

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've found that peace at the close of day

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.

If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Anne Lindgren Davison

Our Sincere Gratitude

Your words have comforted us. Your support has strengthened us. Your love has sustained us.

We extend our sincerest thanks to you for your kindness during this difficult time of loss. It is deeply appreciated and will forever be remembered.

Pallbearers

Mario Albright	Rahshann Blackwell
Gene Bankhead	Todd Clemons
Gregory Blackwell, Sr.	Brint Dodson

Interment

Spring Grove Cemetery
Cincinnati, Ohio

Professional Arrangements



Preston Charles Funeral Home-Lockland
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Return to Glory Celebration



Christine Dollie Fant

December 25, 1923 – June 19, 2022

Friday, July 1, 2022

11:00 AM

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church Woodlawn
10180 Woodlawn Boulevard
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215**

Her Story

Born on Christmas Day in 1923, Christine was Morrison and Ada Blackwell's joyful gift from God. She was the oldest of ten children born of their loving union. In addition to her parents, Christine was preceded in death by four siblings, Morris, Norma, Dorothy, and Kenneth and grandson, Anthony M. Harris.

A native Cincinnatian, Christine was educated in the Cincinnati Public Schools. She loved reminiscing about her experience attending Frederick Douglass Elementary School in the Walnut Hills neighborhood. She fondly remembered the stern, yet loving teachers who played a vital role in both the community and her upbringing. She always looked forward to reuniting with them and her classmates during the "Old Gang of Mine Annual Reunion." It was in that same neighborhood that Christine and her family worshipped at the Bethel Baptist Church where she was baptized.

In the early 1940s, Christine was united in marriage to the late Brinford Albright. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Melvina and Eloise. In later years, she married John David Fant and they moved the family north to Cleveland, Ohio. Although Christine always loved Cincinnati, Cleveland claimed her heart. Even after she relocated to Cincinnati in 2017, she longed for her beloved Cleveland.

Christine enjoyed life! She loved traveling, baseball, and collecting religious trinkets and figurines. She especially loved angels.

Traveling by Amtrak and Greyhound were her favorite. Along the way, she made new, lasting friendships.

Her Story

Once afraid to fly, she decided there was more of God's world to see. At 84, she took her first flight and at 85 embarked on a Caribbean cruise.

Christine also loved baseball. Cleveland Indians baseball to be exact. She really looked forward to playoff season and her annual, friendly wager with her sister Ruth about whether the American or National league would win the pennant.

With a heart full of love, compassion, and generosity Christine loved her family and friends. Her ministry was sending cards, motivational readings, and love tokens to those near and dear to her. If she said she needed ten cards, you knew to buy twenty because she was going to think of several more people to whom she wanted to send one. She was never satisfied with the pre-printed messages. She would double underline parts of the message for emphasis or have someone write a new message on the blank side of the card. "*You are Loved*," she would always make sure to add. From her warm heart to her beautiful smile, Christine left an indelible impression on all she met. She has returned to Glory!

Christine leaves to treasure precious memories: her daughters, Melvina Hurley and Eloise Harris; grandchildren, Otis T. Harris, III., and Michele (John) Sullen; great-grandson, Jonathan Sullen; siblings, Pearl B. Lewis, Stephen P. Blackwell, Sr., Ruth E. Carter, Gladys Dodson, and Marvin (Daphanie) Blackwell; a host of nephews, nieces, and friends.

Christine will be missed, but precious memories will linger and ever flood our souls!

Order of Service

Rev. David J. Brentley, Officiant

Parting View

Musical Selection "*The Lord's Prayer*"
Mr. Lawrence Coleman

Prayer Rev. David J. Brentley

Scripture Readings Dea. Marvin Blackwell
Mr. Gregory Blackwell, Sr.

Musical Selection "*I'm Free*"
Sis. Pamela Crumbley

Acknowledgment of
Condolences/Resolutions Min. Cheryl Edmondson

Words of Comfort Rev. Patricia Stone

Reflections
(*Two minutes, please*)

Musical Selection "*My Life is In Your Hands*"
Sis. Pamela Crumbley

Eulogy Rev. John D. Sullen, Jr.

Benediction Rev. David J. Brentley

Recessional "*Let the Church Say Amen*"
Mr. Lawrence Coleman