Expressions of Gratitude

The Family of Joyce Holcomb would like to thank you all for your prayers, calls, text, and offers of condolences during this difficult time. It won't be forgotten. We would also like to give thanks to the staff of Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home for all of your help, care and compassion that you gave us as we mourn our mother's passing. You made this process so much easier for us – for that we are grateful.

To offer condolences to The *Holcomb* Family, visit <u>www.TheChapelofPeace.com</u>

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Joyce A. Holcomb

July 16, 1953 - December 25, 2023

SERVICES January 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home Chapel of Peace - East 5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

Obituary

Joyce A. Holcomb (Blake) of Columbus, OH, passed away December 25, 2023. Born July 16, 1953, in Glendale, WV. She was the daughter of the late Wilford Marvin Blake and Opal V. Baker. Joyce worked in poultry plants, and warehouses for years until she found her passion of caretaking at Welty Home for the aged in Wheeling, WV. She then moved to Columbus, OH and worked as a live-in caretaker, taking care of the elderly. Joyce was known for her soft and caring heart. She was loved by everyone she came in contact with. She was baptized at Shiloh Temple in Martins Ferry, OH. She will be sadly missed.

Joyce is preceded in death by her husband, James M. Holcomb. She leaves behind four children, Tiffany Blake (Julian Mitchell), Tameca Holcomb, Cory Holcomb, and Jason Mowery, all of Columbus, OH.; three granddaughters, Kiresha, Jaiden, Raekia; three grandsons, Martice, Caleb, and Jashawn. They were the love of her life. Sisters, Linda Wilson, Jackie Pierce, Becky Simoncic of Wheeling, WV.; brothers, Bobby (Iris) Baker, and Rex (Debra) Blake, of Moundsville, WV.; several nieces, nephews, and very special friends. Condolences will be made at Marlin Gary Funeral Home 5456 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH 43232. Interment of ashes to be held at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV.

I'm Free

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've 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 I miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, look for the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved ones touch. Perhaps my time seems all too brief; don't lengthen your time with undue grief. Lift up your heart and peace to thee, God wanted me now – He set me free.

Order of Service

Officiant: Roschelle Holcomb

ORGAN PRELUDE	Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
PARTING VIEW	Immediate Family
Old Testament	Pastor Maurice L. Jackson Psalm 23:1-6
PRAYER	Pastor Maurice L. Jackson
MUSIC SELECTION	"Because You Loved Me"
REMARKS	Open to all in attendance (2 mins. Please)
READING OF OBITUARY	Roschelle Holcomb
MUSIC SELECTION	Boyz II Men

"A Song For Mama"

The Eulogy

Roschelle Holcomb

RECESSIONAL..... Clergy, Family, and Friends

Interment

Greenwood Cemetery 1526 National Rd. Wheeling, WV 26003