

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Leslie

THOMAS MALLORY

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating: Elder Dwight N. Parker

Musical Prelude

Processional
The Family

Opening Hymn
It is Well with My Soul

Scripture Reading
Old Testament: Psalms 23:1-6
Gabrielle Nutter-Williams

New Testament: Matthew 11:28-30
Min. Mornique Spencer

Prayer of Consolation
Min. Henry Thomas

Musical Selection
STAND Michael Hancock

Acknowledgments & Obituary
Frank Ross/ Cheryl Wilcox-Tatum

Remarks
(Please limit remarks to 3 minutes each)
Stephanie Williams / Tracy Nutter
Bernard Cullen
Frank Ross
Legacy: Joyce Lott/Verlea Brisco
Marsha Turner

Video Presentation
Randi Payton

Sermonic Selection
Legacy Dancers

The Word of Comfort
Dr. Karen Bethea

Benediction
Dr. Karen Bethea



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

REMEMBERING LESLIE

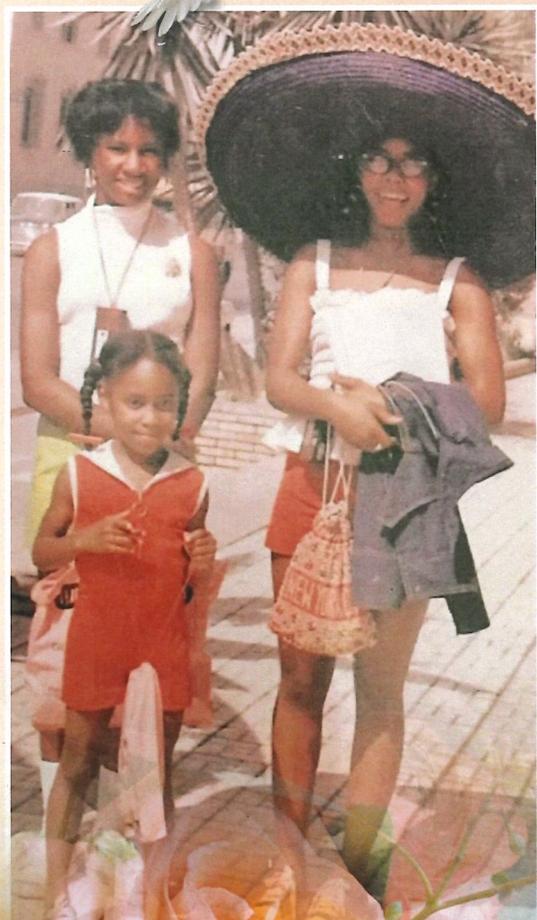
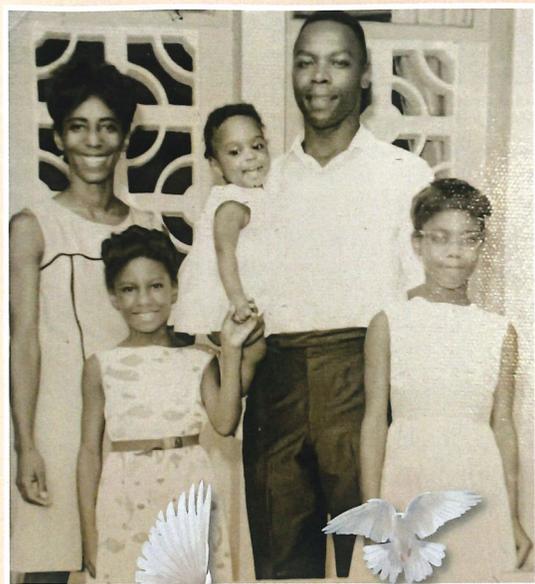
When God puts us on Earth, we are given a time and a purpose. Leslie asked for peace and was given a place in Heaven. Leslie went to be with the Lord on April 26th, 2023.

