

'I'm Free'

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free, I'm following
the path God laid for me

I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned my
back and left it all

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to
work or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found
that peace at the close of day

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with
remembered joy

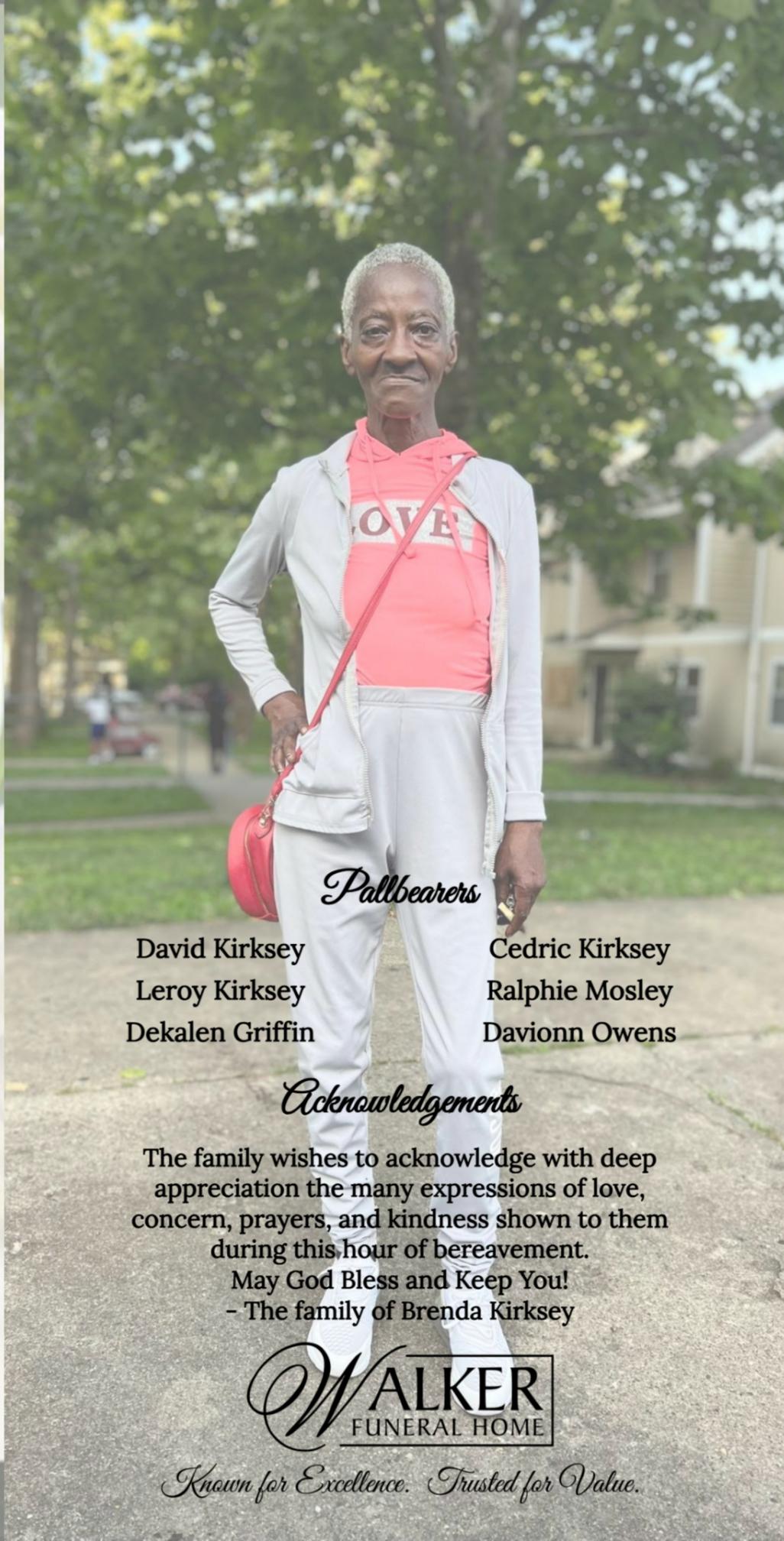
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these
things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish for
you the sunshine of tomorrow

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

If my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it
now with undue grief

Lift up your heart, rejoice with me, God wanted
me now, He set me free.



Pallbearers

David Kirksey
Leroy Kirksey
Dekalen Griffin

Cedric Kirksey
Ralphie Mosley
Davionn Owens

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 Brenda Kirksey



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MEMORY



Brenda Kirksey

December 13, 1957 - January 24, 2026



February 16, 2026

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

Walker - Walnut Hills

2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Obituary

Brenda, lovingly known to everyone as “Bren Bren” and famously crowned Ms. Lava, was born on December 13, 1957, in Cincinnati, Ohio. One of six children, Brenda grew up with a bold spirit, undeniable style, and a personality that could light up any room.

Well known throughout the Millvale and Cumminsville communities, Brenda was unforgettable. Growing up, she proudly said, “I was bad—they all wanted me, and they loved me too,” and that confidence followed her throughout her life. Her presence was magnetic, her words were legendary, and her laugh was contagious.

