

23rd Psalm

The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth 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 and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.



Forever my sister, forever in my heart,
and forever loved. ❤️ Lucille Bell

Pallbearers

Raymond Banks	Anthony Beasley
Gregory Banks Jr.	Martez Jones
Amir Crutcher	Dario Lattimore Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Roy Golightly	Dwynell Golightly
Deaven Banks	

Acknowledgements

The Bell and Golightly Families extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone who offered prayers, love, support, cards, flowers, contributions, and kind words during this difficult time. A special thank you to the Mark and Diane Ellis Family for their love, generosity, and support. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have brought comfort to our hearts and will always be remembered.



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Celebrating the Life of



Emma Jean Golightly

Sunrise: December 5, 1935 - Sunset: September 8, 2026



Monday, September 21, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 am - Funeral Service: 11:00 am

Walker Funeral Home

2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Reverend Kendall Washington, Officiating

Obituary

Emma Jean Golightly, lovingly known as Jean, age 90, passed away peacefully on September 8, 2026. Jean was born on December 5, 1935, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Minnie Owens-Bell and Millard Bell.

Jean was united in marriage to James Golightly Sr. and embraced the journey of life as a devoted military wife. Through her husband's military service, Jean had the opportunity to travel and experience life in many places across the country and around the world. She lived in Japan, Washington, D.C., Hawaii, and Boston, creating cherished memories and building a life wherever their journey took them. Eventually, Jean returned home to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she resided and remained close to her family and loved ones.

Jean was a dedicated employee of The Kroger Company, where she worked for many years before retiring. She took pride in her work and in providing for and caring for her family. Jean will be remembered for her open-door home, where family and friends were always welcomed with love. She enjoyed cooking and especially cherished having her family together for holidays and special occasions. Jean was social, kind, caring, and always enjoyed the company of those around her. Her home was a place where people could gather, share a meal, laugh, fellowship, and make lasting memories.

Jean also had a fun-loving and competitive spirit. She enjoyed playing card games, especially Spades, Tonk, and Pinochle, and loved the laughter and fellowship that came with every game.

She also had a special love for her dogs, who were cherished companions and an important part of her life.

Jean's greatest joy was her family. She leaves a beautiful legacy of love that will continue through the many generations she leaves behind.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Minnie Owens-Bell and Millard Bell; her three brothers, William Bell, Floyd Rochelle Jr., and Tommy Rochelle; and her son, James Golightly Jr.

Jean leaves to cherish her memory her children, Maxine Banks; Roy (Cassandra) Golightly; Vicky Golightly; Pauline (Darryle) Byrd, and her beloved sister, Lucille Bell.

She also leaves behind eleven grandchildren: Denise Banks, Raymond Banks, Gregory (Jessica) Banks Jr., Rondray Willis, Dwyne Golightly, Steven Golightly, Shevelle Golightly, Demetria Hines, Darryle (Mya) Byrd Jr., Ciera Golightly, and Regina Byrd; 31 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and a host of cousins, other relatives, and dear loved ones.

Jean's warmth, kindness, strength, humor, and generous spirit touched the lives of so many. Her open heart and open door made everyone feel welcome, and the memories she created with her family and friends will be treasured forever.

She was deeply loved, and her memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Pamela Crumbley
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Rev. Kendall Washington
Scripture	Rev. Kendall Washington
Selection	"Every Praise" Pamela Crumbley "Goin' Up Yonder"
Acknowledgements	
Poem	Demetria Hines
Special Remarks	2 Minutes, Please
Life Reflections	Read Obituary Silently
Selection	"Never Would . . . Pamela Crumbley Have Made It"
Eulogy	Rev. Kendall Washington
Benediction	Rev. Kendall Washington
Recessional	Clergy, Family & Friends



Final Resting Place

Monday, September 21, 2026
Walnut Hills Cemetery
3117 Victory Parkway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

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