



Loving Tributes

God saw you were getting tired, and a cure was not to be. So, he put his arms around you and whispered come with me. With teary eyes we watched you suffer and watched you fade away, although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. Each time we see your picture you seem to smile and say don't cry I'm in god's hands well meet again someday,

Letter from kids

Through her passing and upon everything we are, we have fragments of her reflection within us all. Sisters, Brothers, daughter, sons, down to the grandkids. In this lifetime, she may not have had the courage to keep us all grounded in ways her heart and soul wanted, but as I've had the time to put her stories, experiences, and journey's together, one thing I do know is that she had an unspoken and unseen power of sheer will. Maybe.... just maybe we could take that same will, transmit and direct it into a more cultivating, embracing, enticing and healthy environment of love and bliss amongst one another and the world.

Grandson - Marquis "Mookie" Johnson

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards, calls, support and all acts of kindness bestowed upon us during this extremely difficult time. It has been a comforting blessing to each of us.



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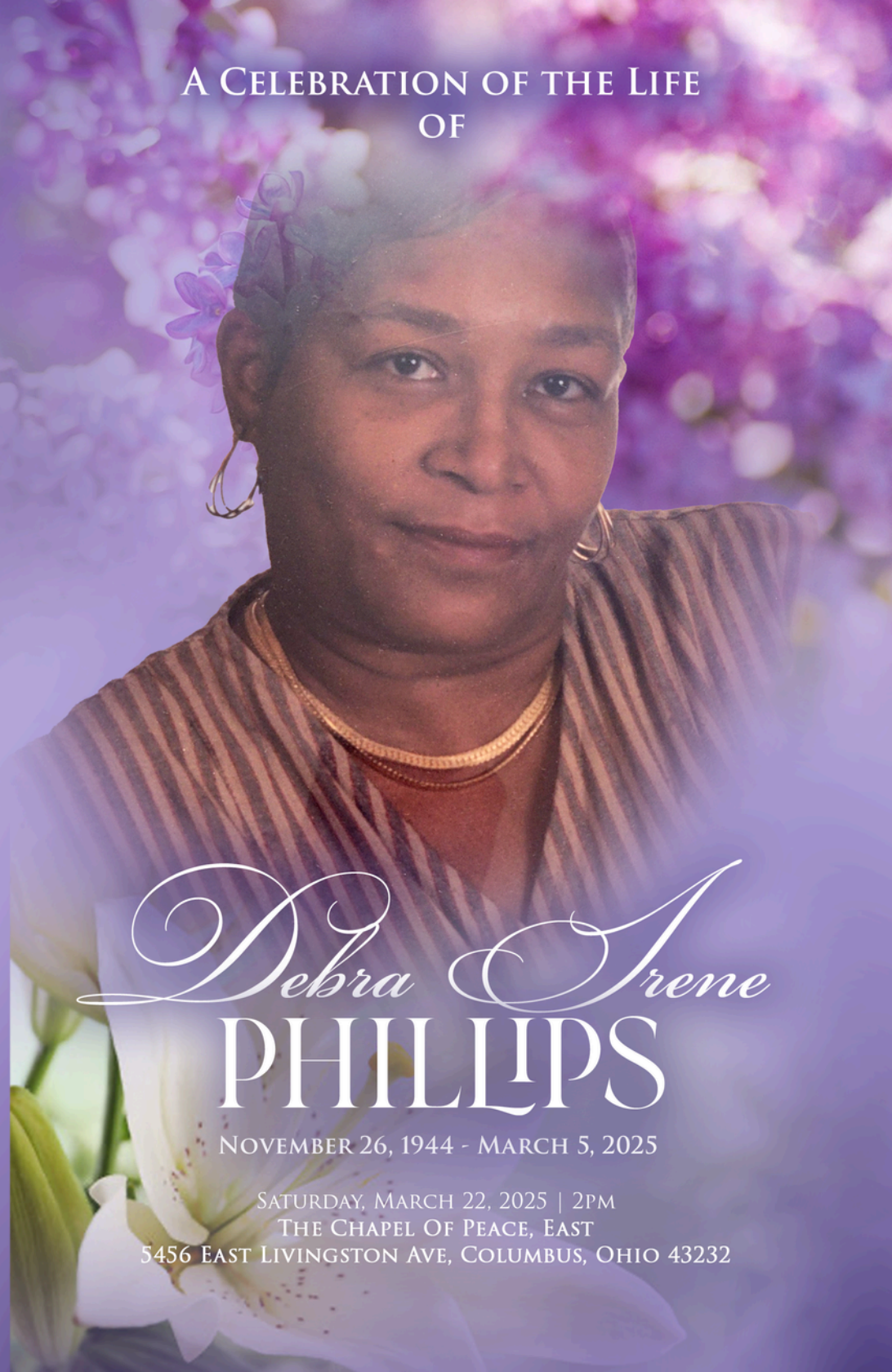
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A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF



Debra Irene PHILLIPS

NOVEMBER 26, 1944 - MARCH 5, 2025

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025 | 2PM

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Obituary

Debra I. Phillips was born in Pittsburg, PA on November 26, 1944. To the late Thomas "John Ayers" and Anna "Flowers" Ayers. Debra departed this life on Thursday March 6th, 2025 at 9:30am.

Proceeded her in death are her (Parents) Thomas Ayers and Anna Ayers, (Brother) Alfred Ayers "Al" and (Gerri Ayers),(Brother) Franklin "Douglas" Ayers, (Brother) Robert "Sunny" Ayers, (Sister) Nola Hobson and (Oscar Hobson), (Son) James "Jamie" Ayers, (Daughter) Dawn Imes, (Daughter) Tracy "Dion" Ayers, and grandson Cornale "Dajuan" Ayers.

Debra was the fifth child born into a union of ten children, The Family moved to Detroit, Michigan where she graduated from Southeastern High School in the 1960's. Detroit Michigan is also where she accepted Christ in her life at the Clinton Street Bethlehem Temple Church.

Debra went on to raise six children in Detroit, Michigan with the help of her mother and father.

She later moved to Columbus, OH in the 80's, Where she took on a variety of jobs while she took classes and graduated to be a nurse's assistant.

She was surrounded by lots of family, friends, and love during her passing. She leaves to celebrate her life her Children Carmen Williams, Rodney Ayers (Nicole Ayers), and Shannan Johnson, her Siblings Gil Ayers, Gerald Ayers, Donna Ellison (Ronnie), Gail Browning (Harold), Dorothy "Dolly" Hutchinson (Freddie), (12) Grandkids, (10) Great Grand Kids, and (4) Great-Great Grand Children, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.



Order Of Service

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