

A Celebration of
Life



Mary Agnes McDaniel

Sunrise
November 13, 1937

Sunset
July 11, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 A.M. Service: 12:00 P.M.

Higher Ground Ministries House of Favor
1391 E. Crescentville Road
Springdale, Ohio 45246

Pastor Earl Finney
Eulogist: Bishop David L. Herron, Sr.
Officiant: Superintendent Jerry Revish

REMEMBERING
THE
LIFE AND
MINISTRY OF

Mother
Mary Agnes McDaniel

Mary Agnes Beatty was born on November 13, 1937, to James Sanders and Mary Beatty Sanders of Union, South Carolina. Raised by a caring foster couple during her early years, she was blessed with a loving foundation in life. At the age of 11, her Aunt Bessie Turner, welcomed her into her home, where she continued to nurture and guide her into adulthood. Mother McDaniel attended Oyler Dater Elementary School in Downtown Cincinnati, Woodward Secondary School, and graduated from William Howard Taft High School.

At the age of 11, Mother McDaniel became a member of Rescue Temple Church Of God In Christ, where Bishop Malachi Johnson, Sr., served as pastor. Rescue Temple is also the place where she met a young man named, Curtis McDaniel, who would become the love of her life. They were united in holy matrimony on April 12, 1956, and their loving union was blessed with six children. Throughout their marriage, Mother McDaniel faithfully supported Elder McDaniel in life and ministry, remaining steadfast by his side until the Lord called him home in November 2001.

While at Rescue Temple COGIC, Mother McDaniel was introduced to holiness and the call to righteous living, which set the course for the rest of her life. She learned not only the importance of living for God but also found the tools for developing a relationship with God, such as fasting, prayer, and studying the Bible. Church life became family life for her, and whatever her hands found to do is what she did. She taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, served as an usher, cleaned the church, and was a member of the Pastor's Aide Committee.

At the age of 14, Mother McDaniel developed a passion for helping meet the needs of her church. God gave her the vision to raise funds by preparing and selling Soul Food dinners on the second Sunday of each month. She invited her friend, Mae Johnson, the pastor's daughter, along with nine other young ladies, to help bring the vision to life. Through God's abundant blessings, they sold out every time they served meals. Mother McDaniel worked tirelessly and faithfully in the church, serving with a willing heart because she had found a place where she truly belonged.

In 1970, Mother McDaniel developed a deep desire to grow closer to God. After sharing her heart with Elder McDaniel, the two began praying and seeking the Lord's guidance for a church where they could faithfully worship and raise their family. One night, after hours of restless prayer, the Lord clearly impressed upon her heart that James Temple Church Of God In Christ was where their family belonged. In obedience to God's direction, the McDaniel family united with James Temple COGIC under the leadership of Bishop William Morgan James, Sr. The transition was made easier by the warm fellowship of members they already knew, including Mother Carrie Simmons, Sister Shirley Quick, and others.

During her years at James Temple COGIC, Mother McDaniel experienced tremendous spiritual growth and maturity. She learned to put her faith into action, to trust and obey the voice of God, and to take every concern to Him in prayer. She also developed a deeper understanding of God's Word, studying it diligently to gain greater insight into His truth and a clearer understanding of the principles of holy living.

Mother McDaniel's love for God was reflected in her unwavering commitment to serving His people. She faithfully labored in every area where she was needed, believing that serving the Lord was both a privilege and a calling. Throughout her years of ministry, she served as both a member and president of the Hospitality Committee, was a Licensed Deaconess in the Church Of God In Christ, worked in the Pastor's Aide Department, assisted with Holy Communion, and faithfully mentored young deaconesses in carrying out these sacred responsibilities with reverence and excellence.

Her service extended beyond the local church. Mother McDaniel served as the Public Relations Coordinator for the Southern Ohio Region of the Ohio North Jurisdiction and Latter Rain Ministries. She also served as a liaison for the Women's International Convention of the Church Of God In Christ during the 1990 Cincinnati Crusade. In addition, she was selected to serve on the Pastor's Anniversary Committee, and her home became a place of hospitality, welcoming and housing visiting ministers who came to preach at James Temple.

In 2012, Mother McDaniel became a charter member of Triumph Christian Center Church Of God In Christ, where she remained a faithful member for the rest of her life. Serving alongside her beloved son-in-law, Pastor Jerry D. Herron, she faithfully fulfilled the roles of Church Mother and the church's original Hospitality Coordinator. She also devoted herself to beautifying and maintaining the church, assisting with event planning, preparing menus and coordinating food service for special occasions, and willingly serving wherever there was a need. Her life was a living testimony of humble service, steadfast faith, and wholehearted devotion to God.

