

A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

Keep Smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about falls

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes we're together again.



2 Timothy 4:7-8

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

Pallbearers

Herman Jackson Reginald Simmons
Russell Brazzle Steve Jennings
Hosea Jennings Keith Henderson
Mitchell Sullivan

Flower Bearers

Friends and Family

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. A Special Thanks to her dear friend Ms. Kay Purnage and the staff of Sanctuary Pointe Nursing Facility & Hospice of Cincinnati.
May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of Helen Alford

Repast

Immediately Following Interment
First Baptist Church of Cumminsville
3640 Roll Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223



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In Loving **MEMORY**



Helen Alford *"Baby Helen"*

Sunrise: May 5, 1933 - Sunset: November 22, 2024



December 7, 2024

Visitation: 10:00am - Funeral Service: 11:00am

First Baptist Church of Cumminsville

3640 Roll Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

Pastor Ronnie P. DuPuy, Officiating

Obituary

Helen Alford (Lewis) was born on May 5, 1933, in her childhood home at 3713 Dirr Street in South Cumminsville, Cincinnati, Ohio. She was the fifth child of the late Richard Eugene Lewis and Helen Hope Lewis (Thomas). Affectionately known as "Baby Helen" and "Lovie," she was cherished by her family and friends.

On November 22, 2024, God, in His infinite wisdom, called one of His children home. Baby Helen spent her childhood in the South Cumminsville community and attended Garfield Elementary School. At the young age of 14, she left school to assist her mother in caring for her younger brother Ronald.

Helen attended the First Baptist Church as a child. In 1960, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at the First Baptist Church of Cumminsville by Reverend Nick Samuels.

At 15, Helen met Virgil Alford, Sr. ("Big Virgil"), and the two were united in holy matrimony on July 10, 1952. Their union was blessed with two sons, Virgil Alford, Jr., and Tyrone Alford. They shared 46 years of marriage until Virgil's passing.

Helen was briefly employed at the Mack Shirt Factory before dedicating herself to being a homemaker. She was a member of the bowling team "The Untouchables," the Red Hat Society, the Usher Board, and formerly served as Vice President of the Young Adults Ministry at First Baptist Church of Cumminsville.

Helen enjoyed traveling with the Lyons Tours alongside her sisters and was fond of visiting casinos. She was lovingly known at First Baptist Church as the "Corn Puddin' Lady." In her senior years, she was an active participant at the Clifton Senior Center, where she engaged in numerous activities.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Alford, Sr.; her parents, Richard Eugene Lewis and Helen Hope Thomas-Lewis; her brothers, Ronald Lewis, John Edward Lewis, Richard Eugene Lewis, Jr., and James Allen Lewis; her sisters, Martha Loraine Lewis-Wolf, Dorothy Mae Lewis-Graham, Thelma Marie Lewis-Robinson, and Geraldine Sarah Lewis; and her nephews, Kevin James Lewis and Fred Lee Graham, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory her two loving sons, Virgil Alford, Jr. (Margie) and Tyrone Alford (Tracy); her stepdaughter, Armatine Alford; her sister, Carolyn Lucille Lewis-Sanders (Thomas); her grandchildren, Tyrone Lewis, Tyshawnta, Tynisha, and Tyler Alford, Eugene Somerset, and Jelani Alford; Pete, Jose, Shefonte Walker, and Antonio Williams; over 30 great-grandchildren; and a host of friends, relatives, and loved ones.

Cherished Memories



Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Anthony Smith
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Pastor Ronnie D. DuPuy
Scripture	Nia Robinson Psalm 27:1-8
Selection	"Jesus Promised Me A Home"
Acknowledgements	
Remarks	Family & Friends <i>(Please Limit Remarks to Two Minutes)</i>
Obituary	Read Silently
Selection	"I Need You Now"
Eulogy	Pastor Ronnie D. DuPuy
Selection	"My God Is Real"
Benediction	Pastor Ronnie D. DuPuy
Recessional	Clergy, Family, & Friends



Final Resting Place

Spring Grove Cemetery

4521 Spring Grove Avenue - Cincinnati, Ohio 45232