

## *I Am Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, to laugh. To love, to work or play. Tasks undone must stay that way I've found that peace at the close of the day. If parting has 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 with times of sorrow I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored 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 share with me, God wants me now, He set me free.

*Shannon Lee Moseley*



## *Pallbearers*

Son, Grandson, Family, & Friends

## *Flower Bearers*

Granddaughters, Family, & Friends

## *Interment*

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

## *Repast*

Immediately Following the Interment  
Second Baptist Church West College Hill  
6225 Betts Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

## *Acknowledgments*

The family of Ms. Mattie L. Gavin will always remember your kind thoughts, deeds, and expressions of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to UC Hospital, Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati Rehabilitation Hospital, Pastor Rogers and Second Baptist Church, Family and Friends. God is the source of our strength. We pray that He will continue to richly bless each of you.



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# *Celebrating* THE LIFE OF



## *Mattie L. Garvin*

December 24, 1946 - February 3, 2026



*Friday, February 13, 2026*

Visitation: 10:00 am - Funeral Service: 11:00 am

*Second Baptist Church West College Hill*  
6225 Betts Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

Reverend Roy Rogers, Officiating

## Obituary

A beautiful angel, Mattie Lee Johnson, was born in Marion Junction, Alabama, to the late Mr. Deotrice Johnson and the late Mrs. Ola L. Johnson on December 24, 1946. She was the first child of 5 born to this union. Mattie accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in Marion, Alabama. Her family moved to Tuscaloosa, where she attended high school. In her early twenties, she joined Second Baptist Church in Holt, Alabama, before relocating to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mattie pursued higher education in college for business and other endeavors before attaining training to work in the Physical Therapy Department at the Cincinnati VA Hospital. Mattie met and married the love of her life, Willie Garvin, and to this union, two children were born. One preceded her in death, Joy Michelle Garvin.

Mattie joined Second Baptist Church in Cincinnati, where she served as a faithful member and served in many capacities, including Usher board, Deaconess, to name a few.

On February 03, 2026, surrounded by her loving family, she moved from her earthly home to her heavenly home.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: husband, Willie Garvin; her devoted and loving son, Darnell Garvin (Kenesha); five grandchildren: Raven Smith-Garvin, Keiarra Garvin, Darnell Garvin II, Zariya Hayes (whom Mattie raised), and Amylah Garvin; one great-granddaughter, Rayn Smith; two devoted sisters: Clara Edmond who resides in San Diego, CA, and Lena Johnson who resides in Birmingham, AL; two faithful friends as sisters: Rubbie Howell and Gail Gordon. Mattie also leaves behind two great-nephews: DeJovan and Nicholas Edmond of San Diego; one great-niece, Nicolette Davis of San Diego; and many adopted and Godchildren. Mattie's very special friends: Denice Felton, Adele Colvard, Vicky Butler, Vicka Bell, Sandra Cornwell, Dorothea Jones, Sandy Lee, and numerous loving relatives and friends.



## Order of Service

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Musical Prelude .....	Soft Music
Parting View .....	Family
Selection .....	"I Can Only Imagine" Tamela Mann
Scripture Readings .....	Minister Gail Gordon
Prayer .....	Minister Gail Gordon
Selection .....	"Never Would Have Made It" Marvin Sapp
Eulogy .....	Reverend Roy Rogers
Selection .....	"Take Me to the King" Tamela Mann
Benediction .....	Reverend Roy Rogers
Recessional .....	Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family "Let the Church Say Amen by Andraé Crouch

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*Jesus*  
said unto her, I am the resurrection  
& the *Life:*  
he that believeth in me,  
though he were dead,  
yet he shall live: and whosoever liveth &  
*Believeth*  
in me, though he were dead,  
yet shall he live: and whosoever  
liveth & believeth in me shall NEVER die.

- John 11:25-26