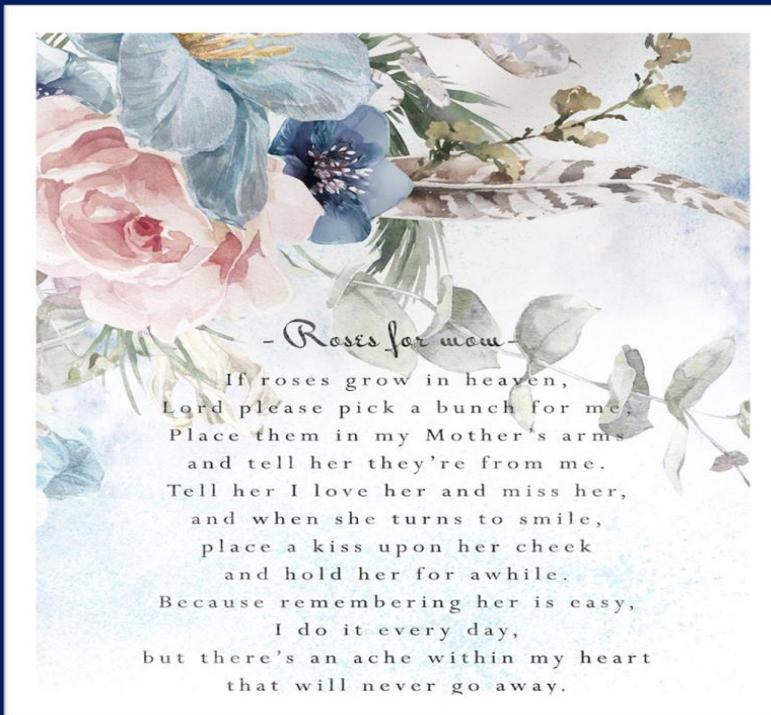


## Floral Bearers

Darriona Akoria Marica Geneva

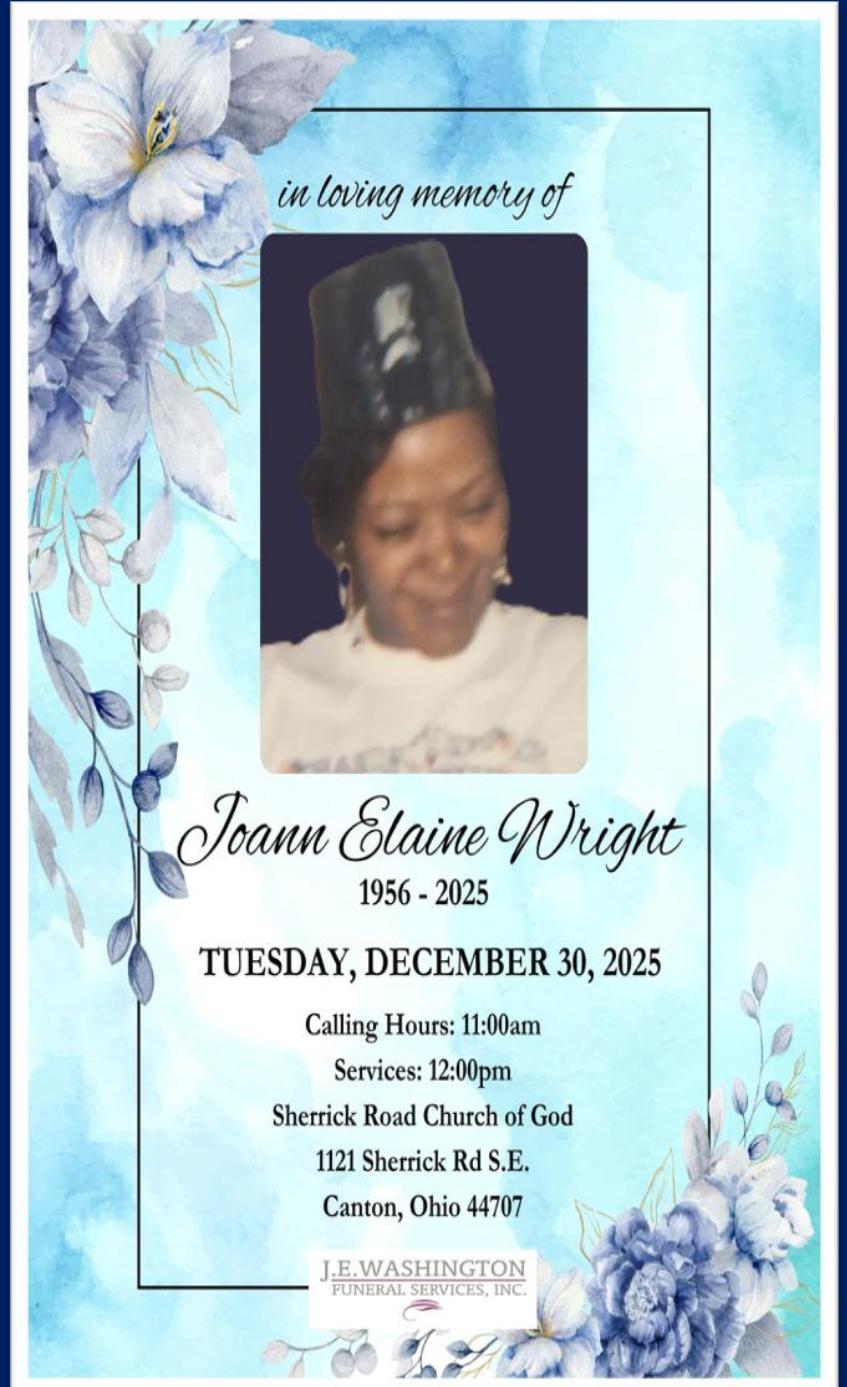
## Casket Bearers

Javon	Jazeir	Dhelano
Mikal	Mikey	Chris



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## *- Order of Celebration -*

*Pastor Patty Stokes-Williams, Officiant*



*Parting View Song for Momma Dajeun Dickerson Jr.*

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Sharina Monroe**

**Sacred Text Readings**

Old Testament  
New Testament

**Sharina Monroe**

**Public Tributes, Recognitions & The Legacy of Joann**  
**Sharina Monroe & Darriona Moreland**

**Reflections & Expressions**  
[Please limit to TWO minutes]

*Never Would Have Made It* Dajeun Dickerson Jr.  
Blending of the Sand Ceremony

**Words of Hope**

**Pastor Stokes-Williams**

**Committal Ceremony**  
**Benediction**



*Dinner will be served to the family and out-of-the-area  
guests immediately following the services.*



**ITS DEFINITELY A PARTY GOING ON IN HEAVEN**



## *Blending of the Sand Ceremony*

In Genesis 22:17, God gave this promise to Abraham, “I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies.” NIV

Today's Blending of the Sand Ceremony is a symbolic act in which Joann's grandchildren will individually take turns pouring layers of sand into the central vessel, creating a beautiful and unique representation of unity and connection. The initial layer represents the shared love, vision and values of Joann which the family rests upon.

The act marks the collective commitment of her legacy bearers to remain connected to each other for generations to come. As the sands blend, they create a layered design that visually represents the merging of lives, identities, and commitments. The distinct layers of sand reflect that each individual maintains their uniqueness while becoming part of a greater whole. Once poured, the sands cannot be separated