



We will forever remember Fran as a beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, daughter and friend.

***I AM AS A BUTTERFLY***

I am as a Butterfly  
So tentatively trying new wings.  
And as I sit on the branch  
There comes an occasional moment  
When I almost start to try to crawl,  
Habit bringing back the old ways,  
Forgetting that now I can fly.

But then in an instant,  
feeling a rush of delight,  
I remember  
And soar toward the sky  
— Darlene Brennan

*Thank you*

Our family would like to thank everyone for their expressions of love, support, prayers, calls and messages during this time.

It has meant the world to us.

We would especially like to thank the staff of Citygate Church, Miami Valley Hospital and Hospice of Cincinnati. And the neighbors of Filbrun Lane.

And finally thank you for taking time out of your day to come and celebrate with us, you will never know the lasting impact your presence will have on us in the days, months to come.

Much Love,  
LeDawn, Sydney & Family

*Homegoing  
Celebration*



*Francheska Paula Sherman*

**OCTOBER 4, 1947 –**

**MARCH 13, 2026**



April 3, 2026

11:00 a.m

Walker Funeral Home  
2625 Gilbert Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45206

# Obituary

Francheska "Fran" Paula Sherman passed away peacefully after a very brief illness on March 13, 2026 at Hospice of Cincinnati. She resided in Trotwood, OH. She was born on October 4, 1947 in Columbus, OH. to Dorothy (nee Porter) Williams and Paul Moore, Sr., whom both preceded her death.

She attended Columbus Public Schools and graduated from Central High School-Class of 1966. Fran began her career at Ohio Bell Telephone Co. as a phone operator. She was committed to her job and was promoted to various management positions, which she held for many years while completing a degree in business from Franklin University. After 35+ years of service at the phone company she retired in 1995 after surviving a fight with breast cancer. She was a Life Member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

After retiring Fran started a second career as a school aide with Columbus Public Schools. She loved working with students with learning differences at Grant Hospital completing many daily tasks to support the hospital staff. She retired a second time from CPS after 8 years of service.

Fran enjoyed spending time with her family especially anytime she could hang out with her only daughter and granddaughter. Her favorite past times were shopping, a good cup of coffee, reading the newspaper every day, political activism, traveling, working in her yard and anytime she could get to a casino. She will be deeply missed, joyfully remembered and forever celebrated by all who had the opportunity to cross her path in life.

Preceded in death by her grandparents, Theodore & Hattie Sherman; aunts, Gloria Lee, Geneva Snow and Ruby Smith; uncle, John E. Porter Jr.; cousin Dwight Lee and a best friend, Maggie Miller.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, LeDawn (nee Sherman) Thomas; granddaughter Sydney Thomas; three siblings: Carole Simmons, James Williams and Paul Moore, Jr., special cousin George N. (Loretta) Lee, Jr.; nieces and nephews: Helen, Nakita, Asia, Jermaine, Nicholas, Paul & Marquis; host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends; Fran's Village: Martha Clark, Pat Dunham, Maryetta Harper, Jackson Family, Dr. Roma Little-Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence (Jean) Morgan, Jan Polk, Cyndi Stewart and Aariann Vaughn.



# Order of Service

## Welcome

Dwayne Shearer, Officiant  
Care Pastor-Citygate Church

## Prayer

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament-Psalms 90:10-17

Dr. Jessica Scott

New Testament-2 Corinethian 4:14-5:1

Lauren Scott

## Obituary

Read silently

## Reflections

-Cyndi Stewart

-Paul Moore, Jr.

-LeDawn Thomas

## Celebrate My Life

Shirley Murdock

## Eulogy

Pastor Dwayne Shearer

## Stand

Shirley Murdock

## Closing Prayer

