

## *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God bless and keep you! — The Moats Family

## *Pallbearers*

Sargent R. Williams • Damon Moats • Miles Lanton  
Chris Lanton • Richard Davis



## *I'm Free*

*by Shannon Lee Moseley*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has chosen 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 now peace at the end of the 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,  
Look for 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 heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

# *In Loving Memory of* **Deborah Moats**

October 31, 1949 — July 2, 2021



Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Visitation – 11:00 a.m. • Funeral – 12:00 p.m.

*First Baptist Church of Kennedy Heights*

6201 Red Bank Road • Cincinnati, OH 45213

Pastor Robert W. Harper, Officiating

# Obituary

On July 2, 2021, the world lost a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, mother-in-law, sister-in-law and friend. Deborah battled cancer, but it never stopped her from displaying love towards her family, friends and anyone she would meet.

Deborah was born to Elzie Davis and Virginia Spratley on October 31, 1949 in Birmingham, Alabama. She was raised by her mother and stepfather, Raymond Earl Williams, Sr. She graduated from Hughes High School and briefly attended the University of Cincinnati. She went on to work at Cincinnati Bell Telephone as an operator, and then the accounting department, until 1995. After leaving Cincinnati Bell she worked in the insurance industry and later worked as a sterile processing technician.

She was a nurturer and truly enjoyed taking care of her family. Deborah adored both of her grandsons, Miles and Christian, often referring to them as “perfect”. Deborah was very warm and made others feel like the most important person in the world. She respected her daughters as individuals, and they all shared a very special relationship.

Deborah was very comforting and made a loving home for her husband, Joseph and their two daughters. She was a very involved member of First Baptist of Kennedy Heights, where she first accepted the Lord and was a member for nearly 40 years.

Deborah was known for her excellent cooking, kindness, fun loving personality and humility, always putting others first.

She was preceded in death by both parents; and siblings, Raymond Earl Williams, Jr., Shirley Davis, Dorothy Williams, Sondra Williams, Maria Williams, Raymond E. Williams, Jr. II.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Joseph Moats; daughters, Marcel Lanton (Chris Lanton) and Deidra Moats; grandsons, Miles Lanton and Christian Lanton; sisters, Patricia Moore (George) and Ella Jacobs; and brother, Sargent Williams. Deborah also leaves to cherish her memory a loving, devoted family of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and loved ones.

## Order of Service

Prelude.....	Wesley Maxey
Parting View.....	The Family
Prayer.....	Pastor Robert W. Harper
Scripture .....	
Selection .....	Sis. Barbara Belcher
Resolution.....	Sis. Deborah Carney
Acknowledgment of Cards.....	Jennifer Batchelor
Remarks.....	Mary Shives, Family and Friends
	<i>(Please limit to two minutes)</i>
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Selection.....	Sis. Elaine Harper
Eulogy .....	Pastor Robert W. Harper
Benediction .....	Pastor Robert W. Harper
Recessional.....	Clergy, Family and Friends



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