

## *Acknowledgement*

The family greatly acknowledges all expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness extended during our time of bereavement.

May God bless and keep you!

## *Special Acknowledgement*

Clarence would like to extend his deepest gratitude to daughter, Denise Lewis and granddaughters Brittany and Kenyiana Lewis for the love, patience, compassion, and tireless commitment shown in the care of his beloved Notra in her last days, to daughter, Bettye Rhinehart for providing delicious meals for them every Sunday, and to son, John for the countless fishing trips and home repairs.

# *Celebrating* The Life Of



## *Notra Mae Long*

October 18, 1936 - December 19, 2024

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

**SLONE & CO.**  
Funeral Directors

13115 Lorain Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44111  
(216) 941-3434

Friday, December 27, 2024 | Wake: 11 a.m. | Service: 12 p.m.

Slone & Co. Life Celebration Center  
3556 W. 130th St. Cleveland, OH 44111

# Order of Service

**Musical Prelude**

**Processional  
Clergy & Family**

**Scripture Reading**

Old Testament - Psalm 23: 1-6 (Duana A. Rhinehart)  
New Testament - John 14:1-3 (Rashonda C. Rhinehart)

**Prayer of Comfort  
Pastor Gregory S. Thomas**

**Musical Selection  
De'Shaun Adair**

**Acknowledgements & Resolutions  
Rev. Michelle D. Thomas**

**Obituary Reading  
David Jr., Devin, and Daina Thomas**

**Remarks of Reflections (2 Minutes, Please)  
Family & Friends**

**Musical Selection  
De'Shaun Adair**

**Eulogy  
Pastor Gregory S. Thomas**

**Musical Selection  
Rev. Michelle D. Thomas**

**Recessional  
Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family**



## Pallbearers

Antonio Smith

Brandon Lewis

Robert Rhinehart

David Thomas, Jr.

Jason Huffman

Devin Thomas

## Interment

West Park Cemetery

3942 Ridge Rd, Cleveland, OH 44144

## Repast

*The repast will be hosted at Slone & Company Funeral Directors immediately following the interment.*

## *God Saw You Getting Tired*

God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be  
so He put His arms around you  
and whispered, "Come to Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you  
and saw you pass away  
and although we love you dearly  
we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating  
hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.





*In Loving Memory*

## **Notra Mae Long**

**October 18, 1936 - December 19, 2024**

Notra Mae Long was born in Tuskegee, Alabama on October 18, 1936, to the late Marie Brown and the late Iris Chisholm. She was educated in Tuskegee public schools, and she confessed to Christ early in life.

Spending time with her mother and grandmother in the kitchen was one of her favorite things to do as a child. As a result, Notra developed a love and expertise for cooking soul food. Her specialties included fried chicken, fried corn, chicken and dressing, sweet potato pie, banana pudding, and caramel cake. Notra prepared these dishes and so many more without recipes or measuring utensils. She especially enjoyed baking pies and canning pear preserves with her sister in love, Cora Brown and chopping vegetables for chicken and dressing with daughter, Sylvia and granddaughter Duana.

Notra was a dedicated mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, cousin, aunt and friend. As much as she loved and cared for everyone, her one true love was her devoted husband, Clarence. At the young age of twelve, Clarence heard clearly from God that Notra would someday become his wife. Sixteen years later, they wed. They shared a profound connection and were rarely seen apart. They served together as steward and stewardess at Hatcher Chapel AME Church, they went fishing together, traveled together, and watched old westerns on television. Even as her disease progressed and she no longer called him by name, she would look for him throughout the house and each night she clung to him as they slept.

Notra was a loving and compassionate caregiver. Prior to retirement, she worked as a nursing assistant caring for the elderly and mentally disabled. At some point in time, she provided care for each of her 17 grandchildren. On many Sunday mornings, she would be sitting in a pew at St. Paul AME Church rocking one of her great grandchildren. She and Clarence joined St. Paul AME Church in September of 2016, and they attended faithfully until her disease prevented them from doing so.

In the days prior to her passing, Notra was surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home on Thursday, December 19, 2024, with her beloved husband, Clarence, daughters Denise and Catherine, and niece, Annette Huffman by her side.

Notra was preceded in death by her parents, her nine siblings, sisters; Regina Varner (John), Margaret Davis (Jessie), and Patricia Franklin (Samuel), brothers; Theodis Brown (Gwen), William Brown (Pearl), Willie R. Brown (Cora), James Brown Sr. (Florine), Lafayette Brown (Annie), and Marvin A. Brown (Leshonetta), former spouse, John L. Smith Sr., her daughter, Sylvia A. McIntosh, son in law, Melvin McIntosh, and her precious great grandson Robert E. Rhinehart Jr. Notra leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband of 57 years, Clarence Long, daughters Bettye J. Rhinehart (Willie), Teresa A. Townes, Denise S. Lewis, Catherine L. Thomas (David Sr.), sons John L. Smith Jr. (Tina), Harold Smith (Norma), 17 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 5 great, great grandchildren, treasured niece, Annette Huffman (Harold), sisters in love, Cora Brown and Leshonetta Brown, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.