

All You Can Do is Watch

Watch yourself fade
but not in a mirror, no
in the eyes of your mother.
Watch as every phone call
becomes an infinity loop.
Watch the social butterfly
close her book,
never to be re-opened.
Watch her straight brow
begin to arch as your memories
together become only yours.
Watch the anger in her eyes grow
as if there was an intruder in her home,
despite your scheduled visit.
Watch her clock-like life
become completely discursive,
as if a feather in the wind.
Watch her light flicker
as she loses herself to amyloid plaques.
And all you can do is watch
as your mother fades
from her own mind
and into God's hands,
out of pain,
and out of time.

Jillian Marie Hinchliffe

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

- The family of Edna Marie Pettis



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CELEBRATING THE

Life OF



Edna Marie Pettis

January 10, 1944 - June 8, 2026

SERVICE INFORMATION

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 am

Funeral: 11:00 am

Walker Funeral Home - Walnut Hills Chapel

2625 Gilbert Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Minister Franklin - Officiating

Obituary

Edna Marie Pettis (née Lindsey) was born in Laurel, Mississippi, on January 10, 1944, to the late Louis Lindsey, Sr. and Mirlean Lindsey (née Delaine). She went home to be with Jesus on June 8, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Edna was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Earl Lindsey and Command Sergeant Major Louis Lindsey, Jr.; two sisters, Erma Pearl Johnson and Ruth Goodwin; her daughter-in-law, Cynthia Pettis; and her grandson, Christopher.

Growing up in Laurel, Edna attended Sandy Gavin School, Nora Davis School, and Oak Park High School, where she was often called "Edna Marie Lindsey, the smartest girl in school".

Edna accepted Christ at an early age and attended Morning Star Baptist Church in Laurel, Mississippi. When she moved to Cincinnati, she became a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Walnut Hills and later became a faithful member of Inspirational Baptist Church. She was a faithful servant and dedicated prayer warrior. She would read and study scriptures daily. She planted seeds of faith in her children and other family members that will continue for a lifetime. She and her husband would often visit the sick and shut-in members of their church family, often taking homemade food and visiting with them to lift their spirits.

Edna dedicated her life to her family and her noble calling as a wife, mother, and homemaker. She created a home that served as the heart of the family, and she welcomed everyone. Once her children were grown, Edna did not slow down – she reinvented herself and got a job at a popular ladies' clothing store, which was a perfect fit since she loved to dress in stylish fashions. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, reading, and interior decorating.

Edna was survived by her loving husband, Willie Earl Pettis of 66 ½ years; her daughter, Janet Hill (Wardell); her son, Victor Pettis; eight grandchildren, Alexis, Dominique (Donnell), Monique, Ashlee, Victor, Jr., Julian, Victoria (Roger), and Cierra; four sisters, Margaret Hon, Joyce McSwain, Faye Patterson, and Doris Palmer; two brothers, Bobby Lindsey and Billy Lindsey; one sister-in-law, Lillie Lindsey; 12 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other family members, and dear friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Soft Music
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Minister Franklin
Scripture Readings	Minister Franklin
	<i>Old Testament: Psalm 23</i>
	<i>New Testament John 14:1-3</i>
Selection	"Stand" Donnell Wiggins
Remarks	Family & Friends (Please limit remarks to two minutes)
Obituary	Read Silently
Recorded Selection	"Going Up Yonder" Tramaine Hawkins
Eulogy	Minister Franklin
Benediction	Minister Franklin
Recessional	Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family

Pallbearers

Donnell Wiggins
Deshawn Yates

Taurien Wiggins

Jermaine Brown
Roger Davis

Interment

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

Repast

Following the Interment
Walker - Walnut Hills
Reception Hall