Leslie Howard Thomas Mallory was born to her parents Frances Thomas-Norris and Charles Leroy Thomas in Washington, DC. on December 21st, 1957. Leslie was the eldest of three children. She and her family traveled due to their father's military career, where they lived in such places as Bermuda and the Philippines. Upon their return to the states, she was one of the first four Black students to integrate Severn School. After graduating high school, Leslie attended Morgan State University where she earned her Bachelors of Science in Physical Education. She continued her studies at Indiana University where she earned her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy.

Leslie had a deep love for helping others which inspired her career path. She was employed by Spring Grove State Hospital where she was loved by her patients for many years until her retirement. Leslie had always been active in her local community. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was also a board member at the Forest Park Senior Center, where she organized and participated in numerous events.

Leslie was known for her many talents and hobbies, such as baking, decorating, and event planning just to name a few. Additionally she had an incredible sense of style. In her early youth, she loved to draw. A little known fact is that she was recognized by well-known cartoonist, Charles Schulz, for her drawings while she attended Severn School. In high school and college she competed at the state level in gymnastics and participated in modern dance, lacrosse, and field hockey. Leslie loved to roller skate, it was there that she honed her spinning skills which she would later perfect in her hand-dancing career. She will forever be remembered for her beautiful spinning abilities.

It was through roller skating and a mutual love of literature that she met and later married her person, her love, her best friend, Richard Mallory. Together they shared a passion for adventure that included scuba diving, motorcycle riding, and travel to name a few. With Richard she could be her



complete self and she loved him for that. Then on April 12th, 1999, Leslie gained another title, Mother. Joseph Anthony Mallory was born and their family was complete. She loved being a mother and showered him with love. From Halloween to Easter she enjoyed sharing all that she knew and loved with him. She was a wonderful mother.

Of all her incredible talents, she was best-known for her exceptional dance skills in hand dance and swing which started with her longtime partner, Lewis Neal. She had a natural gift with the ability to pick-up any technique and choreography with ease. Together they competed and won numerous titles, performed in many showcases, and taught in the US and Canada. Most recently she began working a new Partner, Justin Spencer. She had a renewed enthusiasm and was looking forward to the new chapter in her dance career.

From an early age, Leslie's love for the Lord was instilled and nurtured by her mother and grandmother. Leslie accepted the Lord as her personal savior at Linthicum Baptist Church at the age of 14. Leslie was an active member in Good Shepherd Baptist Church under the late Reverend Robert C. Hunt. She then joined her husband at The Transformation Church of Jesus Christ, where she taught aerobics and sang in the choir. Once their work at Transformation was done, their family moved to Set The Captives Free Outreach Center, under Pastor Karen Bethea. She joined the Victorious Voices Choir, participated in the Devoted Marriage Ministry, and started the Legacy Dance Ministry. Her love for the Lord was manifested in her movement. This brief summary cannot begin to cover the extraordinary life of Leslie. Surely her heart is full of joy, as she now dances for the most Holy One, whom she adored!

Leslie leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 25 years, Richard Mallory, their sons Joshua and Joseph Mallory, her mother Frances Thomas-Norris, aunt Dorothy O'Guinn, uncles Bernard Cullen (Sonja) and James Ronald Moore, her sisters Stephanie Williams (Darnel) and Tracy Nutter, nieces Monique Boyd, Gabrielle Nutter-Williams (Kristofer), Shiloh Bryant, and nephew Frederick I. Nutter, II along with six grandchildren and a host of relatives, and friends.

Leslie is preceded in death by her father Charles Leroy Thomas, her maternal grandparents Ollie and Gilbert A. Cullen Sr. and paternal grandparents Elizabeth and James Moore.



