

Interment

FERNCLIFF CEMETERY AND ARBORETUM
501 West McCreight Avenue – Springfield, oh 45504

Pallbearers

Bob Ellis – Anthony Northern
Mike Davis – Cary Winburn

Acknowledgement

The Family of Freida I. Watkins wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, and support shown to us during this hour of bereavement. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support and comfort. It is immensely appreciated!



HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR



*Freida
L. Watkins*

SUNRISE SUNSET
DECEMBER 26, 1950 – JULY 5, 2026

FRIDAY – JULY 17, 2026

VISITATION: 11:00 AM
SERVICE: 12:00 PM

CHAPEL OF PEACE SPRINGFIELD
823 SOUTH YELLOW SPRINGS ROAD
SPRINGFIELD, OH 45506



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1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

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Obituary

Freida (Shelton) Watkins passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2026. She was born in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of William L. Shelton and Susie (Emery) Shelton. She is the last of four siblings: Beverly (Brian) Corvet, David Atkins, and Freddie “40” Going North, her twin bonus sister, Collette Green.

To know Freida was to love her, like her, maybe dislike her... she embraced it all with a grain of salt, or everything she had. She wasn’t the life of the party; she was the party that had dance moves that would win her “Dancing with the Stars (smile).

A fierce, virtuous woman who loved to laugh, especially when she had “A headache.” Growing up, she was always Aunt Frieda, even though the family tree says she was my cousin. Because my mother was an only child, Collette was the fifth sibling of Aunt Beverly, Uncle David, Aunt Frieda, and Uncle Freddie.

She was preceded in death by her uncle T’s prize possession and Michael Shelton-Watkins, Beverly and Brian Corvet, David Atkins, Collette Green, and Fred Shelton.

Frieda leaves to cherish the memory of her Husband: Thomas Watkins, with whom she shared 50 years of marriage and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, great-nephews and great-nieces, with two being very special: Ramona (Green) Walker and Ashley Gregory and Special Friend: Cheryl Lawson.

Whether you were descendants Rosa (Robert) Emery - the stump of the tree that started us all, Luvenia (Scoop) Lane, Susie Shelton, Alberta Emery, or Romain (Ike) Maze, she loved us all.

I believe in her own words, she would have chosen “Ta Ta for now.”



Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

PARTING VIEW.....Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Randy Scott
Old Testament:
New Testament:

PRAYER.....Pastor Randy Scott

SELECTION....."Alabaster Box"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES

REMARKS.....Family and Friends
Two Minutes Please

POEM.....Camisha Maze

READING OF OBITUARY.....Ramona Green-Walker

SELECTION....."Better Days"

THE EULOGY Pastor Randy Scott

BENEDICTION.....Pastor Randy Scott

RECESSION.....Clergy, Family and Friends

