

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THE FAMILY OF RUTH GAGE EXTENDS THEIR DEEPEST APPRECIATION
AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO STOOD BESIDE US
DURING THIS TIME OF SORROW.

WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL FOR THE OVERWHELMING LOVE,
PRAYERS, AND SUPPORT SHOWN THROUGH YOUR PRESENCE,
KIND WORDS, MESSAGES, AND THOUGHTFUL GESTURES. EVERY
EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY—WHETHER SPOKEN, WRITTEN,
OR SILENTLY FELT—HAS
BROUGHT US COMFORT AND STRENGTH BEYOND MEASURE.
IN A TIME OF GREAT LOSS, YOUR COMPASSION HAS BEEN A SOURCE
OF LIGHT AND REASSURANCE. IT HAS REMINDED US THAT WE ARE
SURROUNDED BY A COMMUNITY OF CARE, KINDNESS, AND UNITY THAT
WE WILL FOREVER HOLD CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS.
MAY YOU ALL BE BLESSED FOR THE COMFORT YOU HAVE
GIVEN US AND THE LOVE YOU HAVE SHARED.

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THE TABLE
1507 SAINT CLAIR AVE.
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

IN LOVING

Memory

NOVEMBER 26, 1946
JUNE 25, 2026



Ruth Diane **GAGE**

WATSON'S FUNERAL HOME
10913 SUPERIOR AVE.
CLEVELAND OHIO, 44106

Obituary

Ruth Diane Gage, affectionately known as "Diane" by all who loved and knew her, was born on November 26, 1946, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, to the late Mozelle and Willie Gage. She peacefully departed this life on June 25, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of unwavering faith, love, and devotion to family and church.

Diane was the youngest of four daughters born to Mozelle and Willie. In 1951, she relocated with her family to Cleveland, Ohio, where she established lifelong roots and became a beloved member of her community.

At the tender age of eight, Diane accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at the Historic Greater Friendship Baptist Church by the late Rev. C. W. Alexander. She remained a faithful and dedicated member of Greater Friendship for an extraordinary 74 years. Throughout her many years of membership, Diane faithfully served in various ministries and remained committed to the mission and fellowship of her church family.

Blessed with the voice of an angel, Diane was a loyal and devoted member of the Greater Friendship Voices of Praise Mass Choir. Her love for music extended throughout Greater Cleveland, where she for 42 years. shared her gift through her participation with several community choirs, including the Inspirational Voices of Peace and the Ralph Skipper Choir, among others.

Diane was also a vibrant participant at Eliza Bryant Adult Day Center for more than ten years, where she truly became the life of the center. Her joyful spirit, infectious smile, and genuine love for others brightened the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Diane received her education through the Cleveland Public School System and was employed for a period of time with Vocational Guidance Services. However, her greatest work was demonstrated through the love, care, and compassion she freely gave to her family, friends, and community.

Diane cherished her family and treasured every opportunity to spend time with those she loved, especially her only son. Her life was a testament to faith, perseverance, grace, and unconditional love.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mozelle and Willie Gage; her half-sister, Edna Gage Wilson; her brother-in-law, John Evans, Sr.; and her great-niece, Aisha Evans.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: her devoted son, Darnell Lee Gage (Sunday daughter in-law.); two grandchildren, Dayija Harshaw and Darnae Phillips; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Clarice Rucker (Reginald, Sr.) and Jerilene Evans; three nieces, Denise Burton (Ed) and Jeanette Rucker of Chicago, Illinois and Jasmine Rucker; two nephews, John Evans, Jr. and Reginald Rucker, Jr.; great-nieces, Jayla Burton, Simaya Burton, Jaiyah Evans, Azylah Cartwright and Lauren Rucker; great-nephews, Joshua Burton, Reginald Rucker III, and Bryce Rucker; ,Daryl Brown(father of her son)and a host of extended family members, church family, and dear friends who will forever hold her memory in their hearts.

Though Diane's physical presence is no longer with us, her legacy of faith, love, and service will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Matthew 25:23

Order of service

MUSICAL PRELUDE
VOICES OF PRAISE

PROCESSIONAL
FAMILY & FRIENDS

SCRIPTURE
OLD & NEW TESTAMENT
REV. JUAN WILEY

PRAYER
REV. JUAN WILEY

MUSICAL SOLO
QUINTESSENCE OTEY
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RESOLUTION
MOTHER WILSON

MUSICAL SOLO
REGINALD RUCKER III

REFLECTION
FAMILY & FRIENDS (2 MINUTES)

OBITUARY READING

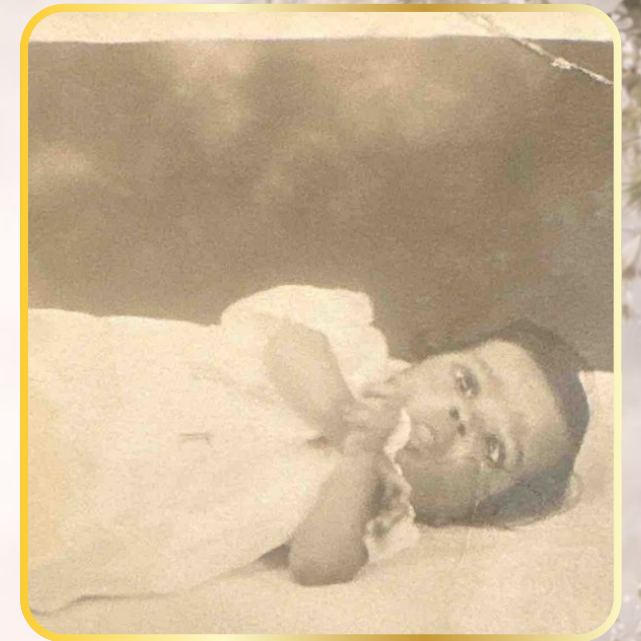
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POEM READING
DENISE BURTON

MUSIC SELECTION
VOICES OF PRAISE

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REV. LARRY W.HOWARD

RECESSIONAL
FAMILY





FROM HER ONLY SON

GOD BLESSED MY LIFE THE DAY I WAS BORN, BY GIVING ME A MOTHER WHOSE LOVE CARRIED ME ON. AS YOUR ONLY SON, I STOOD BY YOUR SIDE, FOREVER GRATEFUL, FOREVER WITH PRIDE. YOU TAUGHT ME TO TRUST WHEN I COULDN'T SEE, TO LEAN ON THE LORD WHO WOULD STRENGTHEN ME. YOUR FAITH WAS YOUR ANCHOR, YOUR LOVE WAS YOUR LIGHT, YOU POINTED ME TOWARD WHAT WAS HOLY AND RIGHT. TODAY MY HEART ACHES, AND MY TEARS FREELY FALL, BUT GOD'S FAITHFUL PROMISE IS GREATER THAN ALL. BECAUSE CHRIST LIVES, I KNOW THIS IS NOT THE END; IN HEAVEN, WE'LL EMBRACE ONCE AGAIN. UNTIL THAT DAY, I'LL HONOR YOUR NAME, LIVE BY THE VALUES YOU HELPED ME OBTAIN. THANK YOU, MOM, FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE— I'LL ALWAYS BE PROUD TO BE YOUR ONLY SON.