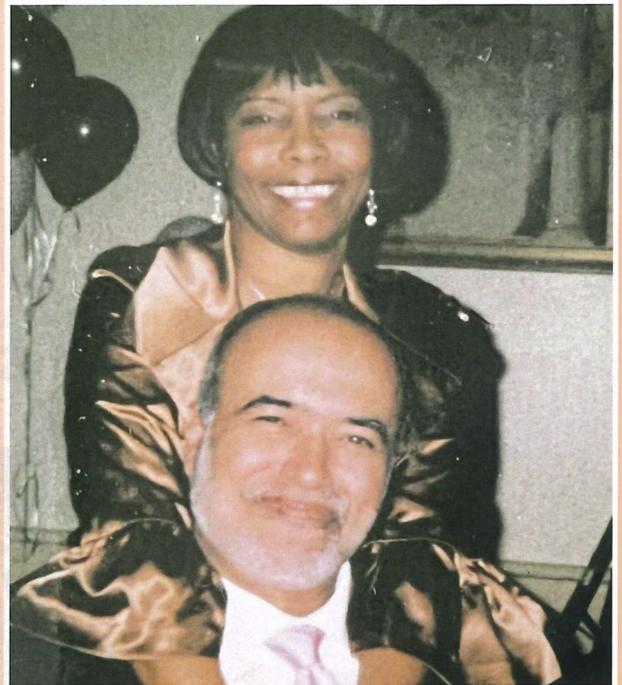
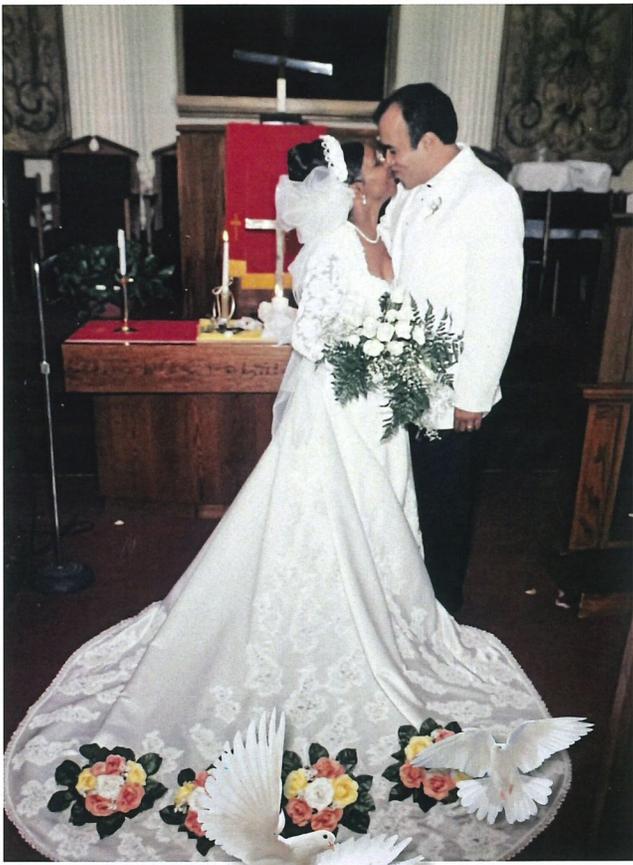
