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Ernest Ector Darnell Howard
Leroy Davis Bruce Downs
Daniel Lee Robert Downs, Sr.

Pallbearers

Jelani K. Jackson Chris Hilton
Alvin D. Jackson Robert Downs, Jr.
Roscoe Downs Ted Hall

Acknowledgement

The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love.

The Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green Pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Interment

Oak Hill Cemetery • 11200 Princeton Pike

Repast – Forest Park Activity Center, 651 W. Sharon Road.

The Final Tribute. A Service by:

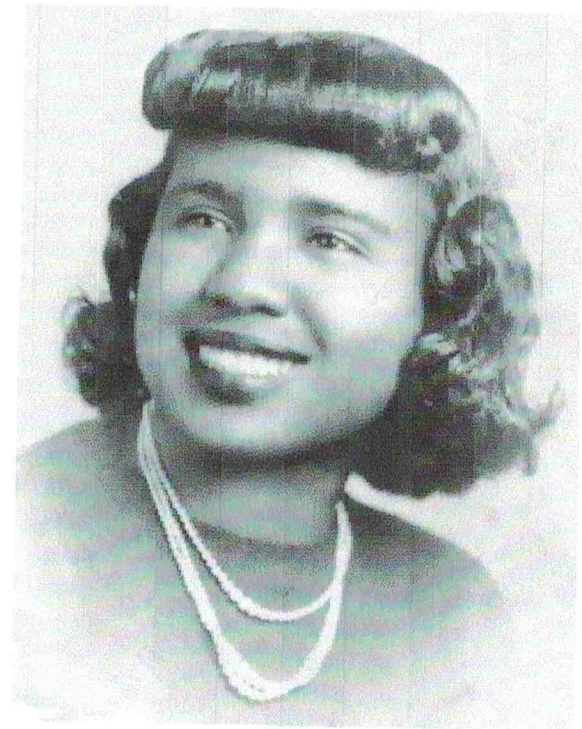
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A Memorial Tribute to the Life of

Geneva M. Downs

December 9, 1928 — July 27, 2011



— Funeral Service —

Saturday, August 6, 2011
12:00 p.m.

Thompson, Hall and Jordan Funeral Home
11400 Winton Road • Forest Park, Ohio 45240

Dr. Alvin D. Jackson, MC and Family Historian

Obituary

Geneva Mary (Ellis) Downs was born to the late Thomas Benjamin Ellis and the late Louisiana (Louise) Lee Ellis on December 9, 1928 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at home. Geneva is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Wilbur H. Downs, her sister, Lucille B. (Ellis) Chappell, siblings, Josephine, Ruth, Mamie and Charles Ellis, and special cousin, Irene Dupree Boggs.

Geneva married Wilbur H. Downs on May 19, 1951 and to this union was born a lovely daughter, Rhonda Downs Robinson. She professed her belief in God early in life and was baptized at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Lincoln Heights.

Geneva was educated in the Cincinnati Public School system and graduated from Lockland Wayne High School in 1948. She attended Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky and Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio. She later graduated from the Central School of Practical Nursing and became a licensed Practical Nurse. She worked as a private-duty Nurse for more than 30 years.

Geneva was a proud woman and a very loving, giving and caring person. She was a caregiver and a supporter of many members of her family. She was very proud of her family, her home and a lover of her heritage; she often talked of her family roots in Statesboro, Georgia.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a loving daughter, Rhonda Downs Robinson and a former son-in-law, Calvin Robinson of Columbus, Ohio; two special nieces, Sherrie and Sandra Chappell of Cincinnati, Ohio; brother-in-law, Leroy (Bonnie) Downs of Cincinnati, Ohio; sister-in-laws, Naomi and Catherine Downs of California; cousins, William (Cathy) Dupree, Verdell Gentry, Mary Alice (Robert) Williams, Sarah

(Lewis, Sr.) Hilton, Bishop James (Erleene) Lee, Bishop Raleigh Lee, Bishop Smith Alton (Rachael) Lee, Ernest Ector of Cincinnati, Ohio, Theresa and Alvin (Gayle) Jackson, MD of Columbus, Ohio and Mary (James) Sabb of Statesboro, Georgia; special friends, Pauline Williams, Mamie Brown, Mary Greer of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ethel Robinson and Carolyn Modena of Columbus Ohio; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Music Prelude

The Parting ViewThe Family

Prayer

The Scriptures

Old Testament: Psalm 113 v.1-3

New Testament: John 14 v.1-3

Selection

Judy Ann Lee-Lattimore – *Soloist*

Silent Reading of the Obituary

The Acknowledgements

Remarks

Sandra Chappell

Dr. Alvin D. Jackson

"Heritage of Geneva M. Downs"

Selection

Rev. Dr. Raleigh Lee – *Soloist*

"My Soul is Anchored"

The Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Damon Lynch, II, *Pastor*

New Jerusalem Baptist Church

The Benediction

Rev. Dr. Raleigh Lee, *Pastor*

New Bethesda Community Church