Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free!
Miss me a little - but not for long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me, but let me go.
For this journey that we all must take
And each must go alone;
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me, but let me go.

Author Unknown

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 Irene Freeman

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Celebrating the Life and Spirit of

Irene FREEMAN

NOVEMBER 12, 1943 – OCTOBER 27, 2026

VISITATION
10:00 AM

FUNERAL CEREMONY
11:00 AM

Grace A.M.E. Church
1627 Fairfax Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45207

Officiating Minister
Reverend Vanessa Cummings

Obituary

Irene was the third child of James and Opal Merritt. She was born on November 12, 1943, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She attended Hayes Elementary School and Abigail Cutter Junior High School and graduated from Robert A. Taft High School in 1962. Upon graduating from high school, she began her administrative career with the Cincinnati Board of Education.

Irene served as an administrative assistant for more than 35 years before retiring. Throughout her tenure with the Cincinnati Public School System, she worked at various schools. Her final assignment was at Burton Elementary School, where she was known as the “mother of many.” She cared for children who needed mothering in many different ways. Whether providing clothing, combing hair, making sandwiches, or meeting other needs, Irene was always there to make it happen. The children loved her, as did the faculty members she supported.

Irene faithfully served God and her church. She worked and worshipped at Jones Tabernacle/St. Stephens AME Church, now known as Grace AME Church. During her time there, Irene served in many capacities. She was a member of the Gospel Choir, where she met her late husband, Kenneth Freeman. She also served on the Usher Board for many years as a dedicated doorkeeper in the house of God. Additionally, she was a skilled and devoted Sunday School teacher for the adult class for many years, with a special love for the Old Testament.

One of Irene’s greatest achievements was securing a grant that allowed her dream to become a reality. Through this grant, she established “Daily Bread,” a ministry focused on serving the community by providing weekly meals, clothing, and spiritual support. Irene absolutely loved this ministry and was deeply fulfilled by the impact it had on the lives of so many people.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Angela (Wayne) and Brian (Shirl); her sisters, Delores and Sharyn (William); her nieces and nephews, Melanie, Sean, Leonard, Corey, Jessica, Jayla, Sherry, and Lori; her grandchildren, Janae, Cameron (Jamila), Kandis, Jordan, MicKhi; her great-grandchildren, Dezmond, Demitri, Alyssia, Dwight, and Titus, Jaylan Thomas, Jahmi Thomas, Jayden Clack, Jmya, Journey and Jade Samuels and a host of grandchildren, family and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Dr. Deborah Jackson
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Reverend Eugene Godhigh
Old Testament Scripture	Psalm 23 Reverend Michele Godhigh
New Testament Scripture	Timothy 4:7-8 Reverend Michele Godhigh
Selection	"It is Well" Congregational Song
Acknowledgements	
Remarks	2 Minutes Please
Obituary	Read Silently
Selection	"I'm Going up Yonder" Dr. Deborah Jackson
Eulogy	Reverend Michele Godhigh
Benediction	Reverend Michele Godhigh
Recessional	Clergy, Family & Friends

Pallbearers

Dwight Cameron White
Demitri Mitchell
Dezmond Mitchell
MicKhi Freeman
Jordan Cromwell

Honorary Pallbearers

Brian Freeman
Sean Merritt
Wayne Cole

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Final Resting Place

Walnut Hills Cemetery
3117 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206