

~ Acknowledgements ~

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have given support during this time of loss.

~ The Ledyard Family



Celebrating

The Life Of

Loretta D. Lattiemore Ledyard

June 27, 1946 - May 14, 2025



Watson's Funeral Home

Friday, May 30, 2025
Lakeview Cemetery

~ Order of Service ~

Musical Prelude
Watson's Funeral Home

Processional	The Family
Family Visitation	10:00 -10:30 a.m.
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Eric Walker
Music Selection	Debra Stewart
Scripture Reading	Brandon Ledyard
Reflections.....	Family & Friends
Words of Remembrance.....	Shirley Stringer
Resolutions.....	JoAnn Ellis
Poem	James Jeffrey Lattimore
Obituary Reading.....	Angela Ledyard
Music Selection.....	Debra Stewart
Eulogy.....	Guest Speaker
Closing Prayer.....	Pastor Eric Walker
Recessional.....	Cortege

Interment: Burial of Urn, Lake View Cemetery
Repass: Greater Abyssinia Baptist Church

*Music Selections: "My God is an Awesome God" by CeCe Winan and "Never Would Have Made It" by Marvin Sapp

When I come
to the edge of all
the light I know

And am about
to step off into
the darkness
of the unknown

faith is believing
one of two things
will happen...

either there will
be something
solid to stand on,

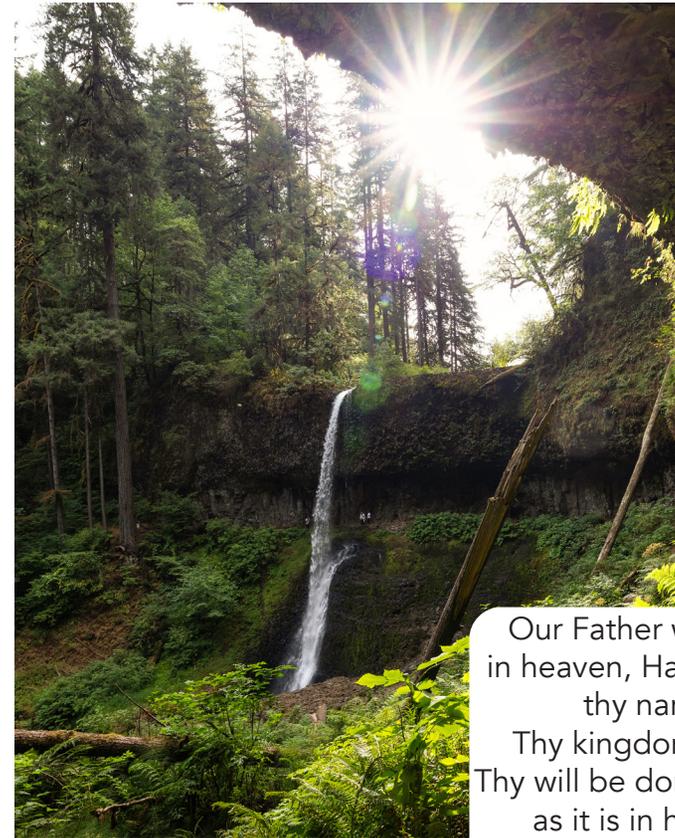
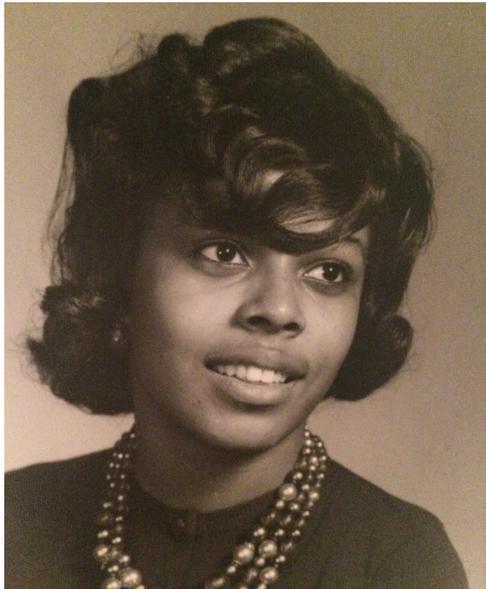
Or, I will be taught
how to fly.

Patrick Overton Author, Poet, Educator

Ecclesiastes 2:24

“So I decided there is nothing better than to enjoy food and drink and to find satisfaction in work.

Then I realized that these pleasures are from the hand of God.”



Matthew 6:9-13

(King James Version)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

~ Biography ~

Loretta D. Lattimore Ledyard was born on June 27, 1946, in Athens, Georgia, to Clydie Mae and James Lattimore. She was the eldest child and proud big sister to James Jeffrey Lattimore. In December 1946, her family relocated to Cleveland, Ohio, where she was raised. Her beloved parents preceded her in death.

Loretta married the love of her life, Charles A. Ledyard on June 13, 1964. Together, they raised three children: Charles Jr. (deceased), Angela, and Adam. Loretta and Charles were approaching their 61st wedding anniversary.

On Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Loretta received her heavenly wings.

Loretta graduated from East Technical High School in Cleveland and went on to pursue her passion for nursing. She became a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) through the Jane Addams School of Practical Nursing. She began her nursing career at University Hospital MacDonald House and later worked at Mt. Sinai Medical Center.

Driven by a commitment to women's health and education, Loretta furthered her education, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Ursuline College and a Master of Science in Nursing from the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University. She was a proud member of Sigma Theta Tau (Alpha Mu Chapter) and the Honor Society at Cuyahoga Community College's Metropolitan Campus.

Over the course of her 30+ year career in women's health nursing, Loretta held numerous impactful roles, including OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Faculty/Instructor at Case Western Reserve

University, Lakeland Community College, and Cuyahoga Community College, as well as an Independent Certified Childbirth Educator. She was actively involved in several professional organizations, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioner Group, and the North American Menopause Society.

Loretta was widely known and deeply respected throughout Northeast Ohio for her compassionate care, professionalism, and expertise as a nurse practitioner. She was a trusted provider and mentor to countless women and students over the years, earning the admiration and affection of both patients and colleagues alike. She retired in 2002, leaving a legacy of excellence and heartfelt service.

Outside of her professional accomplishments, Loretta had a love for gourmet cooking and baking. She delighted in preparing meals for family and friends and was an avid collector of recipes.

Loretta is survived by her devoted husband, Charles A. Ledyard; daughter, Angela Ledyard; son, Adam

Ledyard; granddaughter, Andee Walker (daughter of Angela); brother, James Jeffrey Lattimore; nephew, James T. Lattimore IV; niece Christine Lattimore, and a host of sisters-in-laws, brothers-in-laws, nieces, nephews, extended family, and cherished friends.

Her wisdom, compassion, and warmth will be deeply missed by all who had the honor of knowing her.