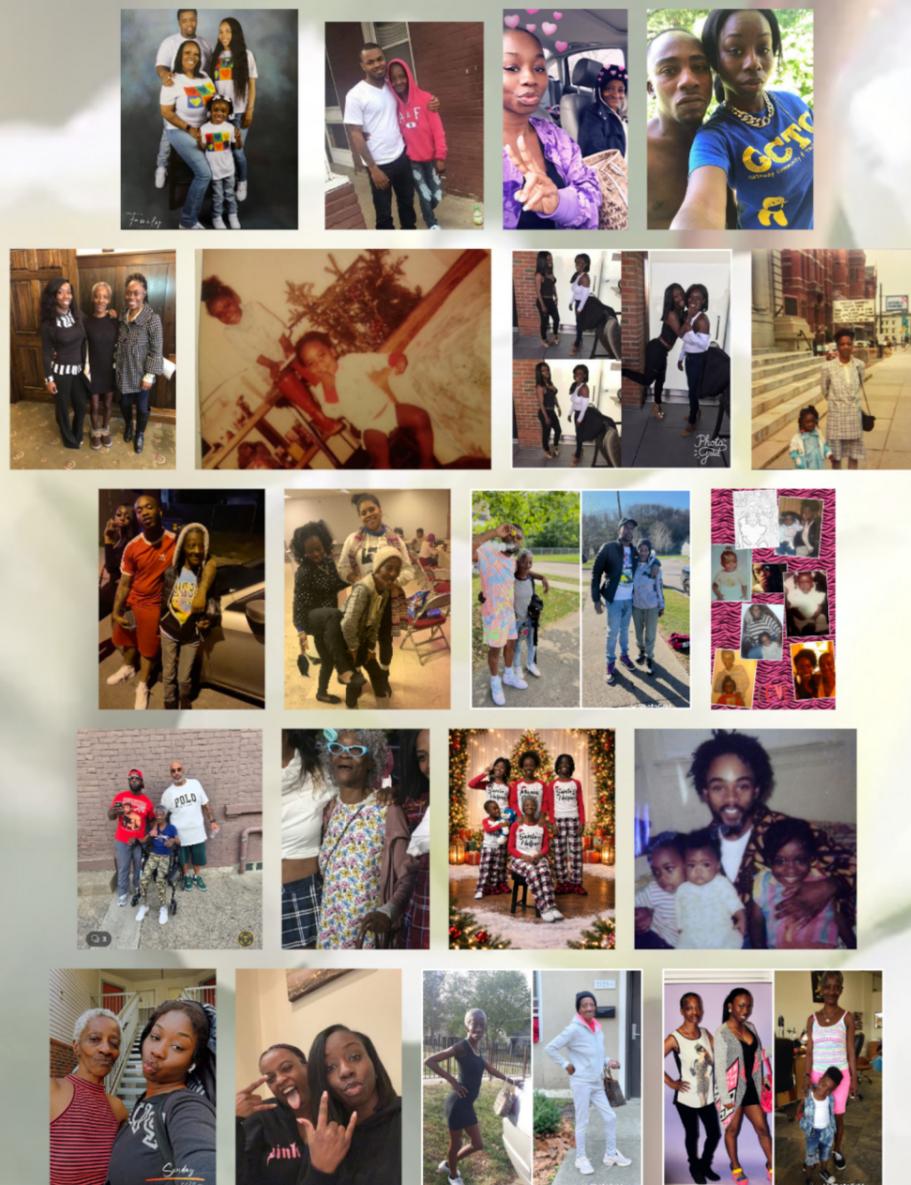
To many, Brenda wasn’t just a neighbor; she was an aunt figure, a mother figure, and a protector of the community. She opened her heart and her hands, caring for neighborhood children, helping clean homes, and making sure everyone around her felt looked after. Brenda was never stingy with anything—especially not love.

Bren Bren had a way of keeping everyone laughing, even if she had to curse you out once in a while—but it was always love. Her heart was big, her loyalty was real, and her care ran deep. And if you ever heard her signature call—“ERRRIIIKKKKK!”—you knew Bren Bren was coming. That sound alone is stamped in the hearts of everyone who knew her.

When you think of Brenda—when you miss her, laugh about her, or feel her spirit nearby—just say “Errrriiik.” That’s Bren Bren: always present, always loved, always unforgettable.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memory her loving children: Dionne Kirksey, Alonzo Budd, Oznola “Sheree” Budd, Mary Budd, and Geraldine Ballew. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren: Roosevelt Curry, Terra Curry, Te’Ari Hughes, Danae Ballew, EJay Walker, Jaxson Smith, Alonzo Budd Jr., and Zore Budd; her great-grandchild, Khalil Curry; along with a host of loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mamie Lee Dunton; her father, Simon Parmell; her sister, Diane Kirksey; and her brothers, Preston Kirksey, Charles Ralph Kirksey, and Larry Kirksey.



*Life is not measured
by the number of breaths
we take, but by the
moments that
take our breath away.*

- Unknown

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Parting View

Prayer

Selection

Remarks

Obituary

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional



Repast

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

1791 Elmore Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

