

## *Psalm 121: 5 - 8*

The Lord watches over you- the Lord is your shade at your right hand; The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm- he will watch over your lifeThe Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

## *Acknowledgements*

The family of Tempie Luckey would like to express appreciation for your thoughts, cards, phone calls, and words of encouragement during our loss. To know you are with us in our time of sorrow, Sharing in our prayers, today and tomorrow.



## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Tempie Luckey*

DECEMBER 31, 1940 - APRIL 22, 2026

### *Service*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026  
VISITATION 10:00 A.M. SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

*Walker Funeral Home*

2625 GILBERT AVELNUE CINCINNATI, OH 45206

# Obituary

Tempie Luckey was born on December 31, 1940, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Robert Luckey and Elizabeth (McMullen). She was the second oldest of eight children. Elizabeth then married Clifford Wheeler, who raised Tempie as his own, along with her six siblings. From a young age, Tempie was known as a caregiver. She was very protective and supportive of her siblings.

Tempie attended North College Hill and Central High School. She worked as a dietary aide at Holmes Hospital (UC) and at Pogue's Department Store in downtown Cincinnati. Tempie's hobbies consisted of cooking, doing crossword puzzles, reading, maintaining family ties, and socializing with others.

Tempie primarily resided in the community of Avondale for most of her adult life. She volunteered for the Hamilton County voting polls and worked with Urban League as an advocate for rebuilding the Avondale Community. For the past ten years, Tempie was a resident of Maple Knoll in Springdale, OH. She encountered many physical health struggles, but through it all she remained very strong. Tempie passed away peacefully on April 22, 2026, while surrounded by family at Mercy Fairfield Hospital.

Tempie was with the love of her life, James O. Thomas Sr., for 26 years, who preceded her in death in December 2005. Tempie's legacy lives on through her only daughter, Wanda Essex (Luckey); three grandchildren, LaShawna Luckey, Tiesha King (Rickey II), and Gregory Essex Jr.; three great-grandchildren, Safira Luckey, Christopher Basking, and Laila King; two great-great-grandsons, Amir and Sa'mir (preceded in death).

Tempie is survived by her siblings Esther Herrington, Maurice Wheeler, Deborah Wheeler; and was preceded in death by Betty Saunders, Margie Wheeler, Clifford Wheeler Jr., and Ronald Wheeler. Tempie also has a host of extended family in Greater Cincinnati, Ohio, as well as Rockdale County, Georgia.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....	James Sutton
Parting View.....	Family
Welcome Greeting and Scripture.....	Dr. Stephen McMullen
Music Selection.....	<i>"When You've Been Blessed"</i>
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Reflections.....	Family and Friends
Eulogy.....	Dr. Stephen McMullen
Music Selection.....	<i>"Jesus Promised Me a Place Over There"</i>
Closing Greeting.....	LaShawna Luckey
Recessional.....	<i>"I'll Fly Away"</i>

Following the service, family and friends are welcome to fellowship at Walker Funeral Home for the Repast.