



Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful, I will never return,
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.
I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.

So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:
Your thoughts, and your memories,
Of the times we loved,
The times we cried,
The times we fought,
The times we laughed.

For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.

INTERMENT

Mansfield Cemetery
389 Altamont Ave, Mansfield, OH 44902

PALLBEARERS

Mark Russell ~ Kevin Briggs ~ Raheen Parks
Darryl Parks ~ Brendon Jefferson ~ Christian Dubose

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of JoAnne Sylvia Parks wishes to express sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness shown during the loss of our dearly beloved. We could not have made it this far without you.
The Family



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A CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE OF

Joanne Sylvia
PARKS

MARCH 2, 1949 — MARCH 18, 2025





Obituary



Order Of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE
Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW

SCRIPTURE READING

Clergy
Old Testament
Psalms 23 - Clergy
New Testament
John 3: 16-18 - Clergy

PRAYER
Clergy

SELECTION
Shiloh Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CONDOLENCES
Church Secretary

REMARKS
Mrs. Sandra Parks
Annette Henley, Marsha Rucker
2-3 Siblings or Close friends from Buffalo

READING OF OBITUARY
Clergy

SELECTION
Shiloh Choir

THE EULOGY
Bishop Morris

BENEDICTION
Bishop Morris

RECESSIONAL
Clergy, Family and Friends

To know Joanne Sylvia Parks was to witness a life lived with purpose, unwavering faith, joy, and boundless love. A devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister, and loyal friend, Joanne departed this world peacefully on March 18, 2025, at her home in Mansfield, Ohio, just two weeks after celebrating her 76th birthday. Born on March 2, 1949, in Baltimore, Maryland, Joanne's journey was marked by steadfast values and a profound commitment to serving others.

FAMILY AND LEGACY

At the heart of Joanne's life was her family, her greatest source of joy and pride. As a divorced single mother for most of her life, Joanne built a legacy rooted in faith, love, and resilience. Joanne was a proud devoted mother to Antoine Meeks, Adrian Meeks, and Carlos Hill; mother-in-law to Charmada Meeks, Tiffany Meeks, LaSonya Foster Hill and Sonyja Meeks. Grandmother of Dezarae Russell, Raquele Meeks, Chardonae Meeks, Christian DeBose, Tiffany Meeks, Taqora Meeks, Amoni Meeks, Adriane Meeks, Jeremiah Meeks, Judah Meeks; Davina Nicole Campbell, Jermaine Lloyd, Carlos Meeks, Jr., Jasmine Meeks, Karonda Foster-Mitchell, Kailah Smith; and great-grandmother of several beautiful children whom she cherished. Known for her wisdom, strength, and generosity, Joanne was more than the head of her family, she was a guiding light. She instilled in her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and godchildren the values of integrity, compassion, and perseverance. Her influence extended far beyond her family, touching the lives of all who were fortunate enough to call her a mentor, colleague or friend.

EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION

Born the third oldest daughter in a family of eleven, Joanne grew up in Buffalo, New York, surrounded by the love and encouragement of her parents, Joseph Parks, Sr. and Mary Boulware Parks, and the support of her siblings.

From an early age, she exhibited a natural talent, interest and passion for reading, travel, dance, music, and serving GOD and her community. She enjoyed a successful career with General Motors Chevrolet Plant resulting in an offer and acceptance of a transfer to Mansfield, Ohio.

After retiring, Joanne continued her passion for nursing by accepting private duty cases, allowing her to provide care, compassion and service to her patients. Joanne attended Lafayette High School in Buffalo, New York, where she was one of the creators of the first Drill Team. Most recently, Joanne was an active Nursing student at Marion Technical College in Mansfield, Ohio.

SURVIVED BY

Joanne is survived by her sons Antoine (Charmada) Meeks, Adrian (Tiffany) Meeks, and Carlos (LaSonya) Hill; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her siblings, Marie (Arthur) Hammonds, Joseph (Sandra) Parks, Marlene (Melvin) Butler, Randy Parks, Danny Parks, Mary Parks, Bernadine Parks and Anthony Parks; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Annie Mae Hemphill and Betty Jean Brown; her nieces, Jacqueline Parks, Marilyn Hemphill and Faye Hemphill; and her parents, Joseph Parks, Sr. and Mary Boulware Parks.

REMEMBERING JOANNE

Joanne Sylvia Parks leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, and leadership. Her life was a testament to the power of integrity, service, and unwavering devotion to those she cared for. Though she will be deeply missed, her memory and influence will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.