

*"A Tribute from Her Daughter"*

Mom,

You were my first love,  
my safe place, my constant in a changing world. You  
taught me how to be strong without being hard, how  
to love deeply without losing myself.

Your sacrifices were quiet, but their impact was  
everlasting. When life felt heavy, you carried me.  
When I doubted myself, you believed enough for both  
of us.

Everything I am has roots in you. Though I must now  
walk forward without your hand, I carry your voice in  
my heart, your lessons in my spirit, and your love in  
everything I do.

Rest now, Mom. I will honor you by the life I live, by  
the love I give, and by never letting your memory  
fade.

Forever your daughter,

Always, Your Child.

*"A Tribute from Her Grandchildren"*

Grandma,

You were our calm in every storm, our comfort, our  
laughter, our steady love. Your arms were always  
open, your heart always made room for more.

You taught us by example— how to be kind, how to be  
patient, how to love family without limits. Your words  
stayed with us, but your actions taught us the most.

Even now, we feel you near in quiet moments, in  
shared memories, in the love we carry forward.

Though we must say goodbye for now, your spirit  
walks beside us every day. We are better because of  
you, Grandma, and your love will live on through us—  
in the laughter of your great-grandchildren, in their  
growing dreams, and in the generations still to come.

Forever loved.  
Forever remembered

*In Loving*  
**MEMORY**

*Pallbearers*

Donnelle Springs      Robert Stewart Jr.  
Andre Thomas      Marvin Thomas  
Antione Hudson

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Kevin Crigler      Kevin Crigler Jr.  
Gregory Stewart      Patrick Vickers

*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 Ruth Catherine Black

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*Ruth Catherine Black*

July 25, 1949 - January 18, 2026

*February 7, 2026*

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

*Walker - Mt. Healthy Chapel*  
7272 Hamilton Avenue | Mt. Healthy, Ohio 45231  
Pastor James Ira Fitzgerald III, Officiating

# Obituary

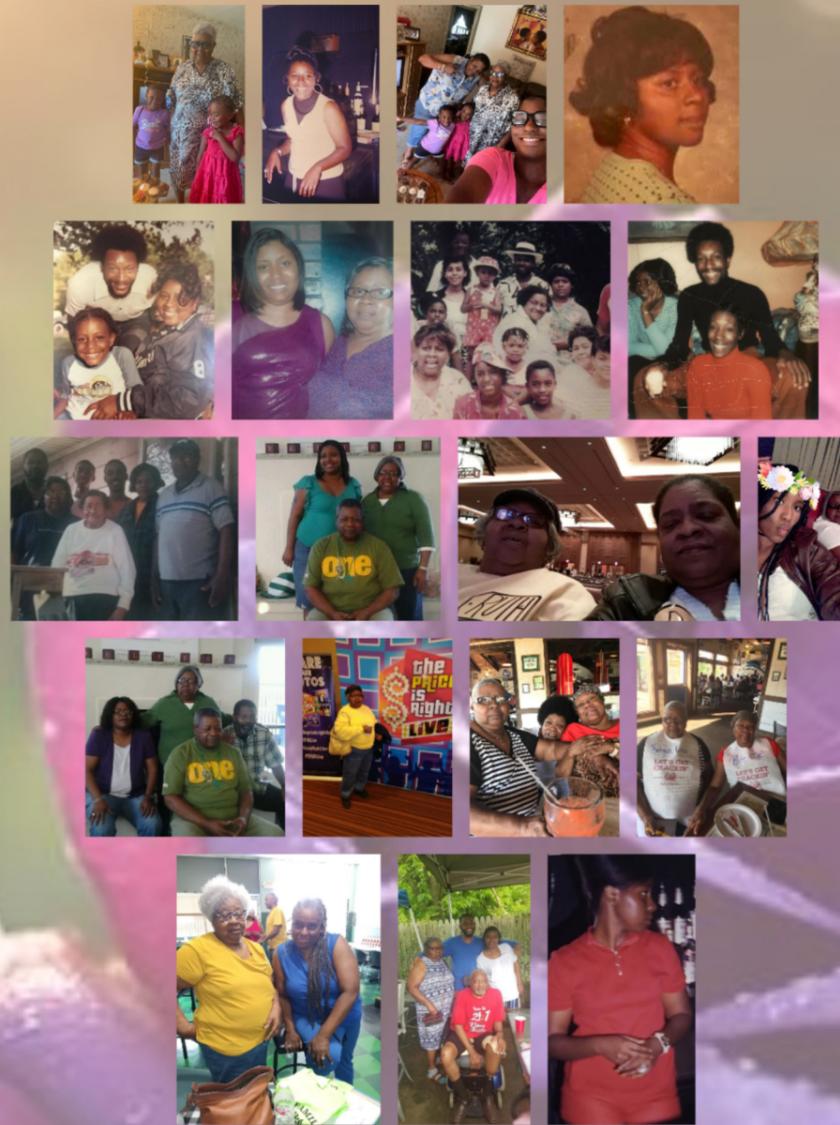
Ruth Catherine Black, a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, peacefully passed away on January 18, 2026. She was born on July 25, 1949, in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she spent much of her life surrounded by family and love.

Ruth was known for her quiet strength, caring heart, and unwavering devotion to her family. She worked faithfully for many years at Formica before retiring, taking great pride in providing for, nurturing, and supporting those she loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde C. Stewart and Willie G. Ruffin, and her brothers, Anthony Stewart, Fredrick Stewart, and Harold Stewart.

Ruth leaves to cherish her memory her devoted daughter, Delgreta Black; her grandchildren, Jamilah Black and Sylvester Johnson III; and her beloved great-grandchildren, Tyler Cunningham, Tyleigh Cunningham, Asher Johnson, and Sevyn Johnson. She is also survived by her sisters, Debbie Collins and Vonceil Stewart-Kai (Justice Dodoo); her brother, Robert Stewart Sr.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ruth Catherine Black will be remembered for her unconditional love, gentle spirit, and the lasting legacy of family she leaves behind.



## 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

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## Repast

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