

Jesus
said unto her, I am the resurrection
& the

Life:
he that believeth in me,
though he were dead,

yet he shall live: and whosoever liveth &
Believeth
in me, though he were dead,
yet shall he live: and whosoever
liveth & believeth in me shall NEVER die.

- John 11:25-26



Pallbearers

Michael Drake	Travis Drake
De'Bryan Woods	William Drake
Ryland Brown	Zykail Crummie
Robert Brown	Jihad Poellnitz

Honorary Pallbearers

Richard Poellnitz	Tony Poellnitz
Timothy Poellnitz	

Flower Bearers

Kamryn Tolbert	My'Ani Drake
Zeta Munford-Drake	Rain Brown
Jasmine Brown	H'Ryzon Miller

Acknowledgments

The family of Debra Ann Poellnitz wishes to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for every prayer, comforting word, phone call, visit, floral tribute, meal, and act of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. Your love, compassion, and unwavering support have brought us strength and comfort beyond measure.

We pray that God richly bless each of you for the love you have extended to our family. Thank you for celebrating the life, legacy, and beautiful spirit of our beloved mother, devoted daughter, cherished grandmother, loving sister, treasured aunt, and dear friend.

With heartfelt appreciation,
The Family of Debra Ann Poellnitz



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Celebrating the *Life* of



*A beautiful soul
never leaves us.
She lives on in
the hearts she touched,
the love she gave,
and the memories
we will cherish
forever.*

Debra Ann **Poellnitz**

July 18, 1959 – July 21, 2026

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Visitation: 11:00 AM

Celebration of Life: 12:00 PM

Abundant Life Faith Fellowship

2740 Hyannis Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45251

Elder Carl Whittaker, Officiating



Obituary

Debra Ann Poellnitz, a devoted daughter, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, was born on July 18, 1959, to Joe and Sarah Poellnitz. She peacefully entered eternal rest on July 21, 2026, at her home.

At the age of seven, Debra accepted Christ and became a member of Bibleway Church of God in Christ, where she faithfully served in the Sunshine Band and Children's Choir. It was there she found her love for singing and praising the Lord. She later attended Colerain High School.

On September 6, 1981, Debra united in marriage with Michael Drake. Together they were blessed with five children: Alisha (Robert), Michael (Shenise), Felicia, Elisha "Nikki," and Travis (Sierra).

If you knew Debra, you knew you were going to laugh. She loved hard, laughed loud, and spoke her mind without hesitation. She enjoyed music, dancing, cooking, and making memories with those she loved. Debra believed in looking her best. She loved getting her hair and nails done, putting together a stylish outfit, and carrying herself with confidence and grace. She also had a talent for doing nails in her younger years. Her smile, her laughter, and her vibrant personality left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Anyone who knew Debra also knew that celebrating her birthday was non-negotiable. She embraced every birthday with excitement, gratitude, and joy, believing that each year was another blessing to be celebrated with the people she loved most.

Debra was the fourth of eight children born to Joe and Sarah Poellnitz. She shared a lifelong bond with her siblings: Ronnie, Vicky-Carol, Joe Anthony "Tony," Richard, Timothy, Darryl, and Sherry.

She leaves to forever cherish her memory her loving children: Alisha (Robert), Michael (Shenise), Felicia, Elisha "Nikki," and Travis (Sierra); her beloved grandchildren: William "Bill", Ryland, Rain, Jasmine, Robert, De'Bryan, Zy'Kail, H'Ryzon, Pharaoh, Zeta, My'Ani, Tyron, Kamryn "Minnie," Octavia, Aurelius, and Bellamy; her loving great-grandchildren; her beloved parents, Joe and Sarah Poellnitz, whose love and guidance remained a blessing throughout her life; her siblings; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members; and countless friends whose lives were forever touched by her love and kindness.

Though our hearts are heavy with sorrow, we rejoice in the beautiful memories Debra leaves behind. Her love lives on in every laugh she inspired, every life she touched, every lesson she taught, and every heart that was blessed to know her. Her legacy will forever shine through the family she cherished and loved so deeply. Until we meet again, we will love you always and carry you with us every day.

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude Saige Thompson & Cameron Barnes
- Parting View Family
- Prayer Nikki Dailey
- Scripture Proverbs 31:25
Ralencia Brooks
- Selection "Open My Heart"
Yolanda Adams
- Acknowledgements Ashley Stallworth
- Remarks Limit 2 Minutes
- Obituary Read Silently
- Selection "I Am God"
Sabrina Roberts
- Eulogy Elder Carl Whittaker
- Benediction Elder Carl Whittaker
- Recessional Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family
"Going Up Yonder" - Walter Hawkins

Repast

Immediately Following the Service
Vue Event Center
8790 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45251