

## *Acknowledgments*

The family of Pastor Celestral O. Ward would like to thank all who were a part of her journey in life and her road to Heaven. Thanks for all the calls, prayers, and cards during this time of bereavement.

A special thanks to Suff. Bishop Morris Brown, Asst. Pastor Cynthia Jordan, and her A. A. family. May God continue to bless you all.

## *Pall Bearers*

Raymond Marrow | Devoe Marrow | Reggie Marrow  
Damon Harrison Marrow | Joe Moore | Semaj Wright



## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God made for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call, then turned my back, and bid farewell to all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to sing or play.

Task left undone must stat 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 the 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 undue grief, lift up your hearts and rejoice with me,

God wanted me now... He set me free.



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## *Home Going Celebration Of*



*Pastor  
Celestral  
O. Ward*

SUNRISE  
September 30, 1946

Services Held At:

SUNSET  
DECEMBER 16, 2025

*Victorious Life Church*  
3400 Paseo Blvd. | Kansas City, Missouri 64109

Monday, December 29, 2025  
Visitation: 9:00am | Service: 10:00am

**Officiant, Suffragan Bishop Morris Brown**

*Words of Reflections*  
*The Life of Pastor Celestral O. Ward*



Pastor Celestral Omega Ward, 79, departed this life on December 16, 2025, in Kansas City, MO. She was born on September 30, 1946, in Eckman, WV, to Leander Howell Sr. and Elizabeth Shade Howell. She grew up in Mt. Vernon, NY and attended Mt. Vernon High School.

In 1964, she graduated as the Valedictorian of her class. She pursued further education at the New York Fashion Institute, where she developed a passion for creativity and design. Following her education, she worked as a Data Coordinator for Westchester County.

In 1982, she relocated her family to Kansas City, MO, where she began her career at Lawrence A. Jones Funeral Chapel. There, she grew from a secretary to becoming a licensed funeral director, notary public, and head of the Pre-Need Department.

She also embraced entrepreneurship by founding Ward's Transportation, a venture through which she contributed significantly to her community. Throughout her life, she was dedicated to serving others and loved making a positive impact on her community.

Pastor Ward began her training in the ministry in 1988 under the tutelage of the late Pastor Lois Jean Seals. She accepted her calling, and with Assistant Pastor Bobby, they put a chair in the middle of the room and continued Pastor Seals' legacy for Emmanuel Repentance Temple. She helped people stay off drugs and alcohol, aiding their lives to accept Christ.

She worked with all her heart and soul, possessing the greatest gift of helping others. Most people remember her by the way she helped them.

She had the God-given gift of helping others. The majority of the people in her life remember her for her generosity, giving her time and money to help others. She dedicated her life to turning others to Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She is preceded in her passing by her parents; brother, Leander Howell Jr.; sisters: Linda Marrow, and Doris Strickland; nephew, Michael Howell; niece, Ramona Marrow; a special uncle, Ralph Howell; and cherished husband of 41 years, Bobby Ward.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children: Cheryl Glynn Combs (Herschel), Chelette Foster, Raymond Marrow (Regina) and Theresa Ward (Palmer); two spiritual daughters: Cynthia Johnson (Shelby) and Patricia Johnson; eleven grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; her lifelong friend, Sug Mary; several nieces, nephews, cousins, spiritual children, and a host of other loving family and friends.



*Thank you for teaching me how to lean and depend on God for everything.*

*My own experiences with Christ have lead me to that blessed assurance that God is with me and in me always.*

*Your legacy will continue on in your family and the many people that you've helped.*

*You taught me love is an action. You told me to take your good and continue to pass it on.*

*I will do my best to carry on your legacy in the process of building my own.*

*There is no one like you and no one can replace you. I will continue to learn how to love and help others unconditionally (no strings attached).*

*I love you, mama, and I will miss you dearly.  
Until we meet again.  
Your Daughter,  
Cheryl*



## *Until We Meet Again*

*We think about you always, we talk about you still, you have never been forgotten, and you never will. We hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain, to walk and guide us through our lives, until we meet again.*



## *The Broken Chain*

*Little did we know that day, God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, In death, we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you, The day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you, You are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.*

## *Order of Service*

**Processional** – Clergy & Family

**Prayer** – Pastor Nathan Buie

**Scripture** – Brother Richard Fisher

**Musical Selection** – “Stomp” by Kirk Franklin

**Special Presentation** – C’Andrelique Joy Edwards

**Acknowledgments & Condolences** – Evangelist Cynthia Johnson

**Musical Selection** – Margret Davis

### **Remarks**

Suffragan Bishop Clyde Irvin

Associate Pastor Cynthia Jordan

Daughter, Minister Cheryl Glynn Combs

**Musical Selection** – Family “Rough Side Of The Mountain”

### **Words Of Comfort**

Bishop Mark Tolbert

Diocesan Bishop Heart of America

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### **Benediction**

### **Recessional**

## *Interment*

Leavenworth National Cemetery

