

A Daughter's Tribute

Mom,

There are moments in life when words simply aren't enough. This is one of them.

I was blessed to have you not only as my mother, but as one of the people closest to me in this world. Because we were so close in age, our relationship was also one of friendship and deep companionship. There are memories, conversations, laughter, and pieces of my life that only you and I shared.

I will always remember the many sides of you: the mother, educator, healthcare professional, artist, friend, giver, and woman who cared deeply about people. You taught me that helping others matters. You showed me that there is always room in your heart for someone who needs you.

I especially love remembering the artist in you—the woman who loved to paint and draw and who once stood between two dreams, medicine and art. You chose medicine, but you never stopped being an artist. That creativity was always part of you.

I wish we had more time. I wish the plans for you to come to Illinois could have happened. But I am choosing to hold close what we did have: your love, your lessons, our conversations, and the bond we shared.

Mom, I love you. I always have, and I always will. I will carry you with me for the rest of my life. Your memory will live through me, our family, your friends, your students, and every person whose life you touched.

Rest peacefully, Mommy. Until we meet again.

Love always,
Meché



Acknowledgements

The family of Norma Beatrice Ragland extends our deepest gratitude to everyone who has surrounded us with love, prayers, encouragement, kindness, and support. We are especially grateful to family and friends who stood beside Norma and our family throughout her illness and during this difficult time.

We thank those who called, visited, prayed, sent messages, offered assistance, and reminded us that we were not alone. We are grateful for Norma's lifelong friend, Tina Calloway, and for the countless relatives, colleagues, students, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and loved ones who were part of her journey.

To everyone who loved Norma: thank you. Your love for her is a reflection of the love she gave to you. May God bless you all.

Cards & Flowers

Cards and flowers may be sent to:

The Ragland Family
1646 Kraft Ave.
Batavia, Illinois 60510

In lieu of cards and flowers, the family kindly asks that those wishing to honor Norma's memory consider giving to their local animal shelter or a charitable organization of their choice.



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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

Norma Beatrice
RAGLAND

SUNRISE
February 23, 1958

SUNSET
September 17, 2026

"A Life of Love, Service, Compassion & Creativity"

October 4, 2026
Visitation 2:00 p.m.
Memorial Service 3:00 p.m.

Walker Funeral Home—Walnut Hills
2625 Gilbert Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Forever loved. Forever remembered. Forever a Mother.

A Life of Love, Service & Creativity

Norma Beatrice Ragland was born on February 23, 1958, in Gallipolis, Ohio, to Edward Othello Ragland and Jean Carlos Ragland. She later made Cincinnati, Ohio, her home and built a life centered on family, education, service, creativity, and compassion.

Norma attended Kent State University as a Pre-Med major and later earned a Bachelor of Science in Natural Sciences from The Union Institute in Cincinnati. She became a Certified Medical Assistant and devoted much of her professional life to the medical and allied health fields, including teaching and mentoring students preparing to care for others.

An important part of Norma's story was her love of art. She loved to paint and draw, and during college she wrestled with whether to pursue medicine or art. For a time, she explored both paths. Medicine ultimately won, but the artist in Norma remained an enduring part of who she was.

Norma was known for her generous heart. She cared deeply for family, friends, students, and people in need. Her influence extended beyond the classroom through the many students she taught and encouraged in the medical and allied health professions.

She was the devoted mother of her only child, Meché Carlos Ragland, and their bond was especially close. Norma also cherished her stepchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and the countless people who became part of her life. She had a special love for animals and treasured a friendship with Tina Calloway that lasted more than 50 years.

Norma departed this life on September 17, 2026, following a serious illness. Though plans for her continued healing and a move to Illinois were not fulfilled, the love surrounding those plans remains a testament to the bond she shared with her daughter.

Her legacy continues through the people she loved, the students she taught, the lives she touched, and everyone who carries forward something she gave them. Her life was a gift; her love was a legacy.

Norma was preceded in death by her grandfather, Walter Mosley; grandmother, Katherine L. Liggins; father, Edward Othello Ragland; mother, Jean Carlos Ragland; nephew, Rick Clay Holmes; aunt, Norma Dennis (Mosley); and uncle, Charles Ragland.

Norma leaves to cherish her memory her only child, Meché Carlos Ragland, and husband, Carl L. Beavers; her step-grandchildren, Thailan Zhairee Beavers, Jada Zhané Beavers, and Kaleb Jeremiah Carter; her stepchildren, Tafari Love and Tonda Love; and her siblings, Ricki Mosley, Felicia Tolliver, and Gentry Ragland.

She also leaves her niece, Jèhon Casey, and children, Zachary David Haas, Michael David Haas Jr., Jayde Alexandra Dorman, and Jacob Aaron Lindsey Dorman; nephew, Shelton Casey, and children, Aiden Casey, Matthew Casey, and Christian Casey; nephew, Triston Ragland, and children, Triston Ragland Jr. and Deiontae Ragland; and niece, Brittany Beatty, and children, Isabella French and Jayden Goodwin.

Norma also leaves countless other nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, students, colleagues, and friends to cherish her memory.

Norma's California family, connected through her mother, Jean Ragland, includes Reginald and Ella Arnold (Mosley); Dorothy Thompson (Mosley); Michael and Karen (Thompson) Hooks; Mary Alice Arnold and Eric P. Tolliver II; Charles and Michelle (Dennis) Adkins; and Katherine I. (Griffin) Collier and Jarvis L. Collier II.

Her West Virginia family, connected through her mother's father, Walter Mosely, includes James H. Mosley Sr. and wife, Anita Mosley; James H. Mosley Jr. and wife, Janice Mosley; and their sons, James III, John, and Joseph.

Order of Service

Pastor James H. Mosley, Officiant



Musical Prelude *Selected Musical Meditation*

Processional *Family Enters*

Welcome & Words of *Pastor James H. Mosley*
Comfort

Opening Prayer *Pastor James H. Mosley*

Scripture Reading *Psalm 23*

Musical Selection *Changed Mah Name*
-Jennifer Bynum

Reading of the Obituary *Carl L. Beavers*

Reflections *Selected Family & Friends*

Musical Selection *Lost Without You*
-BeBe & CeCe Winans

Eulogy *Pastor James H. Mosley*

Scripture of Hope *2 Timothy 4:7-8*

Closing Prayer & *Pastor James H. Mosley*
Benediction

Recessional

One Nation Under the Groove

-Parliament Funkadelic



Repast

New Prospect Baptist Church
1580 Summit Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

Her Legacy Lives On

*Norma Beatrice Ragland's life cannot be measured
only by the years she spent with us.*

Her life is measured by the people she loved.

The students she taught.

The people she helped.

The friends she cherished.

The family she loved.

The art she created.

The lessons she shared.

**Her legacy continues through every person who
knew and loved her.**

Forever loved.

Forever remembered.

Forever a Mother.

February 23, 1958 – September 17, 2026

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me. All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.