

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following paths God made for me
I took his hand I heard him call, Then turned, and bid farewell to all

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to sing, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found my peace... at close of play

And if my parting 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... deep with sorrow, I wish you sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full I've savoured much
Good friends, good times A loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief Don't lengthen it now with grief
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now... He set me free.

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INTERMENT

Mansfield Cemetery Association
389 Altamont Avenue – Mansfield, OH 44902

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWER BEARERS

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Family would like to express their gratitude and sincere appreciation for the outpouring of love, prayers, cards, food, floral tributes and all acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



DORIS LOUISE ERVIN

AUGUST 1, 1964 – MARCH 3, 2026

TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2026

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

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CHAPEL OF PEACE MANSFIELD
753 MCPHERSON STREET
MANSFIELD, OH 44903

Obituary

Doris Louise Ervin, age 61, of Akron, Ohio, passed away on March 3, 2026.

Doris was born on August 1, 1964, in Mansfield, Ohio, to John and Emily McDowell. She attended West 5th Elementary School and John Simpson Middle School before graduating from Malabar High School in 1982. She later continued her education at the University of Akron, where she majored in Art and minored in Drafting Design.

During her young adulthood, Doris met Jeffrey Ervin. After a beautiful courtship, the two were married in 1992 and built a loving home together. Their union was blessed with three beautiful children: Kearra Ervin, Courtney Ervin, and Jaleel Ervin. Doris was also a proud grandmother to Sherriae Williams and Aiyana Williams.

Doris worked part time for Cleveland Corporate Cleaning, but her greatest and most meaningful role was being a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She dedicated her life to caring for her family and creating a home filled with love. She had a deep love for art and history and enjoyed studying the Bible and scripture. Doris also enjoyed watching sports, listening to music, and cooking a variety of recipes for her family. She had a warm and caring spirit, and everyone who met her had kind words to say about her. Doris treated her children’s friends as if they were her own and touched many lives with her kindness.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Jeffrey Ervin; her father: John McDowell; her brother: Alvin McDowell and her mother-in-law: Mary Ervin.

Doris leaves to cherish her memory, her loving *Children*: Kearra Ervin, Courtney Ervin, and Jaleel Ervin; her *Grandchildren*: Sherriae Williams and Aiyana Williams; her *Mother*: Emily McDowell; her *Brother*: Melvin McDowell; her *Sister*: Teresa McDowell; her *Nephews*: Justin McDowell and Brandon McDowell; her *Sister-in-Law*: Karen Ervin; her *Niece*: Kayla Ervin along with numerous *Aunts, Uncles, Cousins* and a host of *Dear Friends*.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Order of Service

- Organ Prelude.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
- Parting View.....Family and Friends
- Scripture Reading.....Clergy
Old Testaments: Psalm 23 and Psalm 91
- Prayer of Comfort.....Hans Lang
- Selection.....”His Eye Is On The Sparrow”
- Acknowledgements/Condolences.....Hans Lang
- Remarks.....Two Minutes Please
Melvin McDowell – Brother
Teresa McDowell – Sister
Cynthia and Taylor Williams
Kearra Ervin - Daughter
- Reading of Obituary.....Toni Lee
- Selection.....”Wind Beneath My Wings”

**The Eulogy
Hans Lang**

- Benediction.....Hans Lang
- Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends