

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.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



IRENE
PATRICIA ARMISTEAD

SUNRISE SUNSET
DECEMBER 14, 1949 | JULY 23, 2026

SATURDAY – AUGUST 8, 2026

VISITATION: 1:00 PM
SERVICE: 2:00 PM

THE CHAPEL OF PEACE NORTH
2500 CLEVELAND AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OH 43211

OBITUARY

Irene P Wade was born, December 14, 1949, in Eckman, McDowell County West Virginia to the late Galvester and Virginia Ray Wade in Eckman, West Virginia. She was the second of nine and shared a lifelong bond with her siblings: Jacqueline (Wayne) Horton (WV), Galvester (Loretta) Wade (WV), Charles (Elizabeth) Wade (OH), Joseph (Ella) Wade (OH), Virgil Wade (OH), Kenneth (Nancy) Wade (OH), Kimberly (Melvin) Steward (OH), and Kevin (Kimberly) Wade (SC).

On June 2, 1978, Irene married her childhood sweetheart Marvin Armistead. Although officially married in 1978, they shared a devoted life together as husband and wife since around 1969. Their loving union was blessed with three daughters: Bonita (Wade) Ponder, Marvetta M. Armistead (proceeded her in death in 2014), Patricia G. Armistead. Irene lovingly embraced her bonus daughter Anna Armistead (NY).

Irene was a faithful member of Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church where she joyfully served as a member of the senior choir. Her love for God and her church family remained a guiding force throughout her life.

A dedicated hardworking woman, Irene was consistently employed. She retired from Plaskolite, where she earned Management Supervisory accreditation. She later retired from Schottenstein's Distribution center leaving a legacy of diligence, excellence and endearing relationships.

Above all Irene believed love was life's greatest gift. She taught her children that love is the foundation of family and often reminded them, "Love is something that keeps giving; Love is the glue that binds the family together". Her eternal wish is that her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren is to continue love one another in her absence.

On July 23, 2026, surrounded by her loving husband and daughters, Irene peacefully entered eternal rest, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, strength and devotion.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory, the loves of her life, Husband: Marvin Armistead; Daughters: Bonita Ponder, Anna Armistead and Patricia Armistead; Grandsons: Robert (Jaque) Ponder III, Rashawn (Hanna) Ponder, Jeylin Harris, Steven Knowles, Shakeem Knowles, and Jahlamere Lacan; Granddaughters: Jemyah (Bobby) Freeman, Shaqwanna Armistead, and Shanice Knowles; Sixteen great-grandchildren; five Siblings, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended members, dear friends, and all whose lives she touched with her kindness and unwavering love.

Though she will be deeply missed, Irene's legacy of love, faith, and family will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude.....	<i>"Respect"</i> By: Areatha Franklin
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament.....	Lady Malrissa Jones
New Testament.....	Minister Malissa Holmes
Prayer.....	Minister Malissa Holmes
Selection.....	<i>"Center of My Joy"</i> Ron Mapp
Acknowledgement/Condolences.....	LaTasha Armistead
Remarks.....	Rashawn Ponder - Grandson Robert Ponder III - Grandson Patricia Armistead - Daughter Bonita Ponder - Daughter
Family Video.....	Watch Screen
Reading of Obituary.....	Read Silently

The Eulogy
Rev. Melvina Carter

Benediction.....	Rev. Melvina Carter
Recessional.....	Clergy, Family and Friends <i>"I'll Fly Away"</i> By: Hezekiah Walker

