

Lola Mae Nicholson

JAN 22, 1931 - MAY 1, 2025



FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

WAKE: 10:00 AM - FUNERAL: 11:00 AM

IMANI TEMPLE MINISTRIES

2463 NORTH TAYLOR RD - CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH 44118

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....

Processional..... *The Family*

Family Visitation 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

“I SHALL WEAR A CROWN”

CROWNING CEREMONY

CASKET CLOSING

Scriptures

OLD TESTAMENT..... *PSALM 23*

NEW TESTAMENT *2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8*

Prayer Reverend Darian Sheppard

Selection:..... Morris Edwards

“WALK AROUND HEAVEN”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS

Closing Selection *“GOD IS”*

Remarks..... Family & Friends

Obituary..... Efae Nicholson

Poem Daphney Portis

Eulogy Reverend Darian Sheppard

INTERMENT

LAKE VIEW CEMETERY

12316 EUCLID AVE – CLEVELAND, OH 44106

PALLBEARERS

HUGH SMITH JR.

JEFFREY PATTON

JUSTIN SMITH

JUWAN SMITH

MARCEL DEAR

JOSHUA DEAR

FLOWER BEARERS

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY

REPAST

The Family Will Receive Guests Immediately Following Interment At:

Imani Temple Ministries –Hank Hall

2463 N. Taylor Road – Cleveland Hts., Oh 44118



Obituary

Lola Mae Nicholson, affectionately called “Lora” by her dad, was born January 22, 1931 as the 12th child of 13 from Laura and Floyd Gradford in Calvert (Paul Bayou), Alabama, Washington County.

She was raised on her parents’ farm, where her childhood chores included gathering potatoes, corn, and eggs, and picking cotton. She was also responsible for combing her sisters Ivernell and Eleanor’s hair. Lola grew up in the church and going to Sunday School was instilled as part of her upbringing. She was baptized in the creek behind Friendship Baptist Church at 11 years old. One of her favorite songs she loved to sing was “Wade In The Water.”

Lola was educated in Calvert as a young child and later went to Prichard to attend Mobile County Training School. She completed a 6-week program in home nursing studies which began her love of nursing, graduating high school in 1947 at 16 years old.

After completing high school Lola moved to Cleveland where her older siblings had already settled. Facing adversity when she applied for nursing school at City Hospital, Lola was told that “Southern students don’t do good at learning,” and she was rejected from the program. She persisted and was eventually hired as a nurse’s aid at St. Luke’s Hospital. She was later certified as a practical nurse and accepted a position at Polyclinic.

Lola Mae met and married Robert Nicholson in 1951. To that union she birthed five children: Robert, Deborah, Janet, Leon and Annette. She became a private duty nurse for Dr. Drake's wife, and later was hired by the Country Nursing Home where she retired as the Night Shift Supervisor in 2000.

Lola enjoyed many things such as singing, sewing, knitting and traveling back to Prichard, Alabama to visit her mother and family. Everyone that met Lola was embraced by her beautiful smile, caring heart and generosity. Lola was a woman of great determination, strength and compassion.

On May 1, 2025, Lola peacefully made her transition. Lola is preceded in death by her parents Floyd & Laura; and siblings Addie, Mable, Floyd, Lawrence, Leroy, Ida, Boykin, Warren, Birtion, Arthur, Ivernell and Eleanor. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving children Robert (Edna), Deborah (Marc), Janet (Hugh), Leon (Mariam), Annette (Jeffrey); 18 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

“THANK GOD FOR BLESSING ME”

*LOVINGLY SUBMITTED
THE FAMILY*





When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see, if the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me; I wish you wouldn't cry the way you did today while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you. Each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand. The angel said my place was ready, in Heaven far above, and that I would have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home. When GOD looked down and smiled at me from His golden throne, He said, "This is Eternity, and all I promised you. Today your life on Earth is done, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last, and since each day's the exact same way, there is no longing for the past." So when tomorrow starts without me, do not think we are apart, for every time you think of me, remember I'm right here in your heart.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of Lola M. Nicholson extends heartfelt thanks to all those who offered prayers, shared gifts, support, and all acts of kindness that you have shown to our family. We are truly grateful and humbled by your generous hearts

Thankfully – The Nicholson Family

We extend special thanks to all the staff, nurses, and caregivers of: Cleveland Clinic Hospice: Dr. Tracy Leftwich, Nicole Willis RN, Charlena Thomas Home Health Aide, Sister Paula Terese Pilon Spiritual Care and Taylor Ankuda Social Worker.

SERVICES OF COMFORT ENTRUSTED TO

Watson's Funeral Home
www.WatsonFuneralHome.com

10913 SUPERIOR AVE. – CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

TELEPHONE (216) 721-0066

