

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you so much, whatever the part.
The Family of Beverly A. Reese Prophett



Active Pallbearers

Robert Metts, Randall Metts
Ray Bankston, Raffel Prophett
Selina Wright, Gerald B. Prophett

Honorary Pallbearers

Anthony Harp, Freddy Wright, Alfred Martin
Anthony Norman, James Wright
Robert Wright, James Chase, Michael Moss

Flowerbearers

Randall Metts, Selina Wright, Angelia Dixon



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A Service of Memory
Celebrating the Life of
Beverly A. Reese Prophett
August 4, 1953 — February 1, 2021



Monday, February 8, 2021
Visitation – 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Homegoing Service – 11:00 a.m.

Greater New Light Baptist Church
710 N. Fred Shuttlesworth
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Pastor Stevie Bester, *Church Pastor*
Pastor Bruce Malcom, *Eulogist*

Obituary

Beverly A. Reese Prophett was born August 4, 1953 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Carrie and William McKinley Reese. At an early age, she accepted Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church of Walnut Hills in Cincinnati. She graduated from Woodward High School, and she went on to achieve her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Cincinnati, where she worked for over 40 years and from which she retired in 2018.

Beverly had a tremendous work ethic, which was the foundation for lovingly supporting and nurturing her family. And family meant not only immediate, but extended throughout many communities and associations. She was the trunk of her family tree, and the branches of her tree extended to everyone. Beverly never met a stranger.

Beverly was passionate about gardening, swimming, going to the gym, bicycling, and preparing meals for her friends and family. And she enjoyed not only her grandchildren, but all children. She was a fierce champion for everyone.

Beverly was united in holy matrimony to La Donald Prophett on August 1, 2015. She became his soulmate and helpmate, one who could never be replaced.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, Carrie and William McKinley Reese and her son, Larry James Reese.

Beverly leaves to cherish: her children, William Darnell (Heidi), Rayshawn, Artega (Laquetta), Preston and Kendall (Carmen); her siblings, Kenny, Tony and Debbie Reese-Malcom (Edgar); her grandchildren, Jillian, Brigit, Jayshawn, Kayla, Jordyn, Diamond, Lorna, Kenley and Camille; her great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives, family and friends.



Message from the Grandchildren

Dear Nana,

One of our fondest memories together was learning from you how to make pineapple upside-down cake. No one can make it like you did. We are the only people who call you Nana, which always makes us feel special. Thank you for being our greatest supporter. You loved and cared for everyone, and you would do anything for family. You taught us to be strong and confident women. We will miss so many things about you: your engaging calls, funny stories, infamous chili, and unconditional love. You will live forever in our hearts.

Love, Jillian and Brigit

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Parting View

The Family

Prayer

Scripture Old Testament – Proverbs 31:10-12
 New Testament – John 14:2

Selection Hazal Solomon

Acknowledgements

Open Remarks (2 minutes, please)

Obituary Read Silently

Selection Minister Lavelle Thompson
"Never Would Have Made It"

Eulogy

Pastor Bruce Malcom

Benediction	The Minister
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Recessional The Ministers, Bearers, Family



Interment

Spring Grove Cemetery
4521 Spring Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45232