A Tribute to Nana

Forever Loved • Forever Remembered

To know Marlene was to love her. She had a special way of making everyone feel remembered, appreciated, and loved. Whether it was a birthday card arriving in the mail, a thoughtful gift, a family gathering, or one of her spontaneous adventures, Marlene made memories that will last a lifetime. She taught us that life is meant to be lived, family is to be cherished, and love is best expressed through the little things we do for one another. Though we will miss her beautiful smile, loving heart, and independent spirit, we will forever carry her memories with us. Her hands may be at rest, but the love she gave will live on through generations. Rest peacefully, Nana. Your journey here is complete, but your love will live on forever. You will always be loved, forever missed, and never forgotten.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of Marlene Richardson

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Obituary

Marlene Janice Richardson passed away peacefully on October 24, 2026, at Hospice of the Christ Hospital. Marlene was born on December 21, 1934, to the late Robert and Rosella Richardson.

Marlene attended Withrow High School, where she met Otis Leroy Williams, the father of her three daughters. She began her career at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and later continued her professional journey at General Hospital, formerly known as University Hospital of Cincinnati. After 33 years of dedicated service as a Dietary Technician, Marlene retired, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and commitment.

Marlene was a faithful and devoted member of Walnut Hills Baptist Church. Everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her was drawn to her warm, loving personality. She had a special way of making people feel remembered and loved.

Although Marlene was many things to many people, one of her most treasured roles was being a grandmother. Affectionately known as “Nana,” her grandchildren were truly her pride and joy. She never forgot a birthday and made it a point to send cards, gifts, and thoughtful gestures to let everyone know they were loved. Those little acts of kindness were simply who she was.

Marlene loved living life to the fullest. Before her illness, she enjoyed visiting the casinos and traveling the world. She was independent, adventurous, and always ready for her next adventure. She didn't need anyone to tag along to have a good time. When Marlene decided she was going somewhere, she simply got up and went!

As the matriarch of her family, Marlene was a strong, loving presence whose wisdom, generosity, and unforgettable personality brought everyone together. Her love for her family was evident in everything she did. Her presence will forever be cherished, and the memories she created will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Marlene leaves to cherish her precious memories her sister, Elaine Smith; two daughters, Yvonne Williams (Jeff) and Patrica Richardson; granddaughters, Latrese (Shaughn) Bess, Terra Lambert, and Latia Simpson; and grandsons, Michael Jr., Quran Richardson, and Shuquran Hope. She also leaves a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sons-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever treasure her memory.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Rosella Richardson; her sister, Juanita Goolsby; her brother, Robert Richardson; her daughter, Lorraine Lambert (Michael); her grandson, Lawrence Champion; and her niece, Joanne Richardson.

Though our hearts are saddened by her passing, we find comfort in knowing that Marlene is reunited with her loved ones who went before her.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Elder Charles Saffron
Scripture	Elder Charles Saffron
Recorded Selection	“Going Up Yonder” Tramaine Hawkins
Acknowledgements	
Remarks	2 Minutes Please
Obituary	Read Silently
Selection	The Lambert Family
Eulogy	Elder Charles Saffron
Benediction	Elder Charles Saffron
Recessional	Clergy, Family & Friends

Pallbearers

Devan Richardson, Jr.
Shaughn Bess, Jr.
Shuquran Hope
Michael Lambert, Jr.
Anthony Richardson
Darryl Richardson
Lauren Champion