

## *'I'm Free'*

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard His call,  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
HE DIED FOR ME  
HE SET ME FREE.

## *Repast*

Following the Interment  
Springdale Community Center  
11999 Lawnview Avenue, Springdale, Ohio 45246

## *Acknowledgments*

The family of Chesteene Spence extends our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the support, concerns, prayers, and acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement.



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# *Celebrating* THE LIFE OF



## *Chesteene Spence*

November 18, 1925 - March 4, 2026

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Visitation: 9:30 am

Funeral Service: 10:30 am

Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

3655 Harvey Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Pastor Donald E. Jones, Officiating

## Obituary

Chesteene Spence, a beloved member of his community, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2026, in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the remarkable age of 100. He was born on November 18, 1925, in Cuthbert, Georgia, the fourth of twelve children born to Rotelia (Shorter) Spence and Felix Spence, Sr.

Chesteene, affectionately known as 'Jimmy', was the loving husband of the late Virginia (Dunn) Spence for nearly 65 years, and lived a life marked by love, resilience, and a deep commitment to his family and friends.

Chesteene was a man of great faith, known for his unwavering spirit and nurturing nature. He accepted Christ at a young age and found a church home in Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a member for over 70 years. He faithfully served as a parking attendant every Sunday until his health began to decline in later years.

Growing up in the South, Chesteene embraced his roots and carried the values of hard work and kindness throughout his life. After relocating to Cincinnati, he built a loving home and raised his family, becoming a pillar of strength and support for all who knew him. He retired after 44 years as Supervisor of the Laundry Department with Good Samaritan Hospital and never missed a day of work!

An avid gardener, Chesteene found joy in nurturing his garden, much like he nurtured those around him. He had a remarkable talent for storytelling, sharing wisdom and laughter that left a lasting impact on everyone he met.

Chesteene leaves behind a legacy of love through his children, Wilford Morland (Arlene) of Kokomo, IN, Chestine Spence (Angela), and Larry Spence (Margo), both of Cincinnati, OH. He also leaves to his memory two sisters, Bernice Alexander and Gloria Wilson, a special relative, Johnnie Walker, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews who will forever carry his spirit in their hearts. Friends and family will remember him for his infectious smile, quiet sense of humor, and his ability to make everyone feel valued and appreciated.

Chesteene Spence will be deeply missed but never forgotten, as his love and spirit will continue to shine brightly in the lives he touched.

## Order of Service

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Musical Prelude	Soft Music
Parting View	Family
Scripture	Minister
Prayer	Minister
Selection	The Greater New Hope Choir
Acknowledgments/Resolutions	Cassandra Rice Whitaker
Remarks	Deacon Michael Chenault, District Deacon
Moments of Reflection	
<i>A time to think, a time to pray, and a time to reflect upon the life of Chesteene Spence</i>	
Selection	The Greater New Hope Choir
Eulogy	Pastor Donald E. Jones
Benediction	Pastor Donald E. Jones
Recessional	Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family "Going Up Yonder"

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### Pallbearers

Dorian Spence	Arien Givens
Carey Taylor	Erike Taylor
Isaac Williams	Derrick Dunn
Jonathan Haywood	Devin Whyte

### Final Resting Place

Crown Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleum  
11825 Pippin Road, Colerain Township, Ohio 45231