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AUGUST 28, 1960 - OCTOBER 21, 2025



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Acknowledgments

The family of the late Traci Lynn Washington would like to thank those who have taken their sincere time to extend their love and support, whether it were through kind words, companionship or in Spirit.

Thank you for being here with us and for honoring the memory of our Beloved Traci. Your support means so much to us.

The family of Traci L. Washington extends our deepest gratitude to the staff and volunteers of the VA in Columbus, Ohio, especially Jennifer Sharpe and Novella Fulmore, for their care, compassion, and friendship.

We offer heartfelt thanks to Rev. Dr. Sokoto Fulani for being our Presiding Minister, Joseph Maier for hosting the repast, Maisha Johnson for designing today's program, and to Brandi Flulallen and Maisha Johnson for sharing the reading of Scripture. We are also grateful to Jennifer Sharpe and Novella Fullmore from the VA for their support and Josh Powell and Maisha Johnson for blessing us with their voices.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge the generous anonymous donation made in Traci's name—your kindness honors her spirit of love and service.

*With appreciation and love,
The Family of Traci L. Washington*

"Thank you, for being an AMAZING Mom, Sister, Daughter, Mother in Love, Aunt and Friend. You truly made an impact and touched the hearts of so many people."



The Life & Legacy of *Tracy Lynn Washington*

August 28, 1960 - October 21, 2025

Sergeant First Class(SFC), Chaplain Assistant, Army

It is with deep respect and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Traci Lynn Washington, aged 65 of Columbus, OH who departed this life on 10/21/2025

Born to Lewis and Constance Dodley on 08/28/1960 in Columbus, OH, Traci proudly served in the Army for 15 years, achieving the rank of Sergeant First Class, Chaplain Assistant. During her service, she achieved an Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal. Throughout her tour, she's also had the pleasure of traveling the world with her family from Hawaii to Japan.

After completing her military service, Traci continued to embody the values of honor, courage, and commitment in civilian life by devoting her time to the Department of Veteran Affairs. She dedicated her time and career as The Chief of Voluntary Services. She was known for her infectious laugh, beautiful smile, bubbly personality, her family, amazing philanthropy, passion for the care and well-being of Veterans and desire to make change in her community.

Traci cherished her colleagues and friends at the Columbus VA, whose care, laughter, and friendship meant so much to her and continue to mean so much to us. Her favorite hobbies included anything with family & friends, celebrating the holidays and watching Turner Classic movies/shows.

Traci is survived by two sons; Joseph Washington married to Dashua S. Williams-Washington and Devin Washington married to Ashley S. Washington. Two Grandchildren; Trinity Aniyah Williams and Mila Rose Washington,. Three Siblings; Mr. Lewis Dodley Jr., Mrs. Imani (Kim) Olear, Mr. Mark Dodley and Father; Dr. Lewis Dodley Sr.

A funeral service with full military honors will be held on Friday November 7, 2025 with Visitation at 2 PM and Service at 3PM at the National Veterans Memorial Museum with interment on Saturday November 8th at 10 AM at Greenlawn Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to gather and share memories of a life well-lived and a service well-given.

****In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Veterans' Volunteer Services in Traci's memory.**

A Prayer *For* You



Eternal God, we give you thanks for Traci, for her laughter, her truth, her care for veterans, her faith in action, for her love of family, and her courage to speak from the heart.

We thank you for the ways she braided together compassion and strength, and for the community she built around honesty, humor, and service.

Comfort all who grieve her passing especially Joe, Devin, their families, and all who called her sister or friend.

Surround them with peace. Help them to trust that she is now held safely in your eternal arms, where all is love and all is well.

*We pray this through Christ, who taught us to live and love without fear.
Amen.*

Musical Selection

Lift Every Voice & Sing



*Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won
Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast
God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God
True to our native land
Our native land*



Scriptures



First Reading: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”



A *Fathers* Tribute



Butterflies have many symbolic meanings across cultures, including transformation, rebirth, and hope

Transformation

Butterflies' life cycle, from caterpillar to cocoon to butterfly, is a metaphor for the journey of self-discovery and the ability to change and evolve.

Rebirth

Butterflies can represent rebirth and resurrection, and the triumph of the spirit over the material world.

Hope

Butterflies' transformation can symbolize hope and new beginnings.

Freedom

Butterflies can represent freedom, lightness, and joy, and remind us to let go of burdens and embrace liberation.

Love

In literature and art, butterflies can signify love.

Endurance

Butterflies can represent endurance.

Nature

Butterflies can represent the wonder of nature (God)

Love, Dad



Musical Selection

Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

*When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

The Lord's Prayer



*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

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Honorable Alison Russo

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"AS" Stevie Wonder

COMMITTAL SERVICE FOR TRACI L WASHINGTON
WILL BE WITH MILITARY HONORS AT
GREENLAWN CEMETERY SATURDAY AT 10 AM