# I Miss You Mama

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that, too. I think of you in silence. I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart.



## 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 Ida Mae Hammonds

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# Ida Mae Hammonds

May 9, 1931 - October 10, 2026

## Sunday, October 25, 2026

Visitation: 2:00 pm - Funeral Service: 3:00 pm

## Walker Funeral Home - Walnut Hills

2625 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Minister Chris Gillum • Officiating

# Obituary

Ida Mae Martin was born on May 9, 1931, in McCormick, South Carolina, to Addie Mae Waller and Paul Waller. She was the firstborn of two children, and her younger brother was Paul Waller Jr. Throughout her life, Ida embodied the values of faith, family, kindness, and compassion.

At an early age, Ida accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was ` at Saint Charlotte Baptist Church. Her faith became an important foundation throughout her life's journey. In 1947, she relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she began a new chapter of her life. She later joined First Baptist Church of Walnut Hills, where she remained a faithful member until her passing.

Ida graduated from Withrow High School in 1950. In 1955, she married James Holloway, and from this union came four children: Bruce, Regina, Lothell, and Ronnie.

In 1965, Ida married Ben Hammonds, who was a widower with seven children: Betty, Robert, Lillie, Larry, Millie, Jeff, and Mary. Together, Ida and Ben welcomed two more children, Ben Jr. and Johnny, bringing their blended family together.

Ida devoted much of her life to caring for her family as a homemaker. As her children grew older, she also provided housekeeping services for several households in Indian Hills. Whether caring for her own family or serving others, Ida approached her responsibilities with dedication and a loving spirit.

Family was at the heart of everything Ida did. She was known for her gentle nature, cheerful disposition, and unwavering willingness to help others. Ida never had an unkind word to say about anyone. Her kindness was evident in the way she treated everyone she encountered, and her compassion extended far beyond her own household.

If a family member or friend became ill, Ida would be there at the drop of a hat, ready to provide comfort and nursing care. She was often the first person to step forward when someone needed help. Caring for others came naturally to her, and she gave of herself without hesitation.

Ida also demonstrated her devotion through the sacrifices she made for her loved ones. She traveled to South Carolina for several years to care for her mother and uncle until their passing. Her willingness to put the needs of others before her own was a reflection of the selflessness and love that defined her life.

As her health declined, Ida became a resident of Mason Health Nursing Home. Even there, her loving, respectful, and cheerful personality made a lasting impression. She was loved by the staff and those around her, continuing to share the warmth and kindness that had always been a part of who she was.

Ida found joy in life's simple pleasures, including one of her favorite treats: chicken wings and a Coke. She also treasured special family moments. One of her most recent joys was attending her granddaughter Kayla's wedding on September 13, 2026. She was so happy to be present for this special occasion, creating one more precious memory with the family she loved so dearly.

On October 10, 2026, Ida Mae Hammonds made her peaceful transition in Cincinnati, Ohio. Though her earthly journey has ended, the love she shared and the memories she created will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Her life was a testament to perseverance, faith, selflessness, and the lasting impact one person can have on a family and community.

Ida was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Hammonds; her children Robert, Larry, Bruce, Jeff, Betty, and Regina; and other loved ones who went before her.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughters, Millie and Mary; her sons, Lothell, Ronnie (Nola), Ben Jr., and Johnny; forty-one grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Ida was cherished, loved, and appreciated by so many. Her gentle spirit, generous heart, steadfast faith, and deep love for her family will continue to live on through the generations she leaves behind.

**She will be greatly missed, but her love will never be forgotten.**

# Order of Service

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| Musical Prelude | |
| Processional | Family |
| Parting View | Immediate Family |
| Prayer | Minister Chris Gillum |
| Scripture | Minister Chris Gillum<br>John 14:1-3 |
| Selection | Minister Chris Gillum |
| Acknowledgements | |
| Remarks | Kindly keep your remarks to 2 Minutes |
| Obituary | Read Silently |
| Selection | Minister Chris Gillum |
| Eulogy | Minister Chris Gillum |
| Benediction | Minister Chris Gillum |
| Recessional | Clegy Family & Friend |

## Pallbearers

Ben Hammonds

Ronnie Holloway

Johnny Hammonds

Shelton Holloway

Lothell Holloway Jr.

## Final Resting Place

Monday, October 26, 2026
11:15 AM
Vine Street Hill Cemetery
3701 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220