

She's someone special
who's beyond compare,
through her I breathe
my first breath of air
She took care of me
in my childhood days
and brought me up
in mannerly ways.
I'll give her all the love
I have to give
and I will honor
and respect her
as long as I live.
God picked her for me,
my sisters and brothers.
Thank you Lord for
a wonderful mother.

Pallbearers

Solomon James Jr. Tavon Beasley
Terry Henderson Tony Henderson
Brian Carter Darryl Newbill
Javion Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

Jason Williams Donnie Smith
Levi Beasley

Flower Bearers

Jaida Williams Lauren James
Candace Williams Leticia Smith
Desi Sanderson

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!

- From All of Us,

Lavonne's children and grandchildren



Known for Excellence. Trusted for Value.

In Loving Memory



Dorothy Lavonne Pegues

May 7, 1950 - November 20, 2025

Monday, December 1, 2025
Visitation: 10:00 am - Funeral Service: 11:00 am

Walker Funeral Home
2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
Monty Ray Henderson, Minister, Officiating

Obituary

A Time to Be Born

Dorothy 'Lavonne' Pegues, a cherished child of God, was born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 7, 1950, to Lettie Tillman and William Sanders. Lavonne was the second eldest of ten children, raised by Lettie and the Chester Henderson. Lavonne's childhood was deeply rooted in family, faith, joy and love. She shared her childhood with six brothers and three sisters, forming bonds that would last a lifetime. The beautiful name Dorothy was a sentiment of love from our aunt, Dorothy C. Williams, with whom Lavonne spent many summers with. The two formed a close bond and It's here where Lavonne learned one of her favorite pastimes, cooking. She put lots of love and devotion into creating meals.

A Time to Love and Work

At the tender age of 19, Lavonne married her high school sweetheart, Otis Williams, and the union was blessed with three beautiful children: Lorraine, Jason, and Loria. Later in her twenties, a love story blossomed with her and serviceman Solomon James. Through that union they were blessed with Solomon Jr. and Lorelle. Lavonne obtained a high school diploma at Harrison High in Chicago, IL and pursued an education in healthcare, earning a Nursing certification. Lavonne proudly served in Physical Rehabilitation at the Rehabilitation Center of Chicago (RHIC), assisting patients on their journey to recovery. While offering skilled training, she gave hope and sincere compassion to all that was in her care. Her nurturing gift was evident throughout her career and in her roles as a mother, mentor, and friend.

A Time for the Lord

Raised by parents who loved God and were active members of the Baptist church, she learned at a very young age to follow the Lord's path. As an adult, Lavonne read daily devotionals and engaged in a disciplined life of prayer and reflection. Faith guided her steps and strengthened her daily walk with the Lord. Lavonne relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1994 where she later became a dedicated member of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church. She worshipped God through the word and song, which sustained her through the joys and trials of life.



Obituary (continued)

A Time to Enjoy Life and Music

Lavonne embraced life's simple pleasures as a sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She found joy in music, singing, and dancing. She could often be found harmonizing with her brothers. Her angelic, soprano voice created the perfect sound over any verse. Lavonne and her siblings frequently watched "Soul Train" and emulated the dance routines. As a result, her smooth moves and rhythm became one of her favorite pastimes; "stepping" to the beat of music. Her deep appreciation for dance and music touched the lives of those around her, making cherished memories with friends, family, and loved ones.

A Time to Rest

On the morning of November 20, 2025, God gently called Lavonne home to eternal rest. Although we will miss her physical presence, her spirit, love, and joy will forever echo in our hearts. Dorothy remains a source of inspiration, strength, and unconditional love to all who were blessed to know her.

A Time to Mourn

Lavonne leaves behind a legacy of love, cherished by her children: Lorraine Williams (Anthony), Jason Williams, Loria Carter (Brian), Lorelle James, all of Cincinnati Ohio, and Solomon James Jr. of Chicago, Illinois. She is also survived by her three sisters; Brenda Henderson, Donna Hawkins, and Leria Newbill (Darryl), and her brothers Monty Ray Henderson (Lisa), John Earl, and Marc Tillman. Lavonne, who was affectionately called 'Ge Ge', also leaves to mourn her beautiful grandchildren, Javion Williams, Candace Williams, Lauren James, Jaida Williams, and Andrede Newsome. A host of loving nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. Special love to aunt Thelma Stevens of Chicago, Illinois. Preceded in death were her birth father, William Sanders; her "daddy" Chester Henderson; her mother, Lettie B. Tillman; her Grandmother, Sadie Hodges; and Granddaddy Leon Hodges, her brothers, Leon Johnson, Roy, and Tyrell Henderson. As we mourn her passing, we celebrate Lavonne's beautiful life, her generous heart, and her deeply rooted faith and love.

"To be absent from the body is to be present with Lord" 2 Corinthians, 5:8



Order of Service

Musical Prelude	.....
Parting View	..... Immediate Family
Prayer	..... Tia Awodeha, Minister
Scripture	..... Jason Williams
Recorded Selection	. "Goodness of God" Cece Winans
Acknowledgements	..... Lisa Henderson
Remarks	..... Limit 2 minutes
Obituary	..... Leria Newbill
Recorded Selection	.. "I'll Take You There" Bebe & Cece Winans
Eulogy	..... Monty Ray Henderson, Minister
Benediction	..... Tia Awodeha, Minister
Recessional	..... Clergy, Family & Friends



Final Resting Place

Vine Street Hill Cemetery

3701 Vine Street - Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Repast

Following Cemetery
3501 Cheviot Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211