 5, 2026

The Life and Legacy of Levora Hudson

Ms. Levora Hudson was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the late Marvin and Clemmie Merritt. She was one of three children born to this union and was preceded in death by her beloved sister, Marvinna Merritt, and brother, Calvin Merritt. On June 5, 2026, Levora peacefully departed this life in the comfort of her home.

At an early age, Levora accepted Christ and remained a lifelong member of New Prospect Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. A. L. Collins. She faithfully served her church through the Inspirational Choir, Mission Department, Youth Ministry, College Hill Bible Study, and the Willing Workers Club.

A proud graduate of Central High School's Class of 1954, before embarking on 35 years of dedicated service to the Cincinnati Public Library. Through hard work, professionalism, and leadership, she rose to become Supervisor of the Catalog Department, earning the respect and admiration of her colleagues.

On November 27, 1976, Levora married the love of her life, Leander Hudson. Together they shared a life filled with faith, family, travel, friendship, and treasured memories. They enjoyed fishing, entertaining guests, and creating lasting memories with those they loved. After 35 years of service, Levora retired early at the age of 53 to lovingly care for her husband during his illness. Her devotion remained steadfast until his passing on April 6, 1991.

Faith and service were the cornerstones of Levora's life. As President of the Willing Workers Club, she helped lead fundraising efforts that supported the church's mission and ministries. She organized events such as the annual Valentine Tea, fellowship outings, and trips to New York City and La Comedia Dinner Theatre. She was especially proud to contribute to the church's mortgage-burning campaign through the purchase of a commemorative leaf, which still bears her name today.

Levora was also known as the ultimate hostess. Holiday dinners and celebrations were her specialty. She found joy in preparing meals, setting beautiful tables, and making others feel welcomed. The silverware sparkled, the dishes were prepared with love, and every guest who entered her home was treated like family.

Though she never gave birth to children, Levora mothered many. Her family and countless others were recipients of her wisdom, guidance, encouragement, and unconditional affection.

One of the greatest examples of this love was her relationship with Ceauntey Gordon. Following the passing of his mother, what began as a temporary arrangement blossomed into a beautiful relationship that lasted for more than seven years. Levora welcomed him into her home and into her heart. Over time, Ceauntey became the son she never had, and the two were truly inseparable. Their relationship was built on love, trust, laughter, and unwavering devotion. Their bond reflected everything that made Levora special—her compassion, generosity, faith, and unwavering commitment to others. She considered Ceauntey one of God's special blessings in her life.

Levora dearly loved her family and would do anything for them. She was the person family members turned to in times of need, always ready to offer help, encouragement, or support. Whether someone needed a place to stay, a financial blessing, or simply someone to lean on, Levora was there. Her generosity, selflessness, and unwavering devotion to her family will forever be remembered and cherished.

She lived her life on her own terms and remained fearless until the very end. She possessed a quiet strength, unwavering determination, and a spirit that refused to be diminished by life's challenges. She appreciated life's simple pleasures: a good book, a cup of black coffee, a cigarette, meaningful conversation, laughter with family and friends, and time spent with those she loved. She was authentic, resilient, and unapologetically herself, qualities that made her even more beloved by those who knew her best.

While our hearts grieve her absence, we rejoice in knowing that she has entered eternal rest and has been reunited with loved ones who have gone before her.

LEAVING TO CHERISH HER PRECIOUS MEMORY

Her devoted daughter, Pat Brown; loving sisters, Shirley (Cory) Merritt-Johnson, Lavonne Merritt, Laverne (Denman) Merritt-Gordon, and adopted sister, Jeraline Wilcox; devoted niece, Heidi Thompson; beloved nephews, Gregory (Lynne) Merritt, Louis (Tasha) Lee, and Marvin (Genessa) Merritt; cherished grandchildren, Yolanda (Rob) Thrower, Richard Brown, Gideon Dubose, and Shakeba Dubose; great-nieces and great-nephews, Michael Stewart, Danielle Thompson, Blake Thompson, Marcus Merritt, Louis Lee Jr., and Corey Revels; cousins, Adrienne (William) Stevenson, Debra Viney, and Toni Gwynn; along with a host of other great-nieces, nephews, cousins, family members, church family, dear friends, and loved ones whose lives were forever changed by knowing her.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Musician

Parting View Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 91:1-2
Dr. Lewis Bunton

New Testament Romans 6:4
Minister Timothy Lane

Prayer of Comfort Minister Vernice Appling

Selection "So Good" Mass Choir

Acknowledgements Betty Watts

Remarks Two minutes, Please
Ann Johnson, Bessie Pitts, Ceauntey Gordon,
Shirley Merritt-Johnson, & Sudoria Gilbert

Selection "New Life" Mass Choir

Moments of Reflection
***(A time to read the obituary, to think, and to thank God for
allowing Levora to touch our lives so greatly.)***

Selection Mass Choir

Eulogy Reverend Damon Lynch, III

Benediction Reverend Damon Lynch, III

Recessional Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family
"Going Up Yonder"

Interment

Spring Grove Cemetery
4521 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232

Repast

Following the Interment
New Prospect Baptist Church