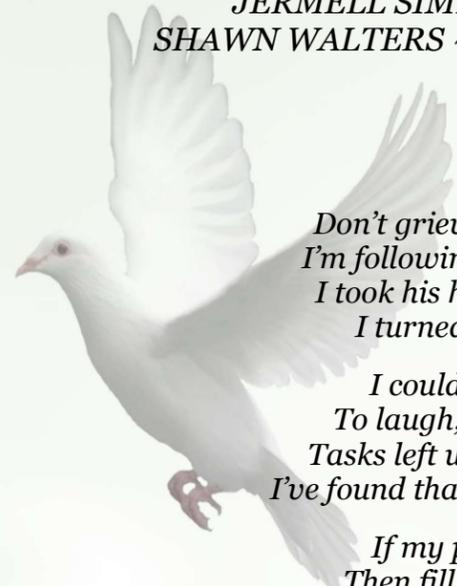


*Acknowledgement*

The family of Geraldine Haynes would like to express our sincere appreciation for all your love and support during our time of bereavement. Perhaps you sent flowers, whispered a prayer, a card or just kept us in your thoughts, no act has gone unnoticed.

**PALLBEARERS**

STATON BRADY ~ DANIEL SIMPSON ~ JAYMI SIMPSON  
JERMELL SIMPSON ~ JEROME STEPHENS  
SHAWN WALTERS ~ ERIC WADE ~ IRVIN WILLIAMS



*I Am 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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the 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 you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I 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 share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

To offer condolences to The Haynes Family,  
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*Celebration  
of the Life of*



**Geraldine Haynes**

JANUARY 13, 1957 ~ AUGUST 29, 2021

~Service~

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 ~ 11:00 PM

**Higher Ground Always Abounding Assemblies**

870 St. Clair Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

# Obituary

Geraldine Haynes, age 64, born January 13, 1957 in Warren, Ohio. She departed this life to be with the Lord after an extended illness, on Sunday, August 29, 2021.

Growing up she attended Hoyt Street CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, where she was baptized & accepted the Lord at an early age. She was a very faithful, active, willing worker, participating in multiple ministries of the church including, choir member, usher board member, she assisted with organizing events for the youth, she was a leader, chaperone, and a wise counselor.

Geraldine was a 1976 graduate of Howland High School. Because of her love for children, a God given gift, she was known as the Best childcare provider around town. Although she didn't have children of her own, she mothered and nurtured many, including her two youngest siblings, nieces, nephews, and friends. She had God children that she loved as her own.

Geraldine was very skilled in the kitchen and had a love for cooking baking. She and sister/friend Karen mastered a recipe for cinnamon rolls, which became one of her many trademarks. She often took orders to cook entire family meals for the holidays! If you didn't quite know how to make a dish, just call Geraldine (Tulu) she was known as the kitchen mechanic... she could fix any & everything!!

Geraldine worked as a volunteer at her sister's bakery "The Purple Box Bakery", she was a healthcare worker, day care provider, and worked in retail sales. After many dedicated years of employment as a merchandiser with The Limited Brand Company, she retired in March 2021.

She is preceded in death by her father Baltimore Elzie of Warren, OH and brother Willie L. Simpson of Warren, OH and 2 half-brothers and 5 half-sisters of Warren, OH

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her mother Ida M. Wade-Simpson of Columbus, Ohio. Six brothers James Wade (Rita) of Henderson, NV; Lionel Simpson (Kathy) of Warren, OH; Dornail Simpson of Columbus, OH; Dennis Simpson (Gloria) of Warren, OH; Levi Elzie & Clifford Elzie both of Warren, OH; Nine sisters Sadie Williams of Blacklick, OH; Dorothy White (Roland) of Ocala, FL; Marguerite Jenkins of Columbus, OH; Joanne Simpson of Columbus, OH; Mary Pitt (Alonzo) of Columbus, OH; Mildred Theresa Johnson (Mark) of Gilbert, AZ; Geneva Oliver, Odester Brown, Omega Wynn, all of Warren, OH. Several godchildren Shalisha May of Columbus, OH; Mickeya Harris of Warren, OH; Noelle Simpson of Columbus, OH; Dionnie Harris of Columbus, OH; Lucky of Columbus, OH; Trinese Summerlin-Thomas of Alexandria, VA; & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

## *May I Go Now?*

*May I go now?  
Do you think the time is right?  
May I say goodbye to pain filled days  
and endless lonely nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best,  
an example tried to be.  
So can I take that step beyond  
and set my spirit free?*

*I didn't want to go at first,  
I fought with all my might.  
But something seems to draw me now  
to a warm and loving light.  
I want to go, I really do.  
It's difficult to stay.  
But I will try as best I can  
to live just one more day.*

*To give you time to care for me  
and share your love and fears.  
I know you're sad and afraid,  
because I see your tears.*

*I'll not be far,  
I promise that, and hope you'll always know  
that my spirit will be close to you  
wherever you may go.*

*Thank you so for loving me.  
You know I love you too,  
that's why it's hard to say goodbye  
and end this life with you.  
So hold me now just one more time  
and let me hear you say,  
because you care so much for me,  
you'll let me go today.*



