

A Poem by Carmelle Lewis in Loving Memory

When peace surrounds you suddenly
Like the calm that silence brings,
That's me, just saying hi again
Reminding you I'm near.
A whisperer sent from Heaven
To bring you comfort here.
I may be gone from where you are
But love won't drift apart, You'll find
me in those moments,
I'm the whisper in your heart.



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 Pearl Andrews

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Willing Spirit Baptist Church
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Celebrating the Life of

Ruth Pearl Andrews

April 17, 1925 - January 28, 2026

February 7, 2026
Visitation: 9:30AM
Funeral Service: 10:30AM
Willing Spirit Baptist Church
2012 Westwood Northern Blvd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45225
Fred P. James, Officiating

Obituary

RUTH PEARL HARRIS ANDREWS WAS BORN APRIL 17, 1925 WITH HER TWIN BROTHER, ROBERT EARL, TO PARENTS GRANVILLE AND ORA HARRIS IN BARTLETT, TENNESSEE ON APRIL 17, 1925.

SHE ATTENDED SCHOOL THRU THE EIGHTH GRADE AND OFTEN REFLECTED ON THE MANY MILES SHE WALKED TO SCHOOL EACH DAY WITHOUT THE PRIVILEGE OF BUSSING OFFERED TO OTHERS. SCHOOLING WAS ALSO SCHEDULED AROUND COTTON PICKING SEASON, WHICH ALONG WITH FARMING, WAS THE ONLY OPTION TO PROVIDE INCOME FOR THE FAMILY.

AT THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN SHE MOVED TO CINCINNATI, OHIO TO LIVE WITH HER AUNT AND MET WILLIAM S ANDREWS WHOM SHE MARRIED JANUARY 10, 1946.

TO THIS UNION WAS BORN GERALD, GAREY, AND BEVERLY.

PEARL WAS BAPTISED AT AN EARLY AGE AND REMAINED A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF GOD.

SHE WAS A LONGTIME AND LOYAL MEMBER OF WILLING SPIRIT BAPTIST CHURCH. THERE SHE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE PASTORIAL CHOIR AND CO- CHAIRED THE BOOK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AND FUND. ADDITIONALLY, EVERYONE

LOOKED FORWARD EACH YEAR TO HER "WAY OF THE CROSS" PROGRAM THAT HOSTED SOME OF THE GREAT VOICES OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. MOTHER PEARL WAS THE OLDEST "MOTHER" OF THE CHURCH.

SHE WAS A MUCH LOVED MEMBER OF THE CUMMINSVILLE COMMUNITY. SHE ENJOYED SITTING ON THE PORCH AND CONVERSING WITH EVERYONE WHO WALKED BY, YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE. THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH WELCOMED THE SKATING PARTY OUTINGS SHE PUT TOGETHER AND EVERYONE DROPPED BY HER ANNUAL "LUAU" IN THE BACK YARD.

PEARL LOVED CUMMINSVILLE AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL. SHE COULD BE SEEN MANY MORNINGS SWEEPING THE SIDEWALKS AND ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO TAKE PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY. PEARL WORKED HER ENTIRE ADULT LIFE AS A HOUSEKEEPER AND WAS MUCH LOVED BY THE FAMILIES SHE SUPPORTED. INDEED, SHE DID NOT GIVE UP HER LAST DAYS WITH THE BERTKE FAMILY UNTIL SHE WAS 91.

SHE MOVED TO ATLANTA TO LIVE WITH HER DAUGHTER, BEVERLY AT THE AGE OF 92. THERE SHE JOINED THE CAMP TRUIT SENIOR CENTER AND PARTICIPATED THREE DAYS PER WEEK. SHE WAS KNOWN THERE FOR HER WIT, AND OF COURSE, FOR HER FIERCE NEED TO BE INDEPENDENT AND IN CONTROL.

PEARL WAS AN AMAZING SPIRIT AND A SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND SUPPORT TO ALL WHO KNEW HER AND LOVED HER. ALWAYS QUICK WITH A BRIGHT SMILE , SHE BEFRIENDED EVERYONE SHE MET. IT GAVE HER GREAT JOY TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE THAT SHE WAS ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD. IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW, SHE TOLD YOU! SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, WILLIAM, HER SON, GAREY, HER GRANDDAUGHTER, TONI, HER GREAT GRANDSON QUENTIN, AND HER BROTHERS, VIRGIL, FRANK, ELMO, ALEX, ROBERT, AND HER SISTER, MATTIE LOU. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER SON, JERRY (ZERITA), HER DAUGHTER, BEVERLY, HER GRANDDAUGHTERS KIMBERLY, AND CARMELLE (RICHARD), HER GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, HAYLI, FIVE GREAT GRANDSONS, HER SPIRITUAL SONS, JIMMY CRAWLEY AND RON DUMAS, HER CHOSEN GOD CHILD, MICHELE HUNTER, AND HER BELOVED CARETAKER, GAIL CARR.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Bro. Clifford Suttles
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	
Scriptures	Old Testament- Proverbs 14:1-2 New Testament- Thessalonians 4:13-18
Selection	Choir
Acknowledgements	Sis. Mary James
Dance Performance	Essie's Angels
Remarks	Tedd Covington Sarah Burbanks Harvey Harris
Poem	Carmelle Lewis
Obituary	Read Silently
Solo	Ms. Mickey Green
Eulogy	Pastor Fred. P. James
Recessional	Clergy, Family & Friends

Pallbearers

Antuan Allen
Gerald Allen
Mykael Lewis

Clifford Suttles
Marcus Hunter
TJ Hunter

Final Resting Place

Saturday February 7, 2026
12:30PM

Vine Street Hill Cemetery
3701 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220