

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SISTER RAYLONN COX=SMITH



SUNRISE: JULY 13, 1954

SUNSET: JUNE 20, 2022

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022 @ 11:00 AM
(FAMILY TO RECEIVE FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT 10:00 AM)

NEW BIRTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

3475 REFUGEE ROAD

COLUMBUS, OHIO 43232

Eulogizing: Pastor Steve Cox

Officiating: Elder Wingrove Alleyne, Sr.

"Grandma Cookie" leaves to mourn her passing, her loving daughters Toya Raylonn Vickers (Adekanola) and zoë (nikisha) vickers (Tahrim); brothers Clarence Cox (Linda), Steve Cox, Earl Cox (Rosa), Michael Cox (Alicia), and Adrian Cox; sisters Gloria Hill, Denise Jarmon, Diane Cox-Buchanan (Rodney Sr., deceased), and Delores Cox Moultrie (Alvin); her beloved best friends Stephanie Smith, Sharon Snow and Mary Murphy (Vincent, deceased); her Godson Harrison Storm Smith; nieces D'Poschea Tyce, Lakeya Cox, Cherise Jarmon, Dajnae Cox, Heavenly Cox and Rachel Cox; nephews Michael Nolan, Jason Coleman (Amie), Levert Jarmon (Bridgette), Rodney Buchanan Jr., Terrance Jarmon (Destiny) Deandre Hill and Allen Cox; a multitude of aunts, uncles and cousins, extended family as well as other loving friends.

FAMILY THANK YOU MESSAGE:

The family would like to thank everyone for their sincere condolences, gifts, cards, food, flowers, visits, and prayers during the loss of our beloved Mother, Raylonn. We are so grateful that our community of not only clergy and church members surrounded us during this season of grief, but for the multitude of friends, old colleagues, neighbors, and extended family who also lent their open arms to us for bereavement. We would also like to thank the staff at Promedica Hospice and Ohio Health for their exemplary care for our dear Mother. In addition, we would like to thank Donna Clark and Kenya Franklin who cared for Mother as if she were their own. We believe that to be absent in the body is to be present with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To that end, "Grandma Cookie" is full of joy, peace, and love as well as all the other fruits of the Spirit as she now sits with our Daddy God on His right side with Jesus Christ. There is no more torture from the debilitating disease that she suffered from, now she wears her crown of Glory and is finally at Eternal rest and peace. We thank God, our Father, Yhwh, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords for giving us the special gift of "Grandma Cookie" and understand that He needed her there with Him now as her work in this realm is complete. We believe her name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and she finally heard Him say

"Well done thou good and faithful servant."

"ode to mummy

my mummy has the inner workings of a true empyrean | exquisite spirit | beauteous aura | protective armor for her loved ones | epitome of grace | love incarnate | unwavering tenacity | ingenuity | support beyond words and just look at her luminous smile | you became our angel and ancestor at a plateau of the angel numbers 620 + 911 | your journey in the physical has been eclipsed into the spirit realm which i know you will be our warrior for now your journey is anew

i will always hold you close in my heart, mind, body and soul

i love you beyond the galaxies mummy

merci maman magnifique

your youngest seed, zoë"



OBITUARY

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

MRS. RAYLONN "COOKIE" COX-SMITH

Mrs. Raylonn Cox-Smith hereby extends to us her new address on the avenue of Blessedness, in the city called Beautiful, and in the state of Eternal Rest and Peace. Born on July 13, 1954, at Mercy hospital in Toledo, Ohio first child to Rachel Lee (Walker) Cox and Clarence Cox. On June 20, 2022, at age 67, God in His infinite wisdom deemed it best to call our beloved mother home. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother Tommy Nolan and loving husband Curtis Louis Smith, Jr.

Raylonn was employed by the State of Ohio for 25 years as a Licensure/Contract Negotiator Manager for the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. She was awarded the employee of the month commendation by Governor Voinovich in 1995. She worked another 2 years within the State of Ohio at the Department of Taxation and Workman's Compensation until she retired in 2006.

Sister Raylonn confessed in Christ at an early age at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo. She served as a soprano in the Angelic Choir and the famous Queens of Harmony. She also served as a Sunday school teacher and youth mentor. She relocated to Columbus, Ohio and quickly found a new church home at Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church where she was a faithful member and served in the Angelic Voices Choir. She also briefly attended Oasis of Love Community Church before making New Birth Christian Ministries her new church home where she attended services with her daughter, Toya Raylonn, where they were both members.

Raylonn studied to obtain a bachelor's degree in Public Administration at the University of Toledo and Capitol University. She was a graduate of Macomber/Whitney High School where she played the flute superbly. Following in the footsteps of her late mother, Raylonn was a member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Columbus Chapter. She volunteered her time at the King Arts Complex for several years as well as at the Marion Franklin Community Recreation Center. "Grandma Cookie" was the matriarch of the family and loved to bake her famous sweet potato pies and delicious homemade mac and cheese. Her favorite past time was reading a delightful book. Her nickname is "Cookie" because she had a sweet tooth.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE SOFT MUSIC

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES

Sister Niel Jurist

PRAYER Minister Lawana Christian

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OT PSALM 23 Minister Yolanda Ecklin

NT ST. JOHN 14:1-6 Sister Jackie Smith

MUSICAL SELECTION "SAFE IN HIS ARMS"
Sister Tana Glover

SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY

REMARKS BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS (2 minutes please)

MUSICAL SELECTION "HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW"
Sister Delores Cox-Moultrie

EULOGY **PASTOR STEVE COX**
St. James Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio

RECESSIONAL AND COMMITAL

PALL BEARERS

Hollis Cox

Michael Cox

Adrian Cox

Levert Jarmon

Rodney Buchanan, Jr. Terrance Jarmon

Service entrusted to Marlan Gary Chapel of Peace, North