

Words of Appreciation From The Long Family

The Long Family wishes to thank the community for the acts of love & outpouring of kindness which has been extended during this time. This family unit has been sustained by the compassionate ministries of prayer, peace, and presence during this time of great loss.



As we mourn the loss of our mother & sister, we find solace in the memories and laughter we shared. Sonnie's undying faith, kindness, and ability to see the best in everyone will forever be remembered. She leaves as our inheritance a legacy of love and inspiration that will continue to guide us on our journey.



NO MORE TEARS

*When all hope seems lost, and reason has gone
And minds are locked on to what went wrong
Just hang in there, smile and hold on really tight
Trust, have faith, believe you will see the light.*

*Give yourself time, and give your mind a rest
Face those nightmares and let time take the test
The pain will dull, common sense will prevail
Make sure this time, you know you will not fail.*

*You will become strong, stand up tall and straight
There are no more reasons for you to sit and wait
Feed on satisfaction and quell those niggling fears
Be proud and in control 'till there are no more tears,*

**Comfort Ministry and
After-Life Care Arrangements Entrusted To**
J.E. Washington Funeral Services
2234 Glenwood Ave. 🐾 Youngstown, OH 44511
(330) 782-8500

Services To Celebrate the Life of



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Sonseeahray "Sonnie" Long

**March 17, 1964
Sunrise**

**November 10, 2023
Sunset**

**FRIDAY ~ NOVEMBER 24, 2023
2:00-4:00 PM**

*In the Chapel of the
J.E. Washington Funeral Services
2234 Glenwood Ave • Youngstown, OH
Minister Tiffany Crosby, Officiant*

- Order of Worship

Celebrating the Life of Sonseeahray Long



<i>Goodness of God</i>	<i>CeCe Winans</i>
<i>Sacred Word of God</i>	<i>Min. Tiffany Crosby</i>
<i>Prayer of Comfort</i>	<i>Min Tiffany Crosby</i>
<i>Precious Lord Take My Hand</i>	<i>Sandi Russell</i>
<i>Community Tributes & Obituary</i>	<i>Tarasia Easterly</i>
<i>Reflections Shared by Children& Grandchildren</i>	
<i>His Eye Is On The Sparrow</i>	<i>Whitney Houston</i>
<i>Words of Comfort</i>	<i>Min Tiffany Crosby</i>

Committal & Benediction

Recessional



Romans 8:35–39 declares, “...*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*”

The Life & Legacy of Sonseeahray Long



Sonseeahray “Sonnie” Crosby Long, age 59, of Columbus, Ohio, completed her earthly task on November 10, 2023. Mrs. Long was born March 17, 1964, in Cleveland, Oh. to Theodore & Gladys Crosby Stafford. She was a 1982 East High School graduate and studied at the University of Phoenix.

Upon graduation she met & married Matthew Long and this union created four children to love and adore Shaleea (*Tyrone*) May, Chacara Long, Matthias Crosby, and Malachi Long.

Among her multiple employments, she was most proud of driving for Youngstown City Schools and the Western Reserve Transit Authority. She had a passion for her family & friends and above all Christ Jesus! Despite her sickness, rarely missed church at New Salem Baptist Church of Columbus.

Sonseeahray leaves to mourn, her four children, twelve grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and was awaiting the arrival of a third; her siblings Dana (*Tiffany*) Crosby, Chere (*Carl*) Crosby, Shannon (Miho) Hurt and, sister-in-law Jo-Ann White. Her legacy will be sustained also by a score of nieces & nephews, who were all so dear to her, along with a host of other family and friends.

Preceding her in death was her husband, parents, brother Carvelle Crosby *and his former companion Le’Vona Hawkins*, two nephews Tijuan Phillips & La’Mon White, stepsister Shedawn Davidiston, and parent-in-laws Rahman & Alice Long, and brother-in-law Jeffrey Long.

Lovingly shared by the Long Family