

*Don't think of Deanne as gone away
her journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.*

*Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.*

*And think of her as living
in the hearts of those she touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and she was loved so much.*



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

J.E. Washington Funeral Services
2234 Glenwood Ave, Youngstown, OH 330.782.8500

In loving memory of



Deanne E. Henderson

1940 - 2025

Thursday, July 31, 2025

Calling Hour 10:00am

Funeral Service 11:00am

Chapel of James E. Washington Funeral Home

2234 Glenwood Ave.

Youngstown, OH 44511

J.E. WASHINGTON
FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.

- Order of Celebration -

Rev. Lewis W. Macklin II, Celebrant



Parting Viewing

Prayer of Comfort

Sacred Reading

Music Ministry

Prophetess Tanya D. Payne

The Life & Legacy of Deanne Henderson

READ SILENTLY

Music Ministry

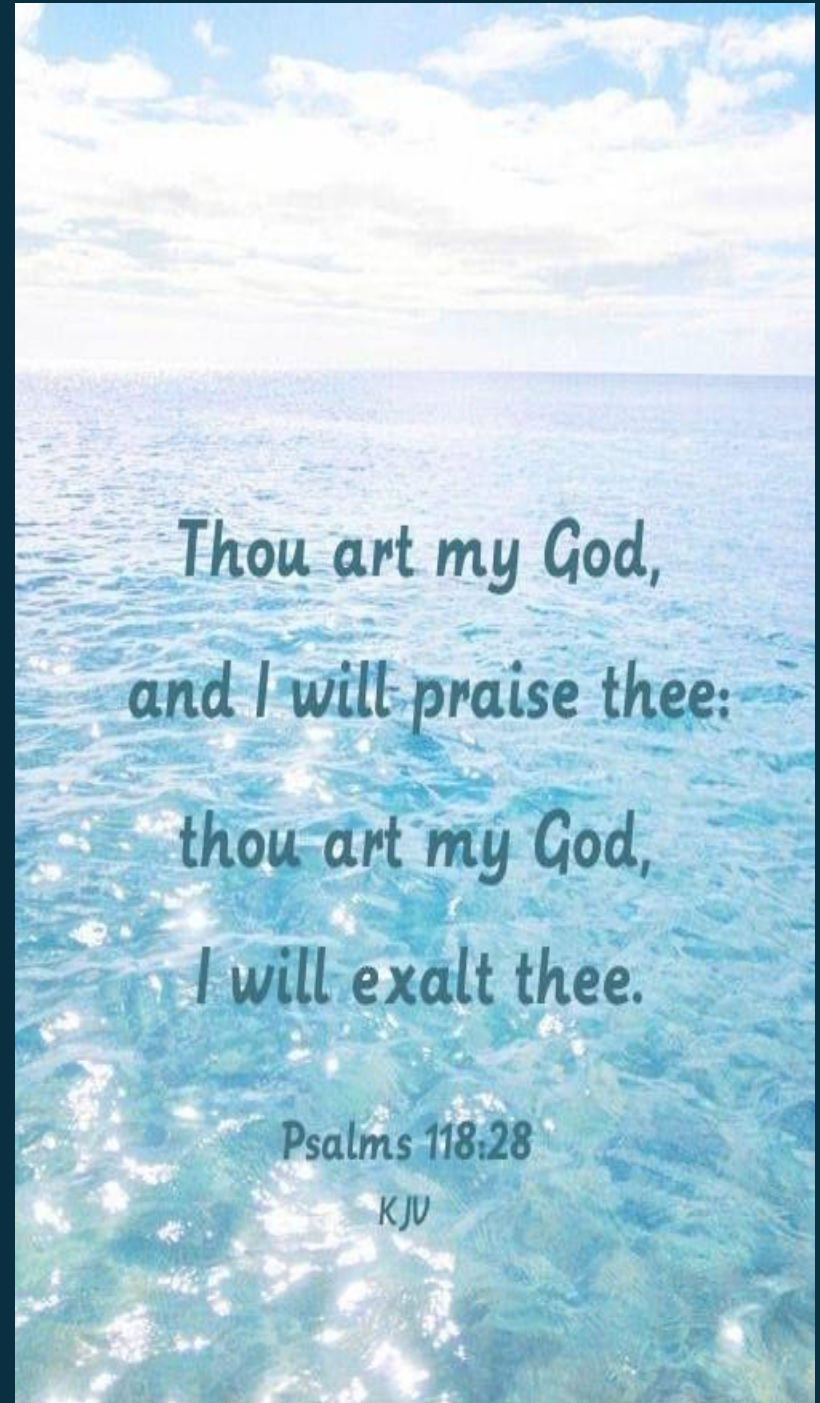
Prophetess Tanya D. Payne

Message of Hope

Pastor Macklin

Cortege Tod Homestead Cemetery

Military Presentation & Committal Ceremony





Semper Parati

UNITED STATES MARINES

Marines' Hymn

From the Halls of Montezuma,
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean:
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.

The Life & Legacy of *Deanne E. Henderson*

Deanne E. Henderson, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2025, at the Hospice House surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 4, 1940, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to the union of Demaris Holiday-Jackson and Charles Jackson. An only child, Deanne, reflected that her mother passed during the process of childbirth. Deanne always celebrated the Independence Day holiday joyfully—an "Independence Day baby," as she fondly called herself, filled with a spirit that matched the fireworks lighting up the sky on the national holiday.

Deanne, affectionately called Momma Dee, dedicated her life to serving others. After graduating from South High School in 1958, the proud Warrior attended college to pursue a degree in nursing. However, after several years, this quest was deferred when she answered the call to protect and defend this nation. Deanne enlisted and proudly served in the United States Marine Corps as a Private First Class.

