

## *I'm Free*

I am free Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following paths God made for me  
I took his hand I heard him call  
Then turned, and bid farewell to all

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found my peace... at close of play

And if my parting left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened... deep with sorrow  
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow

My life's been full I've savored much  
Good friends, good times  
A loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with grief  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God wants me now... He set me free.



## *"Our Aunt Lillian*

My definition of you is bigger than words..... Its movements, conversations, time spent together riding in our car with the windows up, asking why we're moving so fast. Lol.

It's going grocery shopping at Sam's or out to eat and refusing to let us pay, even when it's your birthday!!!

I was happy you always enjoyed my cooking. It made me proud, because Aunt Lillian didn't eat no mess!

It's hard to put into words what having you in my life has meant.

I thank the Lord for having the opportunity to experience your Grace, Humor, Wisdom, and Love!

You will truly be missed. We love You.

Aunt Lillian

Written by Latoya Crawford.

## *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.

May God Bless and Keep You!  
- The family of Lillian Kirby



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## *In Loving* **MEMORY**



*Lillian Kirby*

May 8, 1927 - March 22, 2026

*April 9, 2026*

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

*Walker - Walnut Hills*

2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Dr. W.L. Hagans Jr., Officiating

## Obituary

Lillian (Mitchell) Kirby, the daughter of the late Lucas Mitchell and Minnie Pittman, was born on May 8, 1927, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She departed this life on March 22, 2026, at The Hospice of Cincinnati.

Lillian was one part of the family of the late Ed Colvard. She was raised by the family of James and Coot Colvard, and together they lived in the West End of Cincinnati, Ohio.

At an early age, Lillian accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized when she joined New Prospect Baptist Church. She was a faithful member who served on the Usher Board. She also worked in the homes of various families as a housekeeper.

Later in life, she married Walter (Tom) Kirby, who preceded her in death. Tom had 7 children when they married in 1980, and Lillian lovingly embraced the role of wife and mother. The children, in turn, treated her as such. She was deeply loved, and she loved her family dearly. Lillian loved to travel and truly enjoyed life.

One son, Walter J., also preceded her in death, along with two sons-in-law, Rev. William Hagan Sr. and Jimmy Carter, and one daughter-in-law, Margaret (Maggie) Dean Kirby.

Those saddened by Lillian's untimely death, she leaves to cherish her memory her three sons, Marvin (Duke) Kirby, James Kirby (Jackie), and Tony Kirby; her three daughters, Carolyn Hagans, Mary Carter, and Charlene Kirby; a host of nieces and nephews; 22 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Also a special thanks to her friends, Ms. Nancy, Ms. Wila, and a very special thank you to Ms. Chris.



## John 11: 25-26

"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection, and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives & believes in me will never die."

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude .....	
Parting View .....	Immediate Family
Prayer .....	Dr. W.L. Hagans Jr.
Scripture .....	Deacon James Eubanks
Selection .....	Carrie Johnson "Precious Lord"
Acknowledgements .....	
Remarks .....	2 Minutes Please
Obituary .....	Read Silently
Recorded Selection .....	Marvin Sapp "Never Would Have Made It."
Eulogy .....	Dr. W.L. Hagans Jr.
Benediction .....	Dr. W.L. Hagans Jr.
Recessional .....	Clergy, Family & Friends



## Repast

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