

Poem

MOMMY

YOU WERE VERY SPECIAL AND THAT'S WHY IT'S HARD
TO PUT ALL OUR FEELINGS IN THIS LITTLE SPACE
YOU WERE CALLED, YOU HAD TO GO AND IT MAKES US FEEL SAD TODAY
BECAUSE IT FEELS SO VERY WRONG YOU COULD NO LONGER STAY AS
YOU'RE NOW WITH THE ANGELS AND
WE'D LIKE TO SEND A HUG TO YOU AND ALSO LOTS OF LOVE
SO SLEEP WELL DEAR MOTHER AND WE'LL TRY NOT TO FEEL
DISTRESSED AS YOU WERE A SHINING LIGHT AND YOU CERTAINLY WERE
THE BEST.....

LOVE,
VICTORIA, RENITA, BRENDA & CYNTHIA

Pallbearers

Dawn B. Allen	Manuel Dixon Jr.
Jason L. Reeves	Rita-Marie Dixon-Thomas
Nicole L. Opoku	Courtney Jane Maxwell

Flower Bearers

Great grandchildren

Acknowledgement

The family of Virby J. Coe wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless You All. -- The Family

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:
Brown-Forward Funeral Home
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Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120
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Celebration of Life



Virby Jane Coe

June 29, 1931 - March 31, 2025

*Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great
grandmother and great-great grandmother*

Thursday, April 17, 2025
Wake 10:00 a.m. Funeral Service 10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Baptist Church
4004 E. 131st
Cleveland, Ohio 44105



Obituary

Virby Jane Coe was born June 29, 1931, in Cleveland Ohio to the union of William Henry Alexander, Sr., and Elizabeth Dorsey. She was the wife of James Arthur Coe, and sister to William Henry Alexander Jr., all who preceded her in death. God called his good and faithful servant home on March 31, 2025.

Virby was educated in the Cleveland Public School system where she graduated from John Hay High School. It was during high school that she met James Arthur Coe. He was a "soda jerk" at a neighborhood drugstore. After many stares by him and her and many root beer floats, they were married on June 10, 1951. To this union four girls were born: Victoria Joanne, Renita Jean, Brenda Lynn and Cynthia Marie.

Virby was a mother, wife and homemaker. After the girls grew older, Virby entered the workforce. She became an employee for the federal government working for the Draft Board and then as a key punch operator for Defense Contract Administration Services Region (DCASR) where she later retired as a supervisor.

Virby was a dedicated member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church later following Pastor Reverend Herbert Smith to Sanctuary Baptist Church where she was one of the charter members. At Sanctuary, she wore many hats as a member of the Trustee and Usher Board, Homecoming Committee, Church and Pastor's Anniversary Committees. She even made time to volunteer for the youth summer camp. Virby Coe faithfully attended services until her health declined. She leaves Sanctuary Baptist Church as its oldest member, honored with the title of Church Mother.

Virby Coe, Mommy, Grandma and Gigi was famous for her sweet potato pies. It was her pleasure to fill the orders placed for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Her daughters and grandchildren loved her toll house (chocolate chip) and peanut butter cookies to the extreme of having them sent out of state!

She was a die-hard Cavalier fan and enjoyed the Indians and Browns too.

She loved playing board games like Scrabble, Dominoes, and Pokeno. To keep her mind sharp, she often worked on seek-and-find puzzles and tackled the jumbo "Guess the Word" in the Plain Dealer. A good movie with popcorn and talking on the phone were other forms of entertainment for her. She would say she was getting her exercise when working in her garden, planting flowers and pulling weeds!

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Not only did she love playing games or completing puzzles, you could find her at the casino with her cousin, Myrna, and family when they came to town. She loved a good casino trip!!! At the ripe age of 83, Virby took her first cruise to the Bahamas. Virby lived a full life, one we can only imagine!

Virby Coe's kindness, encouraging words, smile, and dedication exemplified a true lady. She will be remembered by all who came into her presence.

She leaves to cherish her memories her daughters: Victoria, Renita, Brenda and Cynthia (Frank); grandchildren: Dawn (Davon), Jason, Nicole, Manuel Jr., (Conchetta), Rita-Marie (Lamont) and Courtney, ten great-grandchildren: Jae'Kwon (Kelli), Destinee, William, Javell, Ma'kenley, Nahriya, Rhyan, Imani, Brielle and Manuel III (Tre); two great-great grandchildren, Kyrie and one on the way (Jordyn), a special cousin and host of other relatives and friends.

Virby Jane Coe has put on her robe in glory, heard the trumpets sound and is now wearing a golden crown.

She will be missed but never forgotten. Rest in heaven peacefully until we see each other again.



