

# Order of Service

PRELUDE  
Soft Music

PARTING VIEW  
Family

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING  
Old Testament  
Andres Walker  
New Testament  
Zirome Bibbs

MUSIC SELECTION  
JT Applin

POEM  
Andres Walker

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/CONDOLENCES

REFLECTIONS  
(2 minutes, please)

OBITUARY READING  
*Read Silently*

MUSIC SELECTION  
Vaughn Anthony

EULOGY  
Pastor Garfield Parker

BENEDICTION

## Pallbearers

Antwan Long  
Zirome Bibbs  
Ellis Bibbs

Donte Lawson  
Andres Walker  
Dreamm Collier

## Honorary Pallbearers

James Danley  
Brooks Blanchard

## Internment

Ferncliff Cemetery and Arboretum  
501 W McCreight Ave.  
Springfield, OH 45504

## Repast

2205 Park Rd.  
Springfield, OH 45504

## Acknowledgements

*The family extends heartfelt gratitude to The Ohio State University James Hospital and Hospice of Central Ohio for their compassionate care and unwavering support of our beloved mother, sister, auntie, and friend. Your kindness and dedication brought comfort during her most challenging moments, and we are forever thankful. Special thanks to Pastor Raymond Lloyd and the El Bethel Temple church family, and Mortuary Beekeeper Funeral Home.*

## Services Entrusted To

MORTUARY BEEKEEPER TM

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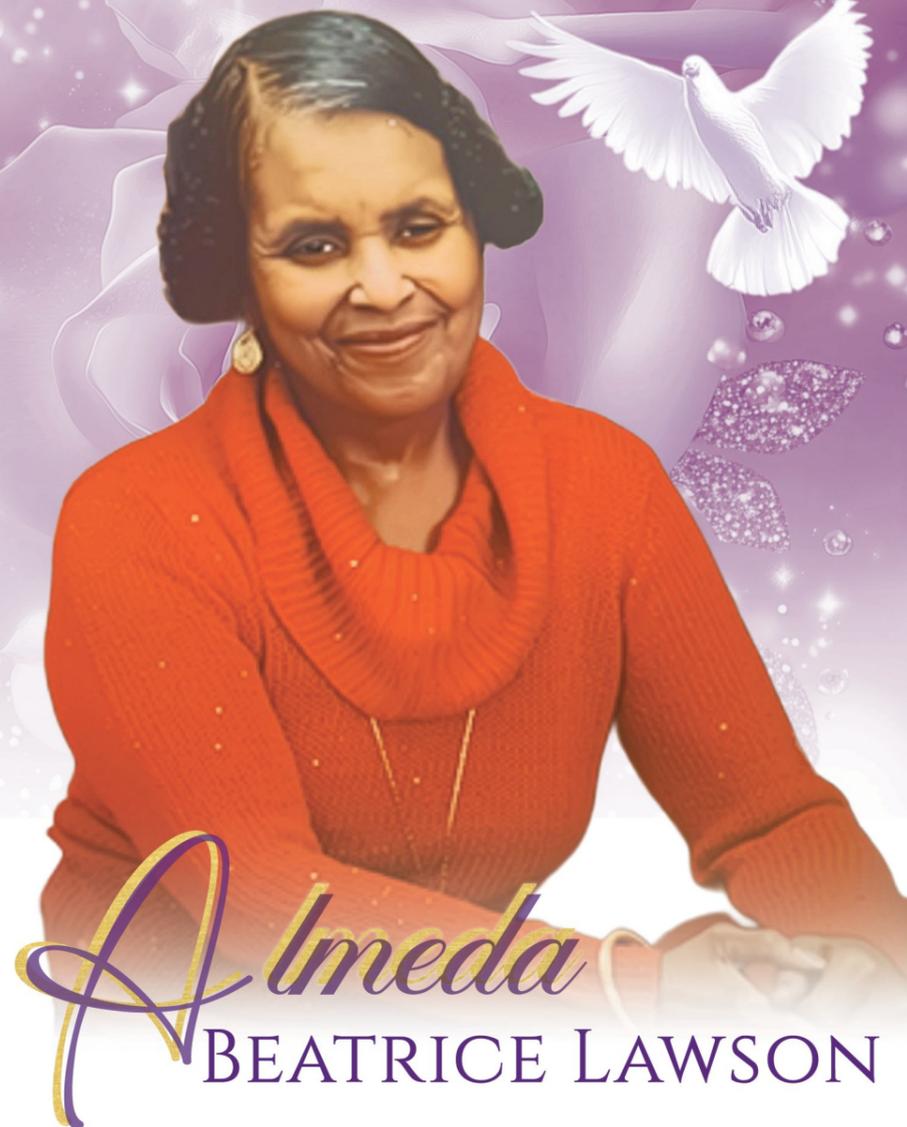


