

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free; I took His hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back and left it all. If my parting has left a void; then fill it with remembered joy. My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; ah yes, these things, I too, will miss. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and share with me; God wanted me now, He set me free.

Pallbearers

Friends and Family

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Acknowledgements

A friendly smile, a casual touch, these are the things that mean so much. To know you are with us in our time of sorrow, sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow. God give us the comfort in the form of good friends. May his peace be with you, his love never ends.



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Celebrating the Life and Spirit of



Virginia Birks

April 13, 1938 - January 16, 2026

Monday, February 2, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 AM - Funeral Service: 11:00 AM

Walker - Walnut Hills

2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Pastor Tracy Ventus, Officiating

Obituary

Virginia Smith was born on April 13, 1938, to the late Susie Mae Walker and William Smith. She married her best friend, Arthur Birks, in 1983. They were in this beautiful union for 35 years, where she remained a devoted wife until he departed.

Virginia Birks accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior in her middle years and lived her life guided by kindness and generosity. She had a deep love for music and a keen eye for fashion, often designing and making her own clothing. Virginia worked as a factory worker for more than 30 years, a testament to her dedication and strong work ethic.

A woman of many interests, Virginia took great joy in caring for others. She loved her neighbors and was known for her giving spirit, generously supporting numerous organizations. She also found peace in planting flowers, creating beauty wherever she lived.

Virginia was preceded in death by her mother, Susie Mae Walker; brother, Emmit Walker; sisters, Gloria Cottie, Mable Evans, Mary Alice McBride, Gayle Smith; nephew Oliver Payne, Bobby Smith, Tony Smith; two nieces, Suzette Evans and Johnetta McBride.

She leaves to cherish her memory; two sisters Earlene Allen and Brenda Walker; niece, Tracy Walker; her special niece, Claudia Metcalf, who lovingly cared for her and looked after her well being; nephews, James Cottie, Arthur Evans (Janice), Matthew Cottie, John Evans, Darrell Walker, Marcus Smith (Tina), Courtney Walker and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.



*Life is not measured
by the number of breaths
we take, but by the
moments that
take our breath away.*

- Unknown

Order of Service

Music Prelude	
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Pastor Tracy Ventus
Scripture	Gloria Thomas Psalms 23
Selection	"Amazing Grace"
Acknowledgements	
Remarks	2 minutes
Obituary	Read silently
Eulogy	Pastor Tracy Ventus
Benediction	Pastor Tracy Ventus
Recessional	Clergy, Family & Friends



Final Resting Place

Walnut Hills Cemetery

3117 Victory Parkway - Cincinnati, Ohio 45206