

Gratitude From The Freeman Family

The Family of Delores Freeman wishes to thank the community for the intentional acts of love and the outpouring of kindness which has been extended during this time. The family has been sustained by the compassionate ministries of prayer, peace, and presence during this time of great loss. Bootsie/Dee leaves a legacy of love & inspiration that will continue to guide us on our journey.



**Comfort Ministry and After-Care
Transitional Arrangements Entrusted To**

J.E. Washington Funeral Services
2234 Glenwood Ave. ☞ Youngstown, OH 44511
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In loving memory of

Delores "Bootsie" Freeman
March 14, 1938 - April 27, 2024

Tuesday, May 7, 2024
Calling Hours 10:00am
Funeral Service 11:00am

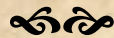
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528 Lincoln Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502

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Celebrating the Life of

Sis. Delores Freeman

Bootsie/Dee



Musical Prelude & Parting Viewing

Sacred Texts to Comfort

Prayer of Comfort ~ Minister

Music Ministry ~ Rev. Kenneth L. Simon

Acknowledgments of Community Tributes

Silent Reading of Dee' Life & Legacy

Words of Encouragement

Sis. Jaladah Aslam, President

Youngstown- Warren Black Caucus

Bro. Andre' Washington, President

Ohio A. Philip Randolph Institute

Music Ministry ~ Pastor Michael Harrison

Eulogy ~ Pastor Harrison

Committal & Recessional

Cortege to Belmont Park Cemetery

Benediction



Dee will be remembered fondly for her kindness, talent, and unwavering commitment to her family, church and community. Her presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Although Dee may have left this earth, her spirit will forever remain in the hearts of many as we reminisce on the precious moments once shared.



The Life & Legacy of Sis. Delores Freeman

God summoned Delores A. Freeman on April 27 2024 at the age of 86, to join the Lord and host of angels in Heaven. Affectionately known as Bootsie or Dee to many, Delores was born March 14, 1938 in Youngstown OH to the union of the late Charles and Fannie Mae Cannon-Oliver.

Dee graduated from Youngstown's East High School and successfully continued her academic pursuits, attending the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing where she became a LPN at the now Mercy Health Center. In 1973, she transitioned professionally embarking upon a career at General Motors for more than three decades. Her loving nature created a culture of respect by those who knew her. She enjoyed participating in the East Side Bowling League, traveling and enjoyed time with family & friends.

Faith was integral in Dee's life and expressed in through her worship and service at Union Baptist Church, where she attended. She was an active member of Union's Core Team.

During her lifetime Mrs. Freeman was an active and influential woman in the community. As an ardent community advocate for labor and human rights, Delores served as the secretary for the Ohio A. Philip Randolph Institute, president of the Youngstown Area A. Philip Randolph Institute chapter and founding treasurer of the Community Mobilization Coalition. She was also a member of the United Auto Workers Local 1112 Women's committee, the UAW retirees and the Youngstown-Warren Black Caucus.

On March 4, 1989, Dee married the late Raymond Freeman. Their union exemplified true love and the value of marriage even beyond Raymond's passing in August 2023.

Bootsie leaves to uphold a stellar legacy, her nieces Kimberly Mack of Boardman Ohio and Darlene Williams of Youngstown Ohio who was her caregiver during her time of transitioning. Delores will also be fondly remembered by her stepchildren Gregory Freeman, Larry Freeman, Arnita Freeman and Patricia Greene. Dee also enjoyed a special relationship with Courtney Sims-Rogers who also provided her love and support, along with a score of additional nieces, nephews and cousins that loved her unconditionally,

Now that Dee's faith has become sight, she joins her parents, husband and son Charles D. Oliver among the ancestors. She was also greeted at Heaven's gates by her awaiting sisters Augustine Patton, Claudia Mack and Clara Jean Square, along with her nephews Robert Patton & Kevin Oliver, nieces Cheryl Oliver & Kelly Mack and great nephew Denzel Mack.