

*You can only have one Mom*

Patient kind and true;

No other friend in all the world,

Will be the same to you.

When other friends forsake you,

To Mom you will return,

For all her loving kindness,

She asks nothing in return.

As we look upon her picture,

Sweet memories we recall,

Of a face so full of sunshine,

And a smile for one and all.

Dear Jesus, take this message,

To my Mom up above;

Tell her how much we miss her,

And give her all our love.

Love you Mom: Peanut and Danielle



*Pallbearers*

Shaun Garnett	Richard Garnett
Russell Lang	Ronald Smith
Daryle Wells Jr.	Jermale Wells
Malcolm Wells Sr.	Terrence Williams

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Anthony Bennett	Kareem Cromer
Robbie Fuqua	Darien Garnett
Malcolm Wells Jr.	Tommy Wells
Mark Smith	Arthur Willingham Jr.

*Flower Bearers*

RayMeka Engram	Kari Garnett
Kristen Garnett	Iris Gibbons
Alexia Wells	L'erin Wells
Raeana Wells	RayShaundra Wells

*Acknowledgements*

The Family of Leatha D. (Wells) Cooper wishes to thank everyone and to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, kindness, sympathy and especially the prayers shown to them during this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you all.

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Parker Woods Montessori  
Vineyard Church Cincinnati  
Angela Allen Catering  
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*In Loving Memory of*



*Leatha D.  
(Wells) Cooper  
life • love • legacy*

*August 25, 1952 – February 14, 2026*

*Entered this life — Entered eternal rest*

Friday March 6, 2026

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

The Vineyard Community Church

11340 Century Circle E

Cincinnati, OH 45246

Pastor Earnest Hopper, Officiating

# Obituary

Leatha D. (nee Wells) Cooper was born on Monday, August 25, 1952 in Prince George County, Virginia, to the late Raymond Wells and Olivia (nee Turney) Wells. She was the second oldest of six siblings. She quietly departed this life on Saturday, February 14, 2026, to be with her Lord and Savior.

Having accepted Christ at an early age, Leatha was a faithful member of New Emmanuel Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Earnest Hopper and First Lady Vanessa Hopper. She was a devoted Usher, always willing and available to serve her fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Leatha graduated from Withrow High School and attended South Western College of Business. She retired from Quality Woods Supply, Inc.

She held many beloved titles: Sister, Aunt Leatha, Na-Na, Family Matriarch, and friend, to name a few. But her greatest title was Mom, a role she cherished with Clarence ("Peanut") and Danielle, whom she adored deeply. She was unapologetically their doting and loving Mom.

Leatha was truly an outgoing person; full of laughter and full of life. She loved to go. Once she had her hair colored, with grace and style, she was ready--the casino, gatherings, shopping, playing cards, and going out for a good meal at some of her favorite restaurants, Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel, Red Lobster and Longhorn. Another past time was binge-watching her favorite television shows, especially Tyler Perry's Sistas.

To her nieces and nephews she was their precious Aunt Leatha, a loving constant presence who always showed up to support them. She would greet you with a "Hey Darling". If they had a need, be it a place to stay, she was always just a phone call away. She had wit and never bit her tongue. She said what she meant and meant what she said. And, while she sometimes had her "choice" words to get you in shape, she would always show correction and discipline with compassion and love. Our hearts are broken and will never be the same as she will be dearly missed.

Preceding her in death were her parents Raymond and Olivia Wells, her husband, Melvin Cooper and her youngest son, Cordell Cooper. Although Cordell's time here was heartbreakingly brief, he was always fondly remembered and forever loved. Also preceding her were her sisters, WrayJean and Kimberly.

Leatha leaves to cherish her love and precious memories her son, Clarence Wells Sr. (Tammi) and daughter, Leatha Danielle Sanders (Mark). Her grandchildren, Clarence (CJ) Wells Jr., Antonio Johnson, Malajsia, Marcelle, and Marquez (Na-Na's love bugs); her bonus grandchildren; Bryan (BJ) Nichols, Paris Nichols, Porsche Smith, Raven Smith and Camille Thomas. Also, her sister, Charlene Williams, brothers Raymond Wells (Karen) and Daryle Wells Sr. (Lynn); godson, Kareem Cromer and goddaughter, Dasha Grisby. A dear cousin; Marcia Brown. Her sisterhood circle whom she held close to her heart: Leslie Cromer, Hazel Hite, Ann Fuqua, Carol Cunningham, Vicki Wesley and Doris Best, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and dear friends.



## If Flowers Grow in Heaven

If flowers grow in heaven, Lord then pick a bunch for me.  
Then place them in my grandma's arms, and tell her they're  
from me.

Tell her that I love and miss her, and when she turns to  
smile,

Place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy, I do it everyday,  
But there's an ache within my heart that will never go away.

Love always, your grandson CJ

# Order of Service

- Musical Prelude .....
- Parting View ..... Family
- Opening Prayer/Scripture ... Pastor Earnest Hopper  
New Emmanuel Baptist Church
- Selection ..... New Emmanuel Baptist  
Church Choir
- Poem ..... Tiffany Wells (Niece)
- Acknowledgements & ..... Bettie Tyus Durant  
Resolutions
- Obituary ..... Read Silently
- Remarks ..... Family & Friends (two  
minutes)
- Selection ..... New Emmanuel Baptist  
Church Choir
- Eulogy ..... Pastor Earnest Hopper
- Benediction ..... Pastor Earnest Hopper
- Recessional ..... Clergy, Pallbearers,  
Family and Friends



## Final Resting Place

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