

OUR MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER & GREAT-GRANDMOTHER IN  
WHITE

SHE WALKED THROUGH LIFE LIKE SUNLIGHT,  
BRIGHT, WARM, AND IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE.  
ALWAYS DRESSED SHARP, HAIR LAID JUST RIGHT,  
NAILS SHINING LIKE LITTLE PIECES OF PRIDE.  
WHITE WAS HER COLOR, PURE, ELEGANT, STRONG,  
JUST LIKE THE SPIRIT SHE CARRIED EVERYWHERE SHE WENT.

SHE LOVED HARD.  
FAMILY FIRST, FRIENDS CLOSE BEHIND,  
MAKING EVERYBODY FEEL SEEN, FED, AND FUSSED OVER.  
HER LAUGH COULD FILL A WHOLE ROOM,  
AND HER HONESTY COULD STOP ONE, TOO.  
FUNNY WITHOUT TRYING,  
BLUNT WITHOUT APOLOGY,  
THE KIND OF WOMAN WHO TOLD THE TRUTH  
WHETHER YOU ASKED FOR IT OR NOT.

SHE STAYED ACTIVE, MOVING THROUGH LIFE WITH PURPOSE,  
NEVER MISSING A CHANCE TO BE OUTSIDE,  
DOWNTOWN AT THE SQUARE,  
SHOWING UP TO EVERY EVENT LIKE THE CITY ITSELF KNEW HER NAME.

MUSIC FOLLOWED HER EVERYWHERE,  
SONGS IN THE BACKGROUND, RHYTHM IN HER SPIRIT.  
MOVIES, TIKTOK, DANCING, SMILING,  
KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES, WHILE STILL HOLDING ONTO WISDOM.

SHE WAS STRENGTH DRESSED IN GRACE.  
THE KIND OF MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND GREAT GRANDMOTHER,  
WHO MADE ORDINARY DAYS FEEL IMPORTANT.  
A WOMAN WHO CARRIED GENERATIONS ON HER BACK AND STILL FOUND TIME TO LAUGH LOUD, LOVE  
DEEPER, AND LIVE FULLY.

AND EVEN NOW,  
WHEN THE MUSIC PLAYS,  
WHEN THE FAMILY GATHERS,  
WHEN SOMEONE SPEAKS THEIR MIND WITHOUT FEAR,  
WE SEE HER.

BEAUTIFUL IN WHITE.  
STILL UNFORGETTABLE.



*Known for Excellence. Trusted for Value.*

*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF

A black and white portrait of Shirley Berfield, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a white turtleneck and a dark jacket, smiling. The portrait is set against a background of a dark doorway and is surrounded by a lush arrangement of flowers, including red carnations, blue hydrangeas, and purple flowers.

*Shirley Berfield*

SUNRISE JULY 3, 1948 - SUNSET MAY 5, 2026

*May 22, 2026*

VISITATION: 10:00 AM - FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00 AM

*Walker - Walnut Hills*

2625 GILBERT AVENUE  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45206

*Obituary*

SHIRLEY BERFIELD, BORN IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, ON JULY 3, 1948, TO THE UNION OF INELL AND RUFUS SMITH. SHIRLEY ATTENDED GARFIELD SCHOOL AND GREW UP IN SOUTH CUMMINSVILLE.

SHIRLEY HAD TWO KIDS BEFORE MARRYING EUGENE BERFIELD, LAMONT AND ANGELA SMITH. THEY THEN WELCOMED SOPHIA BERFIELD.

SHIRLEY LOVED TO GO FOR WALKS AROUND DOWNTOWN IN CINCINNATI, LISTEN TO MUSIC, DANCE, ATTEND FAMILY FUNCTIONS, LAUGH, AND ENJOY LIFE. SHIRLEY DEDICATED OVER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO UC AND LATER RETIRED.

TO CHERISH HER MEMORIES, SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER BELOVED CHILDREN, LAMONT SMITH, ANGELA SMITH, AND SOPHIA BERFIELD. HER GRANDKIDS: SATIN SANDERS, ARCHIE SANDERS, GABRIEL FERGUSON, DE'ASCA LONG, EREND LONG, DUSTIN OVERSTREET, HER NEPHEW JUSTIN, AND DE'IRE BROWN.

SHE WAS BLESSED TO HAVE A HOST OF GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND EXTENDED FAMILY SHE LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY.

WE WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HELPED, PRAYED, CAME OUT, AND WERE THERE FOR US. WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL.



*Order of Service*

PARTING VIEW .....	IMMEDIATE FAMILY
PRAYER .....	PASTOR GLENDA PIERCE OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW TESTAMENT
POEM .....	TO OUR MOM, GRANDMOTHER, GREAT-GRANDMOTHER IN WHITE
SELECTION .....	JOY ERKINS
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .....	FRIENDS AND FAMILY
REMARKS .....	FAMILY AND FRIENDS
OBITUARY .....	READ SILENTLY
SELECTION .....	
EULOGY .....	PASTOR MARK PIERCE
BENEDICTION .....	PASTOR MARK PIERCE
RECESSIONAL .....	

*Pallbearers*

LAMONT SMITH  
GABRIEL FERGUSON  
DUSTIN OVERSTREET

ALTON JORDAN  
LARRY ALLEN  
TIM BROWN

*Final Resting Place*

IMMEDIATLY AFTER  
VINE STREET HILL CEMETERY  
3701 VINE STREET, CINCINNATI, OHIO 45220

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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 SHIRLEY BERFIELD