

Go Down, Death

Weep not, weep not,
She is not dead;
She's resting in the bosom of Jesus.
Heart-broken husband—weep no more;
Grief-stricken son—weep no more;
Left-lonesome daughter—weep no more;
She only just gone home.

Day before yesterday morning,
God was looking down from his great, high heaven,
Looking down on all his children,
And his eye fell on Sister Cheral,
Tossing on her bed of pain.
And God's big heart was touched with pity,
With the everlasting pity.

And God sat back on his throne,
And he commanded that tall, bright angel standing at his right hand:
Call me Death!
And that tall, bright angel cried in a voice
That broke like a clap of thunder:
Call Death!—Call Death!
And the echo sounded down the streets of heaven
Till it reached away back to that shadowy place,
Where Death waits with his pale, white horses.

And Death heard the summons,
And he leaped on his fastest horse,
Pale as a sheet in the moonlight.
Up the golden street Death galloped,
And the hooves of his horses struck fire from the gold,
But they didn't make no sound.
Up Death rode to the Great White Throne,
And waited for God's command.

And God said: Go down, Death, go down,
Go down to Savannah, Georgia,
Down in Yamacraw,
And find Sister Caroline.
She's borne the burden and heat of the day,
She's labored long in my vineyard,
And she's tired—
She's weary—
Go down, Death, and bring her to me.

And Jesus rocked her in his arms,
And kept a-saying: Take your rest,
Take your rest.



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Home Going Celebration

for

Mrs. Cheral LaTerice Russell-Beard

May 22, 1969

February 22, 2026



Services

Saturday March 7, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Jones-Clark Funeral Home Chapel
1302 Oakland Parkway
Lima, OH 45805

Order of Service

Officiating —Louis Earl Williams

Organ Prelude		Musician
	Processional	
Scriptures	Old Testament New Testament	Clergy Clergy
Prayer of Consolation		Clergy
Selection		Pam Brown
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Eulogy		Missionary Willie Jean Foy

Recessional



Acknowledgments

*The family of **Cheral LaTerice Russell-Beard** wishes to express their sincere appreciation To everyone for their cards, food, flowers, texts, prayers during their time of bereavement.
The Family*

Obituary

Cheral LaTerice Russell-Beard, 56, passed from this life into eternity on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 8:03 p.m. at Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Born on May 22, 1969, Cheral was the beloved daughter of Floyd Russell of Lima, Ohio, and Clara Mae (Brown) Russell, who preceded her in death. Cheral’s life was rooted in love for her family and a deep devotion to those she held close.

Cheral worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant before dedicating herself fully to her home and loved ones as a homemaker. Caring for others was not simply her profession—it was her nature. She found joy in drawing and writing, that allowed her creative mind to flourish and bring beauty into the world around her. She also loved cooking for family and friends, filling her home with warmth, laughter, and the comforting aroma of her meals. Whether playing cards or dominoes, Cheral cherished simple moments spent together, creating memories that will live on in the hearts of those who knew her.

Cheral was united in marriage to Tremain Beard, who preceded her in death. Though she endured the grief of losing her husband, her mother, and her beloved grandparents—Clifton and Ressie Russell, and Archie and Sadie Brown—she remained a source of strength and love for her family.

She leaves to cherish her memory one devoted daughter, K’Lis Russell of Lima, Ohio; one brother, Johnny Coopwood of Texas; three sisters, Iyisha Russell (whom Cheral lovingly raised as her own), Chyisha Russell, both of Lima, Ohio, and Precious Russell of Youngstown, Ohio; and two treasured grandchildren, Tremain Russell and Reign Villatoro, both of Lima, Ohio. She also leaves behind her longtime partner, Maurice Pettigrew of Lima, Ohio, along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cheral will be remembered for her fierce spirit, her creativity, her nurturing heart, and the unwavering love she gave so freely.

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