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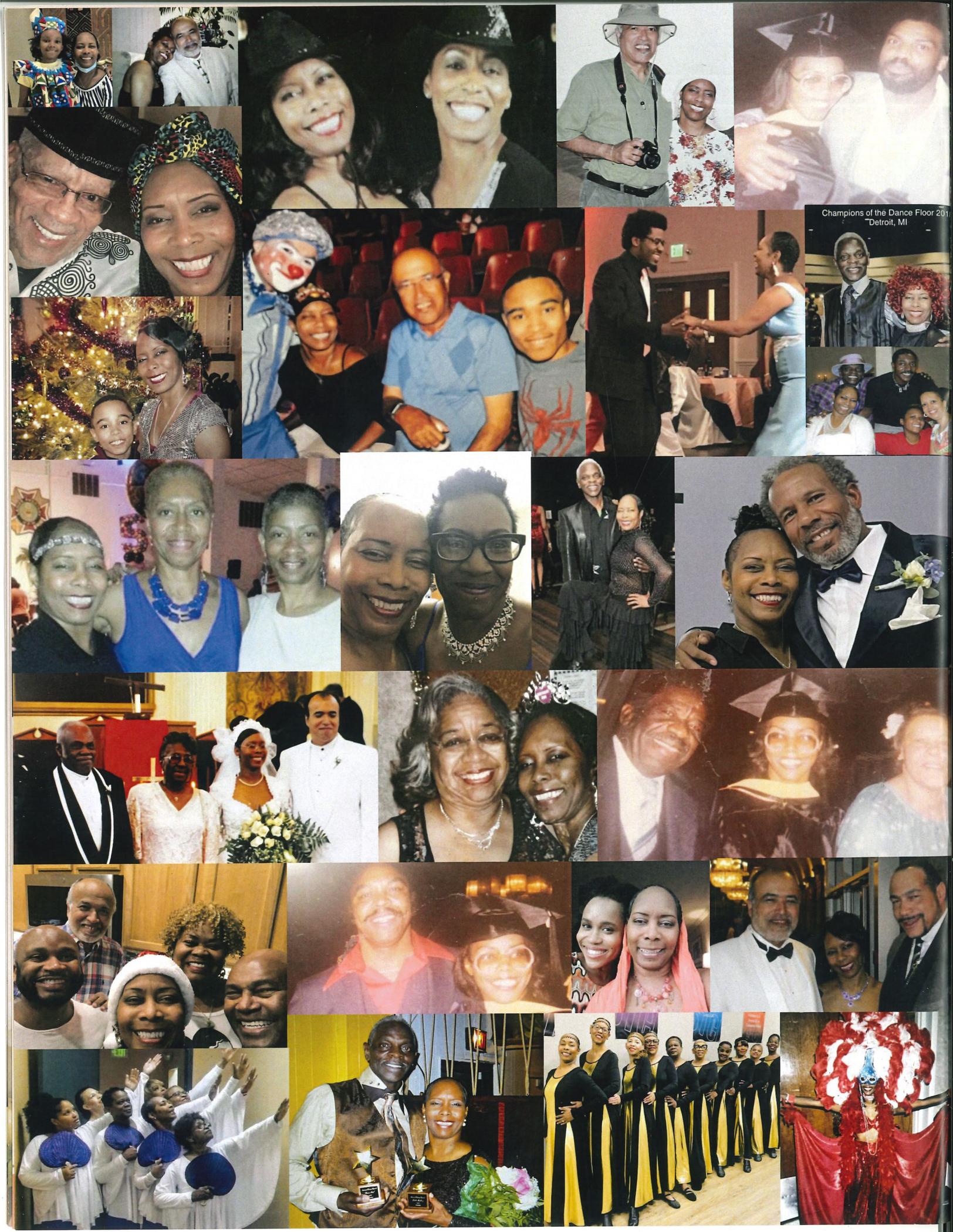
TRIBUTE TO WIFE

