



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles
when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering
softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

Helen Lowrie Marshall

Momma

1935 - 2026

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

Repast

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Evanston Recreation Center
3204 Woodburn Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45207



Acknowledgments

To our loving family and friends, you have demonstrated love and kindness to the utmost. We have experienced love as expressed by Jesus Christ, our Lord. A stormy period came into our lives, and you cared, shared, and touched our lives by being there when we needed you. And just as you have shown us love, we pray with supplication that God sends these blessings back your way... pressed down, running over, and shaken together! Please accept our sincere thanks!

Lovingly,
The Family

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Home Going Celebration

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Ira Jean
GRUBBS-SANKS

Alpha
September 13, 1935

Omega
September 4, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026
Visitation 9:30 am | Funeral 10:30 am

Gray Road Church of Christ
4826 Gray Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232

Dr. Jeremy Flowers, Sr., Senior Minister

Obituary

Ira Jean Grubbs Sanks was born on September 13, 1935, in Houston County, Alabama, to the late Andrew and Bessie Grubbs.

On September 25, 1955, she was united in holy matrimony to the late Sammie Lee Sanks. To this union, six children were born, one of whom, Jerry Sanks, preceded her in death.

Sister Ira Jean Sanks was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Michael and Chanel; three great-grandchildren, Khyaire, Ki'rell, and Braylin; four sisters, Marie Grubbs, Lila Turner, Mary J. Thomas, and Margaret Thompson; and five brothers, Roy, Prather, Arthur, John Henry, and Willie C. Grubbs.

Ira Sanks was baptized into Christ in 1953 at Blackshear Street Church of Christ. After relocating to Cincinnati, Ohio, she continued her faithful service at Beecher Street Church of Christ, which later became Gray Road Church of Christ.

Sister Ira was a devoted homemaker who found great joy in caring for her family and those around her. She loved cooking for family and friends, singing hymns, traveling, joking around, and sharing treasured stories from her childhood. Above all, she loved God and cherished the time she spent with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and extended family.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory five children: Aldric Sanks, Teresa Watkins, Timothy (Lachelle) Sanks, all of Cincinnati, Ohio; Eric (Renee) Sanks; and Gary (Gwen) Sanks of Jonesboro, Georgia.

She also leaves a loving legacy of grandchildren, including Aldric Jr., Orlando, Antoine, Greg, Tina, Erica, Timothy Jr., Ashley (Eric), Tameka, Eric Jr., Brandin (Keana), Latiea, Tristan, Manassas, Chiquita, Raven, Jaleel, Mya, Kimberly, Asha, Akia, Ebony, Jihad, Jeremy, Sam, Ira, Gloria, Haven, Maggie.

She is further survived by fifty great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Sister Ira Jean Grubbs Sanks will be lovingly remembered

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for her unwavering love for God, her devotion to her family, her joyful spirit, her sense of humor, and the countless memories she created throughout her life. Her legacy of love, faith, family, and cherished memories will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

A Closing Word of Comfort

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

– 2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)

May we find comfort in knowing that Sister Ira has finished her earthly journey and kept the faith. Though she will be deeply missed, the love she gave, the wisdom she shared, and the memories she created will remain forever in the hearts of her family and friends.

Rest in peace, Sister Ira. Your work is done, your faith has carried you home, and your legacy of love will live on.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Soft Music
Parting View	Family
Opening Prayer	Dr. Jeremy Flowers
Congregational Song	"Hard Fighting Solider" Ricky Barton
Scripture	Barney Griffin <i>Old Testament: Psalm 16:7-11, 63:1-8</i> <i>New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18</i>
Prayer	Herschel Johnson
Selection	"The Family Prayer" The Dothanaire's
Reflections	Grand & Great-grandchildren Please keep remarks to two minutes
Poem Reading	Gwen Sanks
Obituary	Read Silently
Congregational Song	"Mansion Robe and Crown" Ricky Barton
Eulogy	Jalen Barton
Recessional	Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family "When the Saints Go Marching In" - Ricky Barton

Interment

Spring Grove Cemetery
4521 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
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