

Celebration
OF LIFE



Evelyn
MARTIN

August 29 , 1932 ~ September 6 , 2025
Thursday September 18 , 2025
Pastor Amelia Williams , Officiating
Watsons Funeral Home
10913 Superior Ave,
Cleveland, OH 44106

Celebration of Life for Evelyn Martin
Thursday September 18, 2025
Repat
7400 Wade Park Ave
Cleveland, OH 44103

Order of --- SERVICE



Processional – Family & Friends

Family Visitation – 10:00-10:30am

Scripture Reading (*Old Testament*) – Minister Dora Appling

Scripture Reading (*New Testament*) – Minister

Prayer – Minister

Selection – Adrieana Clements

Acknowledgements – Radiance Williams

Remarks- *Previously Selected by the Family*

Reading of Obituary – Chris Clements

Selection - Deirdre Williams

Eulogy – Pastor Amelia Williams

Recessional – Funeral Directors

“Well done, good and faithful servant...” – Matthew 25:23





Evelyn was born on August 29, 1932, in Tuskegee, Alabama, to Clinton Clements and Lillie Ruth Browning, who preceded her in death. After graduating from Tuskegee Institute High School, *Evelyn* lovingly helped her parents by caring for her younger siblings. Years later, she moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she worked as a cook and server at Shaker Lee Hall. It was there her gift for cooking and caring for others truly shined. As the Word reminds us, *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others” (1 Peter 4:10)*, and *Evelyn* lived this principle daily.

Evelyn began her family with the birth of her children Brady, Yolanda, Michael, and Clifford. In time, she met and married George Martin, and together they were blessed with five more children: Toni, Kathy, Scott, George, and Rufus. *Evelyn* embraced her role as a homemaker, taking great pride in caring for her family, maintaining her home, and creating a space filled with warmth and love.

Evelyn continued serving in her community through her cooking. For many years, she managed the food bank and faithfully cooked for the City Mission through her church. For over 20 years, she was a devoted member of Cleveland Bethel Seventh Day Adventist Church, where she served on various boards, supervised the food bank, and shared Christ’s love through meals prepared for those in need. *“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink” (Matthew 25:35)*. *Evelyn* lived this scripture fully, never hesitating to meet the needs of others.

Beyond her service, *Evelyn* found joy in fishing and gardening. Her garden was filled with rows of tomatoes, peppers, squash, and other vegetables, which she delighted in cooking and sharing. Sundays in *Evelyn’s* house were some of the best days—family and friends could always count on a good meal, and she made sure no one left empty-handed. She was known for her generosity, even giving away scarves, hats, or coats if someone came unprepared for the cold. Whether feeding the hungry or keeping others warm, *Evelyn* embodied Christ’s love

She’s remembered for her sweet and gentle voice, always responding to “I love you” with, “I love you more.” *Evelyn* was also remarkably strong and active; she stayed fit and could outwalk anyone, a testament to her energy and determination. She lived with honesty, integrity, and faith, guided by the Word of God. *“The integrity of the upright guides them” (Proverbs 11:3)*, and *Evelyn’s* life was a shining example of this truth.

Evelyn is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George Martin Sr.; her children, Brady Clements and Kathy (Kitty) Martin; her granddaughter, Ciara; and siblings Mary (Tina), Clinton Clements Jr., Vivian Lawton, Curtis Clements, and Robert Lewis- Clements.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children: Yolanda Clements, Michael Clements, Clifford (Debra) Clements, Toni Martin, Scott (Tonya) Martin, George, and Rufus; her grandchildren Elijah, Evelyn (Reese), David, Rhonda (DC), Michael Jr. (Ronitta), Nicole (Brandon), Jeremiah (Yvonne), Chasitie, Clifford Jr.(Jennifer), Trey, Paige, Brandi (Rick), Darius, Alexander, Douglas (Chaya), Megan, Matthew (Meachie), Alexis, Kathy (Summer), Ian, Lily, Nia, Rufus Jr., and Rashad; Her siblings Annie Ruth Browning (New Jersey), Edna Smith (New York), Anna Collins (Virginia), Amelia Williams , Ulysses Clements, and Rosetta Clements (Cleveland, OH); along with a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Evelyn lived a life of service, honesty, and integrity, reflecting Christ’s love to all who knew her. She loved the Word of God and kept her Bible close, drawing strength from its promises. Her life was a testimony of faith, family, and love.

Acknowledgements

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of love, support, and kindness shown during this time of loss. Your prayers, comforting words, visits, calls, and acts of compassion have brought strength and peace to our hearts.

A special thank you is extended to her night caretaker, Oranges Hodges; her caretaker granddaughter, DC; Nicole and the Hospice staff; the Salvation Army Harbor Light staff and her church family. We are especially grateful to all who helped keep her smiling until the very end, as well as everyone who have joined us in this homegoing celebration.

May God continue to bless each of you for your thoughtfulness, care, and love.



Interment
Cleveland Memorial Garden
4324 Green Rd, Highland Hills, OH 44122

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” – 2 Timothy 4:7

