

## *"Remember Me"*

Don't remember me with sadness,  
Don't remember me with tears,  
Remember all the laughter,  
We've shared throughout the years.  
Now I am contented  
That my life it was worthwhile,  
Knowing that I passed along the way  
I made somebody smile.  
When you are walking down the street  
And you've got me on our mind,  
I'm walking in our footsteps  
Only half a step behind.  
So please don't be unhappy  
Just because I am out of sight,  
Remember that I am with you  
Each morning, noon and night.  
By Andrea Jackson

## *Acknowledgement*

On behalf of the family, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have expressed your condolences. Whether you have visited, called, or prayed, we appreciate all the love and kindness you have shown during this difficult time.



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# *Celebration of Life*



*Billie J. Marshall*

September 1, 1935 - October 8, 2025

*Wednesday, October 29, 2025*

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

*Walker - Walnut Hills*

2625 Gilbert Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Rev. Donald Tarpley Jr. • Officiating

# Order of Service



## Obituary

Billie J. Marshall was born on September 1, 1935, in Omar, Logan County, West Virginia, to the late William Hamilton Jones and Dorothy Mae Jones. She entered the world alongside her identical twin sister, Bobbie, who preceded her in death, with whom she shared an extraordinary and lifelong bond.

Billie attended Aracoma High School in Logan, West Virginia, where she was a cheerleader and homecoming Queen. She graduated in 1953 and went on to earn a degree in Business Administration. Billie also modeled for Marvin Gentry and held a position as a bookkeeper and typist at the Manse Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was there she crossed paths with the legendary James Brown, whose friendship led her to travel as his guest—an experience that reflected her adventurous spirit.

She pursued her passion for nursing and graduated from Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Billie served as a psychiatric nurse at Longview State Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, where her compassion and dedication touched many lives.

Billie married Stanley Burdette Marshall, and together they welcomed a son, William Burdette Marshall, and a daughter, Vickie Marie Marshall—both of whom preceded her in death. Later, she remarried Louis Curtis Stallworth, and they were blessed with a daughter, Sonya Stallworth.

Her professional career included many years at Shillito's and a distinguished 30-years of service at Lazarus Federated Department Store in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Billie was known for her radiant smile and kind hearts; she never met a stranger. She loved her children deeply and ensured they never went without. Later in life, she met the love of her life, Carlos A. Cromwell, who also preceded her in death.

She was a gifted cook and an exceptional baker. A woman of elegance and flair, Billie adored high fashion and carried herself with style and grace. She enjoyed casino trips, traveling, music, and the theatre. Jazz was her favorite music, and she loved to dance. Her sense of humor was unmatched—she always kept you laughing.

Billie leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter. She is survived by: Daughter: Sonya Stallworth of Cincinnati, Ohio Stepsons: Darryl Marshall, Robert Marshall, Phillip Marshall, all of Cincinnati, Ohio Sister: Bettye Livingston (preceded in death by Robert) of Plano, Texas Brother-in-law: Otis L. Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio Daughter-in-law: Melody Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio grandchildren: Treva La Tosha Wimpye of Cincinnati, Ohio, Antonio Ford (Lachelle) of Newport, Kentucky, Isaiah Jarrod "Nooney" Wimpye of Cincinnati, Ohio, Cindy Davis, Ricky Davis both of Cincinnati, Ohio, Wayne Davis (preceded in death) of Atlanta, GA., Asante Marshall and Amena Marshall, Kia Achoe, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Great-grandchildren: Tranell Jones (Ray) of Tacoma, Washington; Travell Wimpye, Joseph Wimpye, and Jahriah Wimpye, all of Cincinnati, Ohio great-great-grandchildren: Corey Jones and Carmel Jones, both of Tacoma, Washington.

Nieces and nephews: Shirl Fields (Alvin Ushry), Brittney Fields of Cincinnati, Ohio, Eriel Fields of Orlando, Florida, Shauna Holt (Rickie), Alexis Phoenix, of Cincinnati, Ohio; ShaRi Tarpley (Donald Jr.), Courtney Moore (Darryl) of Plano, Texas; Ashlie Tarpley of Lorton, VA; Donald Tarpley III (Nadine) of Orlando, Florida, Susan Langston, Rahjzon Franz, Daniel Franz of Cincinnati, Ohio, Sharon Watts of Cincinnati, Ohio; Anita Sims of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a host of additional devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished friends.

Billie's life was a beautiful blend of strength, style, and soul. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Musical Prelude .....  
 Parting View ..... Immediate Family  
 Invocation ..... Rev. Donald Tarpley Jr.  
 Old Testament ..... Alexis Phoenix  
 New Testament ..... ShaRi Tarpley  
 Acknowledgments .....  
 Obituary ..... Read Silently  
 Reflections ..... 3 Minutes Please  
 Evangelist Sandra Lyles  
 Sharon Watts  
 Eulogy ..... Rev. Donald Tarpley Jr.  
 Benediction ..... Rev. Donald Tarpley Jr.  
 Recessional ..... Clergy Family & Friends



### *Pallbearers*

Antonio Ford                      Darryl Marshall                      Alvin Ushry  
 Donald Tarpley Jr.                      Donald Tarpley III

### *Final Resting Place*

Walnut Hills Cemetery  
 3117 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206