

CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



*Vera Evers Strong*

Earth Bound: February 25, 1937 ~ Heaven Bound: April 5, 2024

Monday, April 15, 2024

*Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church*

722 Oak Street

Cincinnati, OH 45206

Pastor Jerome Clay, Officiating

*Livestream will be available on April 15 at 11am EST:*

<http://www.youtube.com/@morningstardigitalministry2477>



*Robert & Vera Strong*

MARRIED ON JULY 25, 1957



ENJOYED 54 YEARS OF  
MARRIAGE



HONORED IN 2009 FOR 27 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY  
SERVICE AT MORNING STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

# Order of Service

Viewing 10:00 am -11:00 am

Processional 11am.....	Pastor Jerome Clay
Instrumental.....	Minister Joel Davis
Scripture Reading: Old Testament.....	Dr. George Moore
Psalm 37:1-5	
Scripture Reading: New Testament.....	Bishop David Bosley
Galatians 2:20	
Prayer of Comfort.....	Elder Brian Hilson
Worship Expression.....	Minister Joel Davis
Acknowledgements & Cards	
Reflections	
Strong-Hilson Family ~ Shepard Hilson	
Strong-Stallworth Family ~ Terrie (Collins) Walker	
Brother ~ James Stallworth	
Morning Star MBC ~ Pastor Jerome Clay	
Obituary (Daughter).....	Traci Strong
Video Tribute (Grand).....	Christopher Ingram
Poetic Expression (Grand).....	Danielle Hutchinson
Praise Dance (Grand).....	Asia Ingram
Eulogy (Son).....	Minister Robert W. Strong
Recessional.....	Pastor Jerome Clay



## Interment

Oak Hills Cemetery  
11200 Princeton Pike, Glendale, OH 45246  
513-771-7681

## Repast

Terwilliger Lodge  
10530 Deerfield Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45242  
*6 miles from Cemetery*  
*Please use GPS for directions*





# Obituary

## The Life and Legacy of Vera Evers Strong

Vera Evers Stallworth assumed her earthly journey February 25, 1937, in Brewton, Alabama to the union of William and Inez (Simmons) Stallworth. The Stallworth family included five siblings listed in birth order: William (Weasel), Lava Nell (Boot), Mary (Bit), Vera (Bite), and James, the youngest of the five. Vera loved sharing life with her siblings and moved to Cincinnati at the invitation of her sister, Lava Nell. Davy Collins, Lava Nell's husband, was employed at General Hospital (U.C.) with a young man by the name Robert "Bob" Strong.

As a result of their friendship, Bob and Vera began dating. On July 25, 1957, the two became one flesh, uniting in Holy Matrimony. Three children were birthed from this union, Christy Cornell, Robert Wendell, and Traci Denise. Vera and Bob initially established roots in Cincinnati's West End, later moved to Brewster Place in Evanston, later Garden Hills. The Strong family finally settled in Bond Hill, where they resided for 48 years with treasured community friends. Dad tirelessly worked several jobs to provide for his family and finance college for his children. Like the Proverbs 31 woman, Vera also used her many talents to greatly contribute to the upbringing and well-being of the family.

Boot, who loved to sew, shared her gift with Vera. It was soon discovered that sewing was also Vera's gift. Sewing fueled her passion for fashion and sewing transformed into a stay-at-home career. Her skill level and giftedness quickly earned her a reputation among the Cincinnati fashion community. Vera was known for having impeccable style, crafting unique garments, and dressing *nice!* Her husband, likewise, dressed "tailor-made" *nice!* Her daughters regularly donned equally attractive outfits to school. Vera became a seamstress for affluent clients in Bond Hill and throughout the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. Many of these relationships grew from simply clients to becoming lifelong friends.

In March 1981, Vera and Bob rededicated their lives to Christ and became faithful members of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Dr. Calvin A. Harper. Their lives were transformed by the Word of God and fellowship with the Saints. Galatians 2:20 was her life verse. Vera served in many capacities at Morning Star, including Missionary President, Pastor's Aide, Sunday School Teacher, and CAPS Ministry (Culinary Arts Preparatory Service). Vera also used artistic abilities to craft eye-catching bulletin boards to commemorate homegoing services, special events and welcoming new member, of course, using photos taken of new members by her husband (Photograph that Smile). "Welcome to Morning Star," is what Vera could be heard saying many Sunday mornings. She even wrote a testimonial poem, "There's Something About Morning Star."

After Vera and Bob committed their lives to Christ, much like the account in Acts 16:29-34, their whole house quickly followed suit. Christy accepted Christ in May 1981, Robbie accepted Christ in early July 1981, and Traci later in July in 1981.

Vera lavished LOVE on her three children, seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren raised in Cincinnati, Kentucky, Michigan, and Southern California.

Mom had a godly way of encouraging family and others that propelled them to really believe in themselves. She stored up love and generously poured it out on distant grandchildren. She GAVE to the best her ability and she always GAVE her best.

To limit travel expenses during an extended visit to So. California, Bob, Christy & crew arrived on one flight, Vera, Traci & her crew on another. Rob had a friend who offered to pick them up from the airport as a special welcome. Adorned in his chauffeur uniform, hat, name cards and roses, he drove his white Rolls Royce to pick them up. Bob was picked up first after arriving in SoCal. When escorted to the limo by the chauffeur, Bob was perplexed and asked, "Who is this guy?" To the contrary, Vera elegantly strolled to the limo as if it were an expected everyday occurrence, because God is just that Good!

