

## *OBITUARY*

**Icelia Phyllis Manns**, daughter of Glenora and Curtis McLaughlin, born November 20, 1952, was called home to be with the Lord on August 7, 2022. Ceil, as she was affectionately called by her family and friends, had a kind and loving spirit. The kind of person that when you saw her a smile would spread across your face. You see kindness and peace followed her even during some of the most difficult times in her life.

Family was important to Ceil. Whether by blood, marriage, or unofficial adoption. If she considered you as family, you knew it. The reason you'd know is because she told you and she'd make sure to do whatever she could to make you feel it. Ceil gave birth to two beautiful sons. She treasured Tony and Wayne, and she invested herself fully in them to ensure they knew.

Becoming a grandmother, put a twinkle in her eyes that could outshine the stars in the sky. Christmas became the biggest event of the year, starting with a Christmas tree that could barely fit in the room, and the Christmas presents were so many that they'd meet you at the front door. Ceil enjoyed going to the beach, having cook-outs, and Luther Vandross; all the things that would bring the family together for laughter and a good time. It wouldn't be surprising to any of us to find her grilling in the rain. Sometimes if it was raining too hard, she'd pull the grill up on the back porch and kept the party going....playing Luther Vandross and more Luther Vandross, and more Luther Vandross. The point was that nothing was going to interfere with her plans for family fun!

Ceil was a confident woman. She could understand others perspective on things, but she had her thoughts in order and her facts were straight, and she would interrupt if she needed to set you straight! Ceil was a loving mother and grandmother. To her, raising her children and grandchildren was the most difficult but rewarding, chaotic but beautiful, exhausting but amazing thing in her life. She was a devoted daughter, sister, aunt, and cousin, and a loyal friend. She was who she said she was!

We'll miss her smile, we'll miss her laugh, we'll miss that look she could give you to keep from using a few choice words. Ceil leaves to mourn, her father and mother, Curtis and Glenora; her husband, Wayne, her sons, Tony, Wayne, Sammy, and Mel; her devoted companion, Ed Thompson; her brother Kenny (sister-in law Towanna); her sister Karen (brother-in law Ernie); Thea Griffin, a faithful member of the family; her grandchildren, Mook, D'Angelo, Aja, Diasia, Kylin, Dominic, Shalia, Doobie, Shekira, Desmond, & Sherrod, great grandchildren, Lamar, Andrew, Melanie, Joshua, Mila, Jeremiah, her niece, Sheera, nephews, Kenny and Derell.

## *ORDER OF SERVICE*

*Family Hour*

*Organ Selection  
Dante' Speaks*

*PRAYER*

*Scripture Reading  
Psalms 23  
Revelation 3:20-22*

*Sermonic Selection  
New Mt. Olive Baptist Church choir*

*Reflections from the family*

*Acknowledgements from friends*

*Sermonic Selection  
New Mt. Olive Baptist Church choir*

*Reading of the Obituary*

*Organ Selection*

*Eulogy  
Pastor Daniel Washington  
New Mt. Olive Baptist Church*

*Benediction*

## REFLECTIONS

*To My Beloved Family - When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see. If the sun should rise and find your eyes are filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But tomorrow will start without me, please try to understand, an angel came, God called my name, and took me by the hand. He said my place was ready, in Heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly loved. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me...I'm right there in your heart.*

*God saw she was getting tired and that no cure was insight. He put His arms around her and whispered, come with me. With tearful eyes, we watched her suffer and saw her fading away. Although we loved her dearly, we just could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands to rest...but God takes the best.*

*Love, Mom& Dad*

*To my Ceil,*

*Thank you for the precious memories and smiles. I will never forget you or our times together. You will always be in my heart. I will miss you always.*

*Love, Ed*

*I was truly blessed to have shared a lifetime of memories with you. You are my everything! I wouldn't have been the man I am today, if it were not for you. You've helped change so many lives, including mine, and for that I am grateful. It's gonna be hard not being able to just call you for every little thing, and I'm sure going to miss our daily check-ins. I'm heartbroken that you had to leave us, but I'm blessed and content that I was able to see and speak with you one last time before you gained your wings! I LOVE YOU more than anything in this world, and even though you're not here with me physically, I know you are working your Disney Magic up in Heaven for me!*

*Forever my Angel...I love you Grandma  
Your grandson, Mook*

*The Family gratefully acknowledges the many expressions of love and kindness shown during this difficult time.*

*Professional services entrusted to the Joseph H. Brown Funeral Home  
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**ICELIA PHYLLIS MANN S**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022**

**SERVICE: 3:00-5:00PM**

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