In her professional life, Mother McDaniel faithfully served in a variety of roles that reflected her caring spirit and strong work ethic. She worked as a Nurse's Aide at Christ Hospital, Jewish Hospital, and Deaconess Hospital; as an X-Ray Technician at Good Samaritan Hospital; as a Teacher's Aide at Glendale Elementary School; and as an assembly line associate with AVON Products, Inc. She later fulfilled her dream of becoming an entrepreneur by operating her own in-home daycare, where she devoted many years to providing loving, quality childcare for families with young children. Even after retiring, she continued to share her nurturing heart by assisting her daughter with the children in her in-home daycare.

To know Mother McDaniel was to witness a life devoted to holiness and unconditional love. Above all else, she cherished the Lord and her family. Her patient spirit, gentle nature, unwavering faith, and steadfast commitment assured each of her children that they were deeply loved without condition. She modeled a life of holiness, consistently teaching them to put God first in every aspect of life. She found great joy in seeing them grow into compassionate, caring individuals. One of her greatest pleasures was spending quality time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren during holidays, after church on Sundays or on any given day. Her love for humanity extended far beyond her immediate family. She welcomed others into her home and often became a mother figure to those who had no one to depend on. Whether providing a warm meal, a place to stay, companionship during the holidays, or simply a listening ear, Mother McDaniel embraced everyone with the same love and compassion she showed her own family.

On July 11, 2026, Mother McDaniel peacefully entered eternal rest, safely in the arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ. She leaves to cherish her precious memory her five children: Marian Elaine Austin (Bont), Sharon Lenita Herron (Pastor Jerry Herron), Curtis Alfonso McDaniel, Jr. (Shalita), all of Cincinnati, Ohio; Tyrone Dwight McDaniel (predeceased her in death), Gary Brian McDaniel of Daytona Beach, Florida; and Marlon Patrick McDaniel of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mother McDaniel will also be remembered by her grandchildren: Tramaine, Terron, Kiana, Charisse, Cierra, Kourtney, Kedrin, Charisma, Dezmond and Dashawn; as well as three great-grandchildren, two goddaughters, Dionne Stephens and Bethany Shropshire, two sisters-in-law; Catherine Houston (Ned) and Lillie Mae Miller (Harold), a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever treasure the legacy of faith, love, and service she leaves behind.

Order of Celebration

*Officiant – Superintendent Jerry Revish
Unity Temple Ministries COGIC
Administrative Assistant OCE Jurisdiction*

Prelude.....	Roman Johnson/William (Chipper) Smith
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Invocation.....	Pastor Ken Baxter
Old Testament Scripture: Psalms 46:1-10.....	Superintendent Carl Whittaker Bibleway International COGIC
New Testament Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:50-57.....	Elder James Quick, Jr. Good News COGIC
Congregational Hymn.....	“When We All Get To Heaven”
Acknowledgments of Cards/Condolences.....	Evangelist Cheryl Jarrett Christ Temple COGIC
Resolutions.....	Evangelist Kimberly Dorn Triumph Christian Center COGIC
Musical Selection.....	Mother Mary McDaniel Celebration Choir
Obituary.....	Dr. Alynia Bowen OCE Missions President
Expressions/Remarks.....	Tunisha Mitchell, Min. Pam Ruffin, Grandchildren, and Marlon McDaniel
Expressions by her Pastor.....	Pastor Jerry D. Herron
Expressions by OCE Jurisdictional Supervisor.....	Supervisor Danielle Ravish
Solo.....	Appointee
Words of Comfort.....	Pastor Earl Finney Higher Ground House of Favor COGIC
Introduction of the Eulogist.....	Superintendent Jerry Revish
Musical Selection.....	Mother Mary McDaniel Celebration Choir
Eulogy.....	Bishop David L. Herron, Sr. Ohio Central East Jurisdiction
Recessional.....	Clergy, Pallbearers, Family, and Friends

Interment



Monday, July 27, 2026
Spring Grove Cemetery
4521 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45232
11:00 A.M.



Mama Always Said:
"We are family.
We are all we have.
Remember to stick together."



Precious Memories of Our Beloved



HER CHILDREN WILL RISE UP AND
CALL HER BLESSED.

PROVERBS 31:28



Mother Mary Agnes McDaniel



Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sang a lovely song or sat quietly in a chair, perhaps you sent a flower arrangement or spoke kind words. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Perhaps you prepared a meal for us. Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much...whatever the part.

~The Family



"I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH."
2 TIMOTHY 4:7

Pallbearers

Daryl Cromwell
Derrick Cromwell
Kedrin Herron
Kourtney Herron

Deshawn McDaniel
Dezmond McDaniel
Erich Mincey
Anthony Ray

Honorary Pallbearers

Terron Austin
Chris Harris
Tramaine Johnson
Elgin Lamb
William "Chipper" Smith

The Final Tribute. A Service by:

JONATHAN DOUTHITT, Managing Funeral Director
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