With the Strong children "finally" graduated and "employed, Vera and Bob began striving toward financial peace and spiritual wealth. Through the assistance of resourceful relationships developed via her sewing career, Vera's other passion began to surface. She loved to *GIVE!* She had a giving heart. She gave of her time, talent, and treasure. She provided for many who did not have. She sought to make everyone feel special and cared for. Her passion to give and provide the needs of children for Christmas birthed the **Toys That Touch Ministry (TTT)**, an outreach ministry for children. Vera was a Giver. She was also a very proficient Asker. Her mindset was, "Just Ask, The worst they can do is say, No!" "If they say No, you haven't lost anything." Through the power of "the Ask," Vera once raised \$6,500 from a garage sale to make payment for her son's final semester of college!

With Morning Star as her base of operations, wealthy clients serving as resources, connections, and with a God-inspired vision, TTT received donations by the truckloads. The Ministry granted provided, high-quality gifts to children who may not have otherwise received Christmas gifts.

Vera temporarily departs from her brother James Stallworth; three children Christy Cornell (Strong) Binford (husband, Tim); Robert Wendell Strong (wife, Teri); Traci Denise Strong; seven grandchildren; Erin Alyse Strong, William Christopher Ingram, Jordan Kennard Strong, Danielle Denise Hutchinson, Justin Alexander Strong, Asia Imoni Ingram and Desmond Warren Hutchinson; seven great grandchildren: Na'Ryia Renae Hutchinson; Jaxon Christopher Ingram; Kadence Christine Ingram; Khari Alexander Ingram-Tillery; Kali Imoni Tillery; Kobi Christopher Tillery; Tailynn Jhene Trollinger; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, Morning Star church family, and friends. She will also be fondly missed by her son-in-law, Daniel Hutchinson and loving son-in-law and diligent co-caretaker, Tim Binford.

On April 5, 2024, at 9:24 pm, Vera peacefully transitioned from earth to heaven. She was preceded by her parents William and Inez (Simmons) Stallworth; brother William Stallworth; sister Lava Nell Collins; Mary "Bit" Coleman; beloved Brother-In-Law, Davy Collins, Sister-In-Laws; Rosanna Hilson, and Mattie Louise (Jasper) Stallworth.

Even up to the time of her departure, she would ask, "Do you know my favorite Bible verse?" Then she would recite Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Though Vera has relocated from earth to Heaven, her lessons of love and her legacy of giving will perpetuate through the hearts and lives of those she has touched. May we all be crucified with Christ and live by faith the faith of the Son of God!

## Memories



Mom, you are a Phenomenal Woman. You always had a smile on your beautiful face.

You are Precious and Wonderful and Remarkable. You are more valuable than Silver and Gold.

When there was a need, you were always there, whether it was night or day.

When I needed a new dress; you went to the fabric store, bought the materials; shaped the pattern; made the dress, and had me try it on. You grabbed the pin cushion and put the pins in very carefully on the left side of my waist and on the right side of my waist. You stitched my dress, and you sewed my dress very carefully and very professionally to perfection without hesitation, until my dress was mesmerized with completion.

You left me with a piece of your creation; you seasoned my life with your love. You gave so much of your yourself to your family, your friends, your church, and to all that you loved so dearly.

Mom, you were so Classy and Elegant and Fashionable. You were Stylish and Stunning.

Mom, you impacted so many people. You are God's Special Creation.

Mom, you are the light that shines in the dark, illuminating the path for your family and pointing your family towards God.

Mom, the beauty of your loving heart, the grace in your style and your values made your family strong.

You are Humble and Kind and Gentle and Wise and Creative.

Mom, you are a Phenomenal, Remarkable, Awesome, Precious Wonderful, Beautiful Victorious Woman.

Your son, your daughters, your granddaughters, your grandsons, great grandkids are all going to miss you so much Mom.

Your Legacy Lives On Forever!  
We Love You Mom and Nana

Written by your daughter Traci Strong

## Toys that Touch Ministry



Please consider donating any amount to **TOYS THAT TOUCH** ministry that Vera birthed to bless children at Christmas.

1. Go to [morningstarbc.net](http://morningstarbc.net)

or

access by QR code:



2. Click "Make A Donation"

3. **Important:** In Name field, type "TTT" followed by your name.

*A picture is Worth a Thousand Words*





# Special Thanks

Pastor Jerome Clay and Pastor Calvin Harper

For spiritual leadership, shepherding, prayer, and care over 40 years, in good times and bad.  
In our appreciation, our prayer is that everyone would experience an Acts 20:28 pastor like you.  
We sincerely THANK YOU!

Tim Binford

For your continual behind the scenes labors of love for our Mom (and your Mom).  
We sincerely THANK YOU!

James Stallworth, aka "Good Uncle"

For loving and caring for your Sister! She knew she could always depend on you!  
For loving and caring for your Sister's chillin'. You have helped each of us in a special way.  
We sincerely THANK YOU!

Grandchildren and Greatgrandchildren

Each of you were her heart! She LOVED her grands and greats.  
As she said (a thousand times), "I want to tell you how PROUD I am of you."  
You are LOVED!

Hilson, Stallworth & Simmons Families  
Mom LOVED her family.

You were often topics of your fondest memories.  
For being our family and for consoling our hearts, we THANK YOU!

Morning Star MBC and Friends

Mom LOVED her church family (poem: There's Something about Morning Star).  
Mom LOVED her friends and her children's friends.  
We extend our sincere gratitude for all the prayers, cards, and encouragement.  
We THANK YOU!

## *Pallbearers*

Matthew Ellis

Kevin Hilson

Daniel Hutchinson

Desmond Hutchinson

Christopher Ingram

William Ingram

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Tim Binford

Danielle Hutchinson

Asia Ingram

Erin Strong

Jordan Strong

Justin Strong

The Final Tribute. A Service by:  
**Jonathan Douthitt, Managing Funeral Director**  
**THOMPSON, HALL & JORDAN FUNERAL HOME**  
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