Upon completion of her impressive military service, Deanne transitioned into a fulfilling career that allowed her to make significant contributions to her community. She was the Executive Secretary to the President at Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles. Upon returning to her hometown, Dee provided clerical administrative support to the Diagnostic & Evaluation and the Public Library of Youngtown and Mahoning County. A lover of literature, Dee read voraciously and considered clerking at the library as an added value both as an employee and patron.

Deanne had a very special knack for whipping up delicious meals and entrées, with her perfected creations drawing praise from all who tasted them.

It is a fact; Dee knew her way around the kitchen and cooking was her love language. Flavor and presentation were her trademarks. Her mouth-watering sweet potato casserole, astonishing confectionary creations and her famous gumbo were created without shortcuts- hand and heart made from scratch. She enjoyed creating French and Creole cuisines, preferring to enrich the palates of those she prepared with a sampling of something different. She earned and enjoyed bragging rights when preparing roux. She would share with her daughter approvingly, "Your momma sure knows how to make roux!"

A member of Holy Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Deanne was known not just for her extraordinary culinary skills but also for her commitment to her faith and the community. She actively participated in the culinary arts ministry and shared her love for learning through mid-week Biblical instruction. Psalms 118:28-29 resonated deeply with her: "*You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.*" Her faith sustained her through life's challenges and rooted her unwavering independence.

Her passion for helping others was paralleled only by her love for her family and friends. As the matriarch, Dee was particularly close to her family. Deanne's legacy is carried on by her loving daughter, Susan E. Henderson; her beloved son, Ronald F. Henderson; her cherished grandson, Zachary Colston; and her adoring great-grandson, Julian Colston.

As Deanne crossed the celestial sands into eternity, she was reunited with her parents and her husband Harry Henderson, whom she married May 20, 1960, until parted at his death in March 1976.

As we reflect on Deanne's remarkable journey—marked by love, service, and a zest for life—we will forever cherish the memories she created and the warmth she brought into our lives. She will be missed immensely but remembered fondly by all who knew her.