

IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF

*Beatrice
Tommie
Tanksley*

SUNRISE: AUGUST 23, 1945

SUNSET: SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

~ Celebrating Her Life ~

Saturday, October 10, 2026 | 10:00 AM

**Marlan Gary Funeral Home,
The Chapel of Peace, East**

5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

Daughter's Final Tribute

Mom one of the things I will forever remember about you is your strength. Through every illness, every setback and every difficult moment, you never gave up. You kept fighting, and you showed me what it truly means to be strong and brave.

Watching you face life's challenges was not always easy, but your courage left an imprint on my heart that will never fade.

Thank you for your love, your sacrifices, your guidance, and for always showing up when I needed you.

You fought a good fight, Mom. You gave so much of yourself to your family and to others. Now you can rest.

Rest peacefully, Mom, your fight is over, but your legacy lives on with eternal love, your daughter Debra

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

A Word Of Thanks

The family of **Beatrice Tommie Tanksley** would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has shown love, kindness, and support during this difficult time. Your prayers, comforting words, thoughtful gestures, and expressions of sympathy have meant so much to our family. We are truly grateful for your presence and support as we celebrate her life and cherish her memory. May God bless each and every one of you.



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Obituary

Beatrice T. Jones was born on August 23, 1945, in Shreveport, Louisiana to Cleo Jones and Elizabeth Jackson.

She departed this life on Monday, September 28, 2026, at Ohio State University Hospital.

She was a graduate of Booker T WASHINGTON High School in 1965. Upon graduation Beatrice moved to Columbus, Ohio where she met and married William A Tanksley on May 15, 1967. Beatrice and William Tanksley welcome 4 beautiful children, Debra Courtney, Maurice Tanksley, Tyrone Tanksley, Danny Tanksley, Adopted son Brandon Pugh. Beatrice started very early devoting herself to Christ, her journey continues with becoming an usher and serving many duties for Trinity Baptist church, BEATRICE remained a loyal member for over 60 years,

Beatrice was a woman whose life was defined by her love for family, her generous heart, and her willingness to help others. She was strong, loving, nurturing, and devoted to the people she held dear. Her presence brought warmth into the lives of those around her, and her love was expressed not only through her words, but through the countless ways she showed up for others.

Christmas held a particularly special place in her heart. She loved decorating her Christmas tree, filling it with an abundance of beautiful decorations that reflected the happiness she found in bringing family together.

Beatrice also had a special gift in the kitchen. She was known as the best cook, and her meals were prepared with love. Her sweet potato pies and tea cakes were especially unforgettable, becoming a treasured part of the memories her family will carry for generations.

Beyond her own family, Beatrice had a heart for children and a deep desire to make a difference in their lives. For approximately 30 years, she served as a dedicated foster parent, opening her heart and home to children in need of love, stability, and care. Her commitment to fostering was more than an act of service; it was a reflection of the compassion that defined who she was. The lives she touched through this work are an enduring part of her legacy. Beatrice had a loving heart and a special gift for caring for children. She was a dedicated childcare provider who lovingly cared for and nurtured many children over the years. Throughout her illness, she never gave up. No matter how difficult her health challenges became, she continued to fight, demonstrating a remarkable spirit of determination and bravery. Her ability to persevere through adversity was a testament to the strength she carried within her.

Beatrice is preceded in death by her husband William, married for 54 years; her parents Elizabeth and Cleo Jones; her brother Charles Cleofus Jones JR. Beatrice is survived by Daughter (Debra and son in-law Anthony Courtney); Maurice Tanksley, Tyrone Tanksley, Danny Tanksley- Mary daughter in -law, Adopted son Brandon Pugh. She is also remembered by her beloved siblings: Bessie Washington, Addie M Robinson, Julia Ruffin, Joyce Ann DeBouse, Shirley Jones, Georgia Jones, Jack Jones, William Jones, Oben Jones, Ralph Jones, Curtis Jones and Ree sister in-law. Mildred Wooden sister in-law, Mattie Miller sister in-law, With a host of grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Order Of Service

Prelude
Chapel Of Peace Music Ministry

Processional
Members of the clergy

Scripture Reading
Rev Thomas Toney
Old Testament- Psalm 23
New Testament-John 14:1-6

Prayer of comfort
Clergy

Selection
Irrefutable records
"Miss My Mama"

Acknowledgements and condolences

The Obituary
Silently

Remarks Two Minutes, Please
family and friends (UP TO 3 PEOPLE)

Selection
A LETTER TO MY MOM IN HEAVEN
Recording by Zev Arden

The Eulogy
Rev. Janet Sheppard
Trinity Baptist church

Benediction
Rev. Janet Sheppard

RECESSIONAL
Clergy, Family, and friends
Selection
"Well DONE" by Detrick haddon