

## *23rd Psalm*

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 and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.



## *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 Elizabeth Marie Byrd

## *Pallbearers*

Daryl Byrd	Millard Watkins, III
Richard Watkins	Reginald Watkins
Khristian Gaines	Brandon Prokop

## *Repast*

Will be held back at the church  
immediately following the interment



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## *In Loving* **MEMORY**



*Elizabeth Marie Byrd*

March 31, 1935 - April 18, 2025



*Saturday, May 10, 2025*

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

*Greater Liberty Baptist Church*  
6209 Desmond St | Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

Rev. Herbert E. Mabry, Officiating

# Obituary

Elizabeth Marie Byrd, a devoted wife, loving mother, beloved grandmother, and cherished member of her community, passed away peacefully on Good Friday, April 18, 2025, in Gainesville, Florida, surrounded by loved ones. She was 90 years old.

Born on March 31, 1935, in Richmond, Virginia, Elizabeth was the youngest daughter of Ruth Marie Davis (Morris) and Richard Alfonzo Davis. She was the sister of Katie and Marietta, and lived a life rooted in faith, service, and unconditional love.

On Valentine's Day in 1954, Elizabeth married the love of her life, James "Jim" Rogers Byrd—a day symbolic of their deep and enduring bond. Together, they raised two sons, James and Daryl.

In 1962, they left Richmond and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Elizabeth dedicated her professional career to public service through a long and respected career with the Internal Revenue Service. Her excellence earned her numerous accolades and the admiration of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Never one to sit idle, Elizabeth remained active after retirement by working part-time at the Coach store—combining her fashion sense with her passion for service and connection.

Elizabeth was a dedicated and active member of Greater Liberty Baptist Church, where she united in March 1966 under the pastorate of Jerome Lewis, Sr. There, she poured her heart into service: teaching crocheting and sewing classes, working with food donation programs, singing in the choir, and sharing her faith through numerous ministries. Her love for God, her family, and her community was evident in all that she did.

She was known for her warmth, generosity, lively attitude, and unmistakable charm—a fashionable lady with a big heart and a sharp wit who lit up every room she entered. Elizabeth had a gift for making people feel safe, valued, and loved. Her presence left a lasting impression on all she touched.

Affectionately known as "Mom Byrd" by many, she was the heart of her extended family. She welcomed everyone with open arms and a warm kitchen, where her legendary macaroni and cheese was just one of many cherished recipes passed down through generations. She also had a deep love for sewing and crocheting—skills she passed on generously to others, not just as a craft, but as a way of showing her love.

One of the greatest blessings of her final year was celebrating her 90th birthday on March 31st, surrounded by friends and family—some in person, others virtually. She enjoyed her favorite food, her son's famous chicken wings, and enjoyed the outpouring of love from those whose lives she had touched. It brings comfort to know that so many were able to honor and celebrate her remarkable life while she was still with us.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jim, and her sisters, Katie and Marietta.

She leaves her memories to be cherished to: her eldest son, James (Ora), and youngest son, Daryl (Jessica). Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Danae Gaines (Khristian), Tempra Byrd, Ty Royal, Torri Royal, Brandon Prokop (Kara), Jordan Byrd, Tre Pendergraph, Tina Mason (Christopher), Christopher Perkins (Krilauda), Anton Groomez, and Aaron (Jasmine). She is also survived by great-grandchildren: Tevion Royal Todd, Tapreia Royal Todd, Takarie Byrd, Tylan Byrd, Chloe Prokop, and Kali Prokop, as well as her great-great-grandchild, Capri, whom she had the joy of meeting before her passing.

Elizabeth's life was a testament to faith, love, and service. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.



Please don't sing sad songs for me  
 Forget your grief and tears  
 For I am in a *perfect place*  
 Away from pain and tears...  
 I'm far away from hunger,  
 And hurt and want and pride  
 With the *Master* at my side.  
 My life on earth was very good,  
 As earthly lives can go,  
 But paradise is so much more  
 Than anyone can know...  
 My heart is filled with **HAPPINESS**,  
 And sweet rejoicing, too,  
 To walk with God is perfect peace,  
 A joy forever new.

# Order of Service

- Organ Prelude ..... Musician
- Parting View ..... Family
- Musical Selection .....
- Scripture Readings ..... Rev. Herbert E. Mabry  
 Old & New Testaments
- Prayer ..... Rev. Herbert E. Mabry
- Musical Selection .....
- Acknowledgements .....
- Reflections/Remarks .....
- Obituary ..... Read Silently
- Selection .....
- Eulogy ..... Rev. Herbert E. Mabry
- Benediction ..... Rev. Herbert E. Mabry
- Recessional ..... Clergy, Bearers & Family



## Final Resting Place

Saturday, May 10, 2025  
 Graceland Memorial Gardens - Milford  
 5989 Deerfield Road, Milford, Ohio 45150  
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