## Order of Service

#### PROCESSIONAL

MUSIC Soft Music Playing

PARTING VIEW The Family

OLD TESTAMENT READING Read by Pulpit Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING Read by Pulpit

> **REMARKS** Family and Friends

**OBITUARY** Read Silence to Reflect on the life of Bernice 'Sis' Reeves

> **POEM** Read by Victoria Kesler

**EULOGY** Read by Bishop Kendrick Southerland

> **BENEDICTION** Bishop Kendrick Southerland

#### **RECESSIONAL**

<u>'Forever in our hearts'</u>



### With special thanks from the <u>Reeves/Edwards Family</u>

Thank you so much for all your love and support during such a difficult time. We will be forever grateful.

Repass at Victorious Empowerment Church

PALL BEARERS Johnny Edwards Wendell Edwards Anthony Edwards Michael Mines Nathaniel Stiggers Anthony Stiggers



# A CELEBRATION OF







Sunrise: September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1931 Sunset: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Visitation: 10.00am - Funeral: 11:00am Victorious Empowerment Church, 1050 Kemper Meadow Drive Forest Park, OH 45240 Bishop Kendrick Southerland, Officiating

# **O**bituary

**Bernice Stiggers-Reeves** was born in Cincinnati Ohio to parents Paul and Arbelia Stiggers on September 25, 1931 and is the second oldest to over 22 siblings. Bernice married Johnny Lloyd Edwards and had 5 children. She worked many years in the medical field as a nurse's assistant and after leaving the medical field she allowed her love for travel to take her to California where she created a life for herself for many years. She also resided in Reno Nevada before returning home to Cincinnati in 1979. She came back to care for her family and grandchildren.

**Bernice** was affectionately known as Sis. She was a loving and passionate person who didn't take no mess. She was glamourous and loved her many hair styles and makeup. She would not leave the house without being 'Hollywood-ready'. In a nutshell Sis was a 'whole vibe'. Her essence could light up an entire room and her spirit was free as a bird. She was genuinely funny which made her even more funny because she wasn't trying to make you laugh, she was trying to make her point. She sure could make up some names for folk who got on her bad side and the spunk in which she'd deliver those names would have you holding your side from laughing so hard. She created so many memories and will surely be missed!

**Sis** was preceded in death by her parent, Paul and Arbelia Stiggers, daughter Sandra Mines, grandchild Varian Mines and siblings: Chico Stiggers, Carrie Luckett, Tommie-Lee Stiggers, Robert Stiggers, Josephine Carr, Arbelia Duncan and Angie Stiggers.

**Sis** is survived by her children: Pauline Edwards, Kerry Edwards, Johnny Edwards, and Wendell Edwards. Grandchildren: Arletta Edwards, Malinda Edwards, Malissa Edwards, Michael Mines, Naketa Mines and Rickey Mines. A host of great and greatgreat grandchildren. Siblings Paul Stiggers Sr, Erie Mae Kesler, Nathaniel Stiggers, James Stiggers,



### "Safely Home"

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty. In this everlasting Light.

All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, Safely Home in Heaven at last.

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Heaven gained another angel and Until we see you again you will always be remembered: Mom, Sister, Auntie, Grandma, Friend, Mediator, Protector, Friend and more.



'There are some people in life that make you LAUGH a little louder, SMILE a little bigger and LIVE just a little bit better'