1307 E. High Street  
Springfield, OH 45505  
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## Heaven Couldn't Wait

Earth's Blessing  
October 23, 1958

Heaven's Reward  
September 4, 2025



*A Imeda*  
BEATRICE LAWSON

### Services

Friday, September 12, 2025  
Visitation: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Homegoing Celebration: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

EL BETHEL TEMPLE  
2049 Clifton Ave.  
Springfield, OH 45505

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

# Obituary

Almeda B. Lawson, affectionately known as Micey 66, of Springfield, Ohio, entered eternal rest on September 4, 2025, at The Ohio State University Hospital. Almeda was born on October 23, 1958, in Springfield, Ohio, a daughter of James Riddles and Marceline Lawson.

She attended Springfield South High School. Almeda dedicated her life to her family. She was a loving mother; she was affectionately called "grannie" by her grandchildren. She was a wonderful sister, cherished aunt and friend. She was known as "spicy Micey" by those who knew her best.

Almeda had a love for God in all that she did. She was known for her generous spirit, often sharing her talents in the kitchen with family and friends. Her cooking, especially her love for fish and potatoes, making steak and gravy, was a true expression of her love, and many fondly remember the way she could make any meal feel like a special occasion. Her presence and her meals were a reflection of her nurturing soul.

Almeda also had a deep love for cleanliness. It was not uncommon to find her with a bottle of bleach in hand, making sure that everything around her was spotless. Her attention to detail and dedication to her home were part of what made her such a warm and welcoming person.

Almeda was a warrior in every sense of the word. She fought bravely against tongue cancer with grace, courage, and an unshakeable faith in God and beat it. As her health continued to face new challenges, her strength never wavered. She met each day with quiet determination and a fierce love for her family. She fought with faith, grace, and unwavering strength. She remained a symbol of resilience, never giving up on the ones she loved.

Her love for her family, fierce determination and unwavering will to live carried her through until God called her home.

Almeda leaves to cherish her loving memory, three daughters, Nakia (Charles) Newkirk of Columbus, Ohio, Andrea and Tamarra Martin both of Springfield, Ohio; eight grandchildren Andres, Nakisha, Andrianna, Tamyia, Alivia, Jaelynn, Erriya, and Amilliana; three great grandchildren Amoni, Ava, and Azarria; five sisters Dianna "Candy" Hargrow, Florence "Marsha" Long, Yvonne Cook all of Springfield, Ohio; Jeannette Long of Hamilton, Ohio, and Shela Blanchard of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers Donald Long of North Carolina and Curtis Long of Springfield, Ohio; special nieces, Ebony May and Regina Lawson; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Almeda was preceded in death by her parents, paternal and maternal grandparents, and her beloved son Wayne Lamarr Martin (Jr), sister Mary "Punkin" Long, brother Roger "Tony" Blanchard, nieces Camille Ward and Tracy Lynn Lawson, and grandchild Trinity Pettiford.

# Precious Memories



## The Family Matriarch

~The Family Matriarch~

She is the chalk that draws the line  
The sturdy rope, the ties that bind  
The go-to when times are rough  
The sweetness in the breath of love

She sets the rhythm of the day  
She is the all in all she's made  
And we, the gallery of her art

~The Family Matriarch~

She is the hope in all of us  
The shining light, the path of love  
She is the strength from out the start  
The very beat deep in the heart

And after all when all is said  
Her children rise and call her blessed  
Accepting life through joy and scars

~The Family Matriarch~



## I Am Always With You

"When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be happy that we had so many beautiful years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust  
That's it is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home..."

"Her smile lit up the room, her spirit lights up Heaven."