

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of Leroy Roberts is extremely grateful for all the kindness displayed during this difficult time. Whether you sent a card, flowers, offered comforting word, lent a shoulder, whispered a prayer or just kept us in your thoughts, every deed of kindness was sincerely appreciated.



### *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me 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 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've savored much,  
Good times, good friends, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all to 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 McDowell Family,  
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## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Carrol Diane McDowell*

JANUARY 29, 1976 ~ DECEMBER 25, 2021

~Service~  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 ~ 2:00 PM  
MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME  
**Chapel of Peace East**  
5456 E. Livingston Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

# Obituary

Carrol Diane McDowell, beloved wife, daughter, sister, mother, and fighter. She was called to heaven too soon on December 25, 2021. At the young age of 45 years old.

Carrol was born January 29, 1976 in Cleveland, Ohio to Carolyn Black and Carlos Johnson. She attended Lincoln West high school where she met her now husband and partner of 28 years, Karl McDowell. Carrol and Karl had three daughters. They moved to Columbus in 2004 to settle down and raise their children. Carrol was all about family from the beginning to the end. She loved her family dearly and was happiest when she could watch a scary movie or an old school show like, "Good Times", "The Cosby Show", or "The Jeffersons" with her loved ones.

Not only was she the best mom ever; she would send her children a, "Good morning, I love you" text first thing every morning. But, she was also a wonderful wife. Carrol's husband, Karl, owes her everything because she made him the man he is today. He loved coming home to her hugs, back rubs, and warm embraces. Carrol's friends and colleagues would describe her as, "Courageous and caring, ambitious, reliable, radiant, loyal and loving, and a quiet firecracker". Carrol will be remembered for her stylish ways. She could make a t-shirt and jogging pants look good because of her big, beautiful eyes and infectious smile. She will also be remembered for her picky eating. She liked her toast on the brink of being burnt, her eggs and chicken fried extra hard, and there better not be ANY milk, butter, or cheese in her food. But most of all, she will be remembered for the impact she had on the lives of her loved ones.

Carrol's memory will be kept alive by her adoring eternal husband, Karl McDowell; children: Shana, Shyenne, and Shanell McDowell; mother, Carolyn Black; and her younger brothers: Thomas Black and Deandre Price.

## *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.*

# Order of Celebration

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Music Ministry  
PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family  
SCRIPTURE READING ..... Elder Janet Kimble Smith  
    Old Testament .....  
    New Testament.....  
PRAYER..... Elder Janet Kimble Smith  
SELECTION ..... Music Ministry  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES  
REMARKS (2 minutes) ..... Family & Friends  
READING OF OBITUARY ..... Silently  
SELECTION ..... Music Ministry

## *The Eulogy*

ELDER JANET KIMBLE SMITH

Benediction ..... Elder Janet Kimble Smith  
RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family & Friends

## *Interment*

UNION CEMETERY



*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me  
though he were dead yet shall he live.  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*  
~John 11:25-26

## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free!*

*Miss me a little, but not for long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love we once shared,  
Miss me but let me go!*

*For this a journey we all must take,  
And each must go alone;  
It's all a part of the master's plan  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me, but let me go.*

