

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 & mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*  
- Psalm 23

*Thank You!*

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of you who extended your prayers, comforting words, and condolences. Your expressions of love, sympathy, and kindness will always be remembered.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair,  
Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers that we saw sitting there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say,  
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much for  
whatever part.  
(Anonymous)

With much love and appreciation,  
The Farmer Family



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*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Vanessa Jean Farmer*

April 14, 1962 - May 11, 2026

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 am

Funeral Service: 11:00 am

Unity Missionary Baptist Church

3126 Fairfield Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45207

Rev. Dock Foster, Sr., Officiating

## Obituary

Vanessa was born on April 14, 1962, to Reverend Cleveland Farmer, Jr. and Mrs. Jessie M. Farmer. She is the third born of five children. She attended grade school and Clifton Elementary and graduated from Walnut Hills High School in 1980.

Vanessa was baptized in 1969 at the young age of 7 by her father and pastor Reverend Cleveland Farmer, Jr. She was active in the church. She was a member of the youth choir (Rosebuds), the usher board, and Unity's Mass Choir. She was an active participant in the annual Baptist convention, both District and State. She was very creative and loved working with children. As one of the youth ministry leaders, Vanessa often wrote plays for Christmas and Black History Month. She developed, organized, coordinated, and facilitated Unity's first youth summer program. She also tutored children in math and reading.

Vanessa enjoyed helping others. She was especially compassionate about advocating for those who could not advocate for themselves. After graduating from high school, Vanessa went on to become a State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA). She then started her career at skilled nursing facilities, which she did with love, care, and compassion.

She began working at Oak Pavilion Nursing Center and remained there for over 30 years. While there, she organized gift exchanges, Sunday services, holiday and birthday celebrations, arts and crafts, bingo days, and group outings for residents. Her commitment to quality care, love, and compassion for the residents and the work led to Vanessa being promoted to activities director.

She enjoyed being "out and about," as she would say, including reggae and salsa nights on the square. She loved her family and loved family gatherings. As much as she loved her family, her family loved her.

Vanessa was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Cleveland Farmer, Jr., and Mrs. Jessie M. Farmer, and her eldest sister, Rosemary Hammons. She leaves to cherish her memory her siblings: Venita Farmer, Lisa Jackson, and Anthony Farmer. Her nieces and nephews: Nyikki, Donnita, Asia, Brianna, Cameron, Quinton, Anthony Jr., Dominik, Cleveland, Alonzo, and Caleb; great nieces and nephews: Makayla, My'la, Ma-Leah, Khalia Rose, Markus, Jr., Nate, Jr., Anthony III, Nassir, Ny'Air, and Cameron, Jr. Also, a host of extended family and friends.

Vanessa loved hard and strong. She said what she meant and meant what she said! All in love, of course. She will be missed and always in our hearts. Forever loved.

The Farmer Family

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude ..... Soft Music

Parting View ..... Family

Prayer ..... Minister

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Psalm 23 ..... Brianna Jackson

New Testament ..... 1 Thessalonians ..... Dominik Jackson  
4:13-14

Selection ..... Unity Mass Choir

Praise Dance ..... Twala Taylor  
Reyonna Cox

Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Voncile McQueen

Remarks ..... Please limit to 2 minutes

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Words of Love ..... Cleveland Farmer  
Asia Foster, & Lisa Jackson

Selection ..... Unity Mass Choir

Eulogy ..... Rev. Dock Foster, Sr.

Benediction ..... Rev. Dock Foster, Sr.

Recessional ..... Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family



### Pallbearers

Anthony W. Farmer, Jr.	Cleveland D. Farmer
Caleb A. Jackson	Dominik E. Jackson
Quinton L. Jackson	Cameron J. Swain

### Interment

Vine Street Hill Cemetery  
3701 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220