



Celebration of Life

Denise Ali

APRIL 23, 1959 – AUG 08, 2026

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

WAKE: 10:00 AM – FUNERAL: 10:30 AM

ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH

15000 LAKESHORE BLVD - CLEVELAND, OH 44110

Order of Service

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING MAYA SIMONS

ISAIAH 25:6A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23 THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

SECOND READING AJA WALLACE

ROMANS 6:3-4, 8-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL – JOHN 14:1-6

HOMILY..... REVEREND THOMAS HAREN

GENERAL INTERCESSION DEACON PETER TRAVALIK

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS MAURICE DREW
PATRICIA DREW

COMMUNION RITE

CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL HYMN

INTERMENT

LAKE VIEW CEMETERY

12316 EUCLID AVE – CLEVELAND, OH 44106

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Larry Drew

Maurice Drew

Eddie Bornds

Curtis Gibson

Jimmy Lewis

Ben McKissack

Michael O'Bannon

Nate Palmer



Obituary

Denise Ali was born on April 23, 1959, in Chicago, Illinois, to Mary Alice and Henry Drew. She was the third of five children. On Saturday, August 8, 2026, Denise peacefully departed this life.

Having been introduced to Christ at an early age and baptized at Sunrise Baptist Church in Chicago, Denise carried her faith with her throughout her life. As an adult, her spiritual journey led her to choose the Catholic faith. Denise's marriage to Dawud "Dave" Ali was blessed with the birth of their son, Jamil Ali.

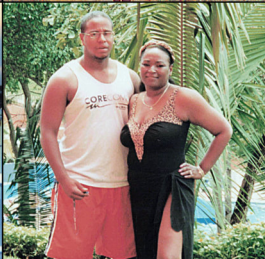
Denise was a graduate of Glenville High School. Denise's entrepreneurial spirit was evident early in her career as a licensed beautician, owning and operating her own beauty salon. She later pursued a career in nursing and earned an Associate Degree in Nursing from Cuyahoga Community College. Committed to continuing her education, she went on to receive a Bachelors and Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Phoenix.

In her leisure time, Denise enjoyed traveling, gardening, walking, barbecuing, cooking, and baking. She especially loved listening to jazz music, attending jazz concerts, and had a special love for diamonds. She enjoyed sharing these passions with family and friends.

Denise was preceded in death by her father Henry Drew, mother, Mary Alice Caston, stepfather Thomas Caston, brother Eugene Caston and stepbrother Willie Caston.

Denise leaves to mourn her loving son, Jamil (Carmalita) Ali; two brothers, Lawrence Drew and Maurice Drew, her twin brother; and one sister, Patricia Drew. She also leaves behind six cherished grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Denise was also fondly remembered by her three nieces and one nephew, Maurkesha Drew, Maurice M. Drew, Aja Wallace, and Maya Sirmons. In addition, she leaves a host of niece and nephews, relatives and friends.

*Lovingly Submitted,
The Family*





When I Am Gone

*When I am gone, release me with a smile,
And carry my memory for a little while.
Live your days with purpose and grace,
Finding joy in every place.*

*Do not let grief keep you from tomorrow,
Or hold your heart in endless sorrow.
Remember me through laughter and song,
And know that my spirit lives on. Okay!!!*

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under
the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of Denise Ali wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness, love, prayers, and support shown during this time of bereavement. Your cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, words of comfort, and expressions of sympathy have been a source of strength and consolation.

We are deeply touched by your thoughtfulness and are grateful for the outpouring of love shared in honor of Denise's life and legacy. May God richly bless each of you for your kindness and compassion during our time of loss.

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