Legacy of Love: **A mother, a grandma too, this legacy we have from you. You taught us love, and how to fight, you gave us strength, you gave us might. A stronger person would be hard to find, and in your heart, you were always so kind. You fought for us all in one way or another, not just a mother, grandmother, great- grandmother and, great-great grandmother. For all of us you gave your best, now the time has come for you to rest. So, go in peace, you've earned your sleep, your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.**

Interment

GREEN LAWN CEMETERY
1000 Greenlawn Avenue – Columbus, OH 43223

Pallbearers

Kwatha Dunlap - Ryan Harrington, Jr
Marvin "Stephen" O'Daniel, III - Lamont Leigh, Sr.
Jordan Leigh - Brandon Smith, Sr.

Honorary Pallbearers

James Leigh - Darrell Dennis - Michael James Dennis
Ryan Harrington, Sr. - Sage Leigh

Acknowledgements

The family of Lillie Leigh wishes to extend our heartfelt thankfulness for the comforting messages, prayers, cards, words of encouragement, food, texts and flowers during this difficult time as no act has gone unnoticed. Special thanks to the Mt. Carmel hospice Staff.

A Repast will be held following the Interment at the
J H Ross Family Life and Community Center
907 Lexington Avenue – Columbus, OH 43201

Marlan Gary Funeral Home
1 Funeral Home | 5 Locations

Ministry Of Comfort Entrusted To:

North Chapel
2500 Cleveland Ave.,
Columbus, OH 43211
614-267-8310

East Chapel
5456 Livingston Ave.,
Columbus, OH 43232
614-604-8774

Mansfield Chapel
753 McPherson St.,
Mansfield, OH 44903
419-524-6999

Springfield Chapel
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A Celebration of the Life of

Lillie B. Leigh

Sunrise — Sunset
November 23, 1932 – July 6, 2026

Thursday – July 16, 2026

Visitation: 9:00 AM
Service: 10:00 AM

Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church
1080 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43205
Pastor Ricky Lawson

Obituary

Lillie B. Leigh, age 93. Sunrise November 23, 1932, and Sunset July 6, 2026. Lillie was born November 23, 1932, in Delbarton, West Virginia to the late Reverend Peter H. and Eugenia Coleman. She moved to Columbus, Ohio in 1944. She attended Franklin Jr. High and East High School. She married the late James Leigh, Sr. in 1950 and into this union they had six children. She worked at Children's Hospital for fifteen years and later did childcare in her home as she kept all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a faithful member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church for over fifty years, worked in the kitchen ministry under the late Reverend M.J. Mitchell, under Pastor Elon Meeks for twenty-nine years and also attended bible study under Pastor Meeks. She was a member of the traveling committee and served on the Women's Ministry with Sister Elaine Meeks.

She is preceded in death by her husband: James Leigh, Sr.; predeceased children, son: James Leigh, Jr., Mark Leigh; two daughters: Bonnie and Beverly Leigh; two brothers: John and Ralph Coleman; sister: Mable Ruffin and great-great granddaughter: Jerica Leigh.

Lillie loved traveling, was in a bowling league for many years and everyone knew she loved bingo. She loved to talk on the phone daily to her special friends, Diane Hodo, Diane Walker, Sharon Woods, Isabelle Williamson and Eloise Walker.

She leaves to cherish in memory Daughter: Brenda (Ronnie) Young and Son: Michael (Stephanie) Leigh; loving Grandchildren: Angela (Ryan) Harrington, Michael (Chastiddy) Dennis, Alesia Smith, Annette Leigh, James Leigh, Jordan Leigh, Simone Leigh, and Lamont Leigh. She also leaves twelve great-grandchildren and eleven great-great grandchildren.

Lillie moved in with her daughter, Brenda who was her caregiver as Lillie passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family. Her granddaughter, Annette Leigh was also her caregiver before moving with her daughter Brenda. Her granddaughters Angela Harrington and Alesia Smith also helped care for her. She enjoyed her visits from her son, Michael from Springfield, and enjoyed spending time with her family. She especially loved spending time with her great-granddaughter Ashley Harrington, who would come over, read to her, give her massages, they talked about family history and family recipes which Lillie truly enjoyed telling her family stories.

Order of Service

Pastor Ricky Lawson
Officiant
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Organ Prelude

Parting View……..……..Immediate Family

Scripture Reading……Pastor Ricky Lawson
Old Testament:
New Testament:

Prayer of Comfort……..Pastor Ricky Lawson

Selection…….PMBC Choir
Sister Lajoyce Cain

Acknowledgements/Resolutions……Sister Sharon Woods

Reading of the Obituary……..Read Silently

Selection…….PMBC Choir
Pastor Ricky Lawson

The Eulogy
Pastor Elon Meeks

Benediction……..Pastor Ricky Lawson

Recessional……Clergy, Family and Friends