

# A Message To My Loved Ones

By Helen Steiner Rice

When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
and hug your sorrow to you through the years.  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile,  
And for my sake and in my name,  
Live on and do all things the same.  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.



Reach out your hand in comfort and,  
I in turn will comfort you and hold you near.  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
I'll be waiting for you in the sky.  
I lived and loved my life.  
I had a happy home and family.  
Don't be sad, but glad that I'm no longer in pain.

# Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the flowers, cards, prayers, and all courtesies extended during their time of bereavement. Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. May God richly bless and keep you in His care.

## Pallbearers

Malik Hill	Darenn Mansoor
Tariq Hill	David Poignard Sr.
Tajammal Hill	Mark Ralls

## Honorary Pallbearers

Curtis Shaw • David Poignard Jr. • Frank Harmon

## Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

## 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



*The Final Tribute. A Service by:*  
**DERRICK MYERS, Licensed Funeral Director**  
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# In Loving Memory of



REVEREND

*Minnie L. Morris*

July 1, 1935 - November 6, 2025

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 A.M.

Funeral Service: 11:00 A.M.

*Quinn Chapel A.M.E Church*

10998 Southland Blvd., Forest Park, Ohio 45240

Rev. Dr. Jermaine D. Covington, Pastor

## Her Life Reflections

Reverend Minnie L. Morris (née Whitt) was born on July 1, 1935, in Sardis, Alabama, to the union of the late Andrew and Emma Whitt. Raised in a home grounded in faith and family, Minnie carried those early lessons throughout her life. After completing her schooling, she moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she met and married Samuel J. Morris Jr., who preceded her in death. Together, they built a loving home and were blessed with eight children.

Minnie accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age. She was baptized and committed her life to the Lord. She served faithfully at St. Paul A.M.E. Church before joining Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, where she became a devoted member of the ministerial staff under the late Reverend Donald Jordan.

In the spring of 1989, Minnie answered her call to ministry and was ordained as a local elder. Affectionately known as "Reverend Minnie," she was a powerful prayer warrior and spiritual encourager, known for praying with unwavering conviction for anyone in need. Even as her health declined, she continued to participate in worship as she was able, singing in the choir and offering heartfelt prayers during services.

Minnie dedicated 35 years of faithful service to Good Samaritan Hospital, where she touched countless lives with her kindness, steady spirit, and compassion. Her life was marked by devotion, humility, and an unshakable faith in God. She lived with purpose, loved without limits, and served with her whole heart.

Preceding her in death are her parents, and siblings, Jessie, Lilly, and Eula, her husband Samuel J. Morris Jr. and her son Darnell Mansoor.

Surviving her are her beloved children: Retrina A. Ralls (Mark) Theresa Cobb, Stephanie Turner, Dreylynn McGruder, Samuel "Mann" Morris, III, Monica Hill (Ricardo), Michael Morris (Jun), and Daughter in Law: Wanda Mansoor

Her legacy continues through 15 grandchildren: Lana Y. Shaw (Curtis), Raeshon M. Mansoor (Anyia), Krishona L. Poignard (David), Tamera D. Harmon (Frank), Darenn A. Mansoor, Amber Morris, Ashley Morris, Lawrence Cobb, Shayla Walker (Dwayne), Mauki McGruder, NeTanya Turner, Malik Hill, Tariq Hill, Tajammal Hill, and Michael Morris Jr.

She is also remembered by 10 great-grandchildren: Joseph Shaw, Joshua Shaw, Amani Mansoor, David Poignard, Paisley Morris, Andrew Morris, Brooklynn Walker, Zion Walker, Aaliyah, Amara, and Ahmal.

Her legacy extends to one great-great-grandchild, Elijah, as well as a host of other relatives and friends who loved her deeply.

Yes, we grieve, but with a joyous hope. We ask that you, too, rejoice with us as we celebrate the culmination and crowning achievement of her life: Our Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt, and Cousin's Homegoing.

## Order of Service

*Rev. Dr. Jermaine Covington, Presiding*

*The Chiming of the Hour – 11:00 am*

Organ Prelude.....	Everett Moore
Parting View.....	The Family
Scripture.....	
Selection.....	Choir
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Selection.....	Psalms
Eulogy.....	Reverend Dr. Jermaine Covington
Benediction.....	Reverend Dr. Jermaine Covington
Recessional.....	Clergy, Bearers, Family and Friends

## Interment

Spring Grove Cemetery  
4521 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45232

*Following the interment, family and friends are invited to  
fellowship at Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church,  
10998 Southland Blvd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240.*

## Scripture

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13

