

As I sit In Heaven

AS I SIT IN HEAVEN AND WATCH YOU EVERY DAY, I TRY TO LET YOU KNOW WITH SIGNS I NEVER WENT AWAY. I HEAR YOU WHEN YOU'RE LAUGHING AND WATCH YOU AS YOU SLEEP. I EVEN PLACE MY ARMS AROUND YOU TO CALM YOU AS YOU WEEP. I SEE YOU WISH THE DAYS AWAY, BEGGING TO HAVE ME HOME. SO I TRY TO SEND YOU SIGNS SO YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT ALONE. DON'T FEEL GUILTY THAT YOU HAVE LIFE THAT WAS DENIED TO ME. HEAVEN IS TRULY BEAUTIFUL, JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE. SO LIVE YOUR LIFE, LAUGH AGAIN, ENJOY YOURSELF, BE FREE. THEN I KNOW WITH EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE, YOU'LL BE TAKING ONE FOR ME

Pallbearers

WILLIAM THOMAS - KEVIN THOMAS
LARRY THOMAS - SAM JONES

Acknowledgement

THE FAMILY OF DONNA MARIE THOMAS WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH DEEP APPRECIATION THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE, KINDNESS, AND SUPPORT SHOWN TO US DURING THIS HOUR OF BEREAVEMENT. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND COMFORT. IT IS IMMENSELY APPRECIATED!

A REPAST WILL BE HELD AT
UNITY OF COLUMBUS - 4211 MAIZE RD - COLUMBUS, OH 43224

Homegoing Celebration for



Donna
MARIE THOMAS

SEPTEMBER 9, 1942 — JANUARY 21, 2026

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 14, 2026

VISITATION: 1:00 PM
SERVICE: 2:00 PM

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CHAPEL OF PEACE NORTH
2500 CLEVELAND AVENUE
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MARLAN GARY
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1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

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OBITUARY

DONNA MARIE THOMAS WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1942, TO THE LATE JAMES GOODWIN SR. AND MARTHA MAY CURTIS GOODWIN IN BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA.

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 21, 2026, DONNA WAS CALLED HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD AND TO BE WITH HER CHILDREN: CHARLES THOMAS, ANTHONY THOMAS, AND KIMBERLY THOMAS; BROTHERS: KELVIN LEE GOODWIN AND JAMES WALTER GOODWIN; SISTERS: SHIRLEY MAE GOODWIN, DOROTHY COTTRELL AND GRANDPARENTS:

DONNA LIVED A GOOD, FULL LIFE FOR 83 YEARS. SHE WAS MARRIED TO HER HUSBAND CHARLES THOMAS FOR 66 YEARS.

DONNA WAS THE GLUE TO HER FAMILY AND THAT WAS THAT! THE WOMAN AND MOTHER IN HER WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO KEEP HER FAMILY TOGETHER. SHE TRULY LOVED HER CHILDREN AND SHE WAS A CARETAKER TO MANY OTHERS, WHICH LED TO HER CAREER AS A DIRECTOR OF GOOD SHEPPARD NURSING HOME.

LEFT TO MOURN ARE HER *CHILDREN*: LARRY THOMAS, TONYA, WILLIAM THOMAS, KEVIN THOMAS, AND SAMUEL JONES; HER *GRAND-DAUGHTER*: LADONNA THOMAS AND HER LOVING *SISTERS*: BRENDA HARRIS, DEBORAH JOHNSON, PATRICA GOODWIN, BARBARA JUDKINS, ROBIN WELLS, AND LINDA WILKINS WHO WILL LIVE WITH THE MEMORIES THEY SHARED.

DONNA HAD MANY *GRAND-KIDS*, *GREAT GRAND-KIDS* AND WAS EVEN BLESSED TO SEE A FEW *GREAT-GREAT GRAND-KIDS*. SHE ADORED THEM ALL, AS WELL AS HER *NIECES*, *NEPHEWS* AND HER MANY *FRIENDS* AND *FAMILY* WHO LOVED HER TOO.

ALTHOUGH WE ARE SAD TO LET HER GO, DONNA HAD A SMILE YOU WILL NEVER FORGET. BOY, DID SHE LOVE TO LAUGH AND BRING COMFORT TO HER FAMILY. HER HOUSE, HOME, AND YARD WERE ALWAYS FILLED WITH GOOD TIMES. SHE LOVED HER FAMILY AND THE LORD GREATLY AND IN RETURN HER CHILDREN TOOK GOOD CARE OF HER AND HER HUSBAND STUCK BY HER SIDE THROUGH SICKNESS AND HEALTH. WE ARE ALL THANKFUL FOR HER LIFE WE CELEBRATE TODAY.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE
"ONE WING"- JORDIN SPARKS / "I SHALL WEAR A CROWN"

PARTING VIEW.....IMMEDIATE FAMILY

SCRIPTURE READING.....JEFFREY JOHNSON
OLD TESTAMENT: ECCLESIASTES 3:1-4
NEW TESTAMENT: JOHN 14:1-3

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....JEFFREY JOHNSON

SELECTION....."I LOVE THE LORD"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS.....JALEESA LEE

REMARKS

READING OF THE OBITUARY.....JALEESA LEE

SELECTION....."HEAVEN IS WAITING ON ME"

THE EULOGY PASTOR DARREL PARKER

BENEDICTION.....ROMANS 15:13.....PASTOR DARREL PARKER

RECESSIONAL.....CLERGY, FAMILY AND FRIENDS