It is with such a heavy heart that I try to put down these words to express how much I will miss you. Your smile would light up the room and was infectious to all who you gazed upon. God put you in my life for over a quarter of a century. You have been patient with me and with your help I have become a better man. You were my rock.

We sang on choirs, rode motorcycles, scuba dove, and traveled the world together. We have traveled this road in both good times and hard times, but no matter what, God always walked with us; keeping us. We both strongly believed in God and that we needed to work in his vineyards as good stewards. I know that right now you are resting in His loving arms and teaching His angels how to praise Him in dance.

Love Always, Your Husband, Richard



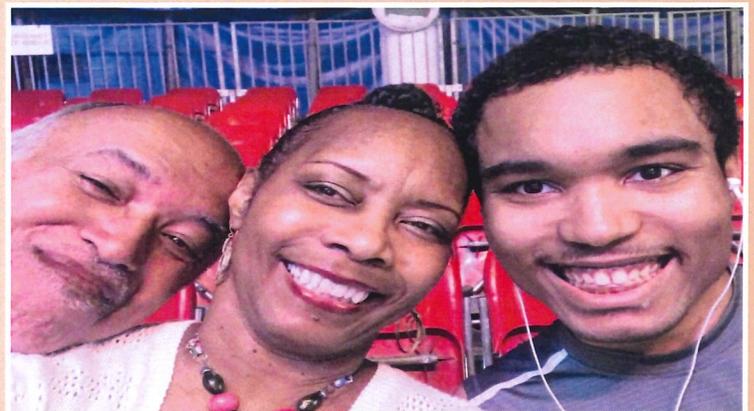
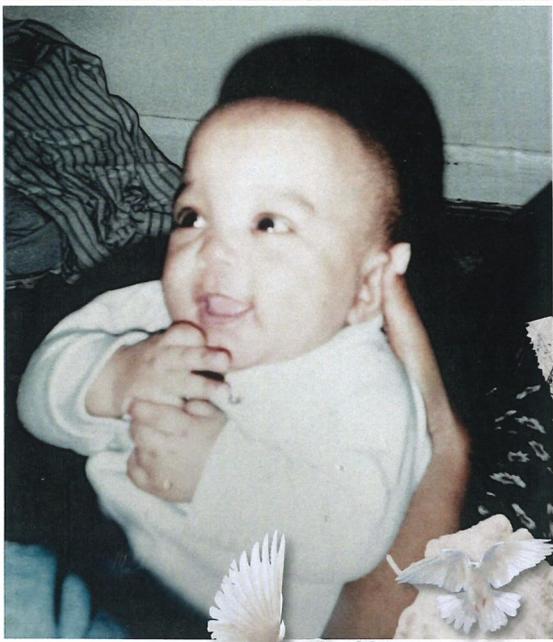


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Detroit, MI

IN MEMORY OF MY MOM

Mom, I know that my birth was extremely difficult for you. You have been my shining star and my advocate my entire life, ensuring all my needs were met. You have loved me unconditionally and made sure that my education, life skills, and home life were filled with love and tenderness. You always made sure that I was groomed and dressed for all occasions. I know that I was the light of your eyes, and that to you, I could do no wrong (maybe?). I will sorely miss the times we have had together and I know that you are with God, praising Him with dance and song.

Love, Your Son, Joseph





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FLORAL BEARERS

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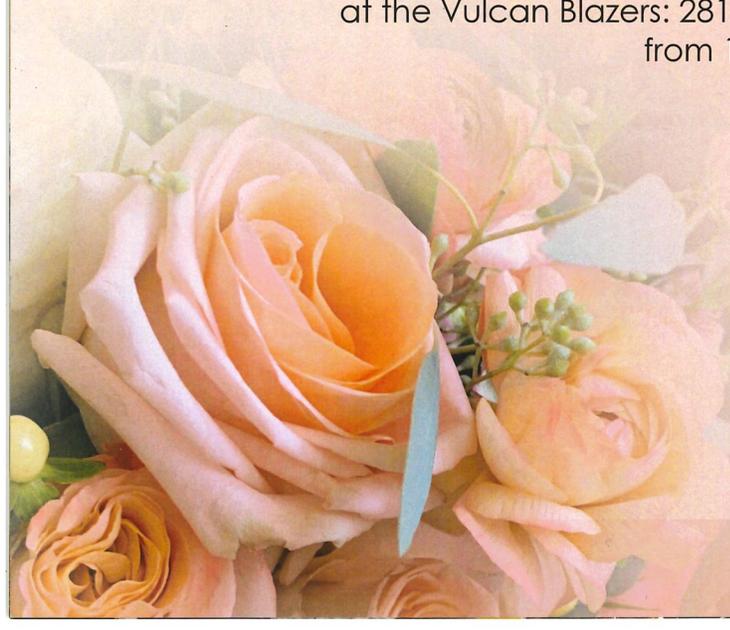


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A portrait of a smiling woman with short dark hair, wearing a black lace top and pearl earrings. She is holding a bouquet of flowers. The background is a soft, warm-toned gradient.

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A close-up of a bouquet of large, vibrant pink and orange roses with green foliage.

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