

"I Love You Nessa"

Mom,

We haven't always seen eye to eye, and our journey together has had its share of challenges. But through it all, one thing has always remained true – I love you. No matter the disagreements or the distance, you were my mother, and I carry pieces of you in who I am today. I'll always be grateful for the life you gave me, the lessons I learned – even the hard ones – and the strength I saw in you. Rest peacefully now. I carry your memory in my heart forever.

With love,
Your daughter, Finesha



Dear Grandma,
I just want to say hey... and I love you forever. I still can't believe you're gone. It wasn't your fault—God just said it was time. But it didn't feel like the right time for me. Thank you for the lessons, the stories, and the strength you showed me just by being you. I'll always remember your laugh, the way you loved us all so deeply, and how your faith never wavered—no matter what life threw your way. I promise to carry your love with me and live a life that would make you proud. Rest peacefully,
Grandma. I love you forever.

Love always,
Nadir



Dear Granny,

I miss you so much already. I miss the way you would hype us up when we danced, the way you made me laugh with all your funny stories, and how you always checked on me when I was feeling down. You always pushed me to do better, and I'll never forget that. I love you so much and wish you were here to see all the goals I'm about to accomplish. But even though you're not here physically, I'm still going to do everything we talked about—just to make you proud.

Love you forever and always,
Da'Riyah

Dear Grandma,

I love and miss you so much—words can't even explain it. To this day, it still doesn't feel real. You were the strongest woman ever, Grandma. You don't know how much I miss you. I know you're in a better place now, but every day I think about you and how you'd probably be calling me. I just wish I could hug you one more time. Rest in peace, Grandma.

You'll always be in our hearts and prayers.

Love,
Jayda

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 Vanessa Owensby



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In Loving MEMORY



Vanessa Owensby

March 2, 1957 - July 24, 2025

August 16, 2025

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

House of Hope

930 Findlay Street | Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Pastor Nick Burnett, Officiating

Obituary

Vanessa Owensby was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on March 2, 1957, to Roy and Essie Owensby.

Vanessa took her last breath and closed her beautiful eyes on July 24, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Essie Owensby; her brothers Roger, Randy, Rudolph, and Rodney; her sister Theresa Owensby; and her stepson, Walter Willis Jr.

Vanessa received her education in the Cincinnati Public School District and also attended Southwestern College for nursing.

Vanessa found great joy in going to bingo, visiting casinos, and cherishing time with her beloved children and grandchildren.

She was proud to have overcome her battle with addiction, celebrating over three years of sobriety—a testament to her strength, resilience, and determination to live a better life for herself and her family.

Vanessa leaves to cherish her precious memory the love of her life, Walter Willis; her daughters, Finesha (Charles) and Rhonda (Mickie); her bonus daughter, Shanell (Preston); her sons, Demetrious, Carnell, and Dominique; and her bonus son, Walter (deceased). Her grandsons include Michael, Maury, Nadir, Cortez, Ronnell, Demontez, Lil Carnell, and Lil Demetrious. Her granddaughters include Niah, Donaisha, Talisha, Demetrian, Demetria, DaRiya, Riley, Jayda, Dallas, Ahlayah, and 19 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers Robert (Diane), Raymond (Theresa), Roger (deceased) (Brenda), Rickey, Randell (deceased), Rudolph (deceased) (Sherry), Rodney (deceased), and Chauncey (wife); her sisters Netra (Jerry), Kim (Albert), Theresa (deceased) (Otis), and Regina (Derrick); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

"To Our Family"

Mama, your love was pure and deep,
A bond so strong, it's ours to keep.
You gave us strength with every prayer,
A gentle touch, a heart that cared.
You held us close through darkest days,
And taught us love in countless ways.
With open arms and words so wise,
You saw the world through loving eyes.
We'll miss your laugh, your warm embrace,
The peace you brought, your gentle grace.

No one can fill the space you leave,
But in our hearts, we still believe...
That love like yours can never die,
It shines like stars up in the sky.
So rest, dear Mama, soft and true,
Shell, Nickie, Mookie, Nelly, and Buck will carry you.



Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Parting View Immediate Family
- Prayer Pastor Nick Burnett
- Scripture Pastor Nick Burnett
- Selection
- Acknowledgements Pastor Nick Burnett
- Remarks 2 Minutes Please
- Obituary Read Silently
- Selection
- Eulogy Pastor Nick Burnett
- Benediction Pastor Nick Burnett
- Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends



Pallbearers

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| Demetrious Owensby | Carnell Owensby |
| Dominique Willis | Michael Owensby |
| Maury Owensby | Gregory Owensby |
| Gary Owensby | Kenneth Owensby |
| Romando Owensby | |

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