



Susan Rochelle

*Byrd*

Sunrise: December 26, 1961      Sunset: April 13, 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home  
The Chapel of Peace East

5456 E. Livingston Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43232

Visitation: 12:00pm  
Service: 1:00pm

Minister Tyrone Stevens  
Officiating & Eulogizing Minister

## *Acknowledgements*

We, the family of Susan Rochelle Byrd (Allen), wish to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and sympathy we have received during this time of sorrow. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues who have reached out to us with condolences, attended the service, sent flowers, cards, and messages of sympathy. Your expressions of love and support have touched our hearts deeply and will be forever cherished. Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our heartfelt appreciation for your kindness and support. Susan's memory will live on in our hearts, and your acts of kindness will always be remembered.

## *Pallbearers*

Austin Lee Byrd II - Sharae Lachelle Byrd - Shawntez Lavar Byrd  
Renell Bell - Oweader Shahonna Rochelle Byrd - Michael Sowell  
Allan Lanell Byrd - Sidney Byrd

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Austin Lee Byrd III - Herbie Williams - Kori Freshaun Bell-Byrd  
Donnie Williams - Ronnie Abrams - Cliff Foster

## *Flowerbearers*

A'lissa Byrd - Shawniece and Shawniyah Byrd

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*In Loving  
Memory of*

*Until We Meet Again*

An Eternal Memory...

*...Until We Meet Again*

Those special memories of you

will always bring a smile

if only I could have you back

for just a little while

Then we could sit and talk again

just like we used to do

you always meant so very much

and always will do too

The fact that you're no longer here

will always cause me pain

but you're forever in my heart

until we meet again

# Obituary

Susan Rochelle Byrd (Allen) graced this world with her presence on Tuesday, December 26, 1961, in Columbus, Ohio, as the cherished daughter of the late Cornell and Oweader Allen (Williams). Surrounded by her children and loved ones, she transitioned to eternal rest on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

On June 25, 1980, Susan embarked on a lifelong journey with her husband, Austin Lee Byrd, in Greensboro, Alabama. Together, they were blessed with five children, whose lives were enriched by Susan's boundless love and devotion.

Susan dedicated 18 years of her life to service with the Industrial Commission, where her dedication and leadership shined brightly. She also advocated tirelessly for the rights and well-being of her fellow workers, serving as the OCSEA Columbus Industrial Commission Chapter President and Chief Steward, and Industrial statewide Assembly Vice President.

Susan's legacy extends far beyond her professional endeavors. She was a pillar of strength and compassion to her family and friends; offering unwavering support and guidance to all who knew her. Susan's presence in our lives will be deeply missed, but her memory will live on in the countless lives she touched. With her unparalleled sense of style and flair, Susan brought beauty and elegance to every moment of her life. Her vibrant personality lit up any room, and her infectious laughter will forever echo in our memories. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her beloved grandchildren. Though she may no longer walk among us, Susan will forever remain in our hearts as a shining example of love, grace, and resilience. May her spirit continue to inspire us to live life fully and love deeply, just as she did.

Susan leaves to cherish her precious memory and continue her legacy, husband, Austin Lee Byrd; children, Austin (Elisha) Byrd II, Shawntez Byrd, Oweader Byrd (Renell "Shaun" Bell), Allan Byrd, and Sharae Byrd; grandchildren, A'lissa Byrd, Shawniece Byrd, Austin Lee Byrd III, Shawniyah Byrd, and Kori Bell-Byrd. Although she was an only child, Susan's circle of family extended beyond blood ties to include her dear cousins and friends who became her siblings. Lucille, Tywonda, Yetta, Herbie, Viola, and Larry (Donnie) were not only her relatives but also her lifelong companions, offering unwavering support and companionship throughout the years. She also leaves her aunts, Mae Frances Eppes, Willie O. Brown, Ethel Pearl Williams, and Mildred Sledge; mother-in-law, Mary Lee Smith; sister and brother-in-laws, Orlando (Donna) Byrd, Barbara (Benny) Abrams, Deborah Brown, Darlene (Willie) Hardy, Sidney (Shantina) Byrd, Donnie Byrd, and Mary Smith. Endearing memories will be held by Michael Sowell who cherished her dearly along with a host of many additional relatives and friends.

May she rest in eternal peace, knowing that her love lives on in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

# Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW

Immediate Family

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Minister Tyrone Stevens

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Minister Tyrone Stevens

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Missing You" by Brandy, Tamia, Gladys Knight, and Chaka Khan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Alicia Jamison

REMARKS

Family and Friends (2 minutes, please)

READING OF THE OBITUARY

Read Silently

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Cooling Water" by The Williams Brothers

THE EULOGY

Minister Tyrone Stevens

THE BENEDICTION

Minister Tyrone Stevens

THE RECESSIONAL

Clergy, Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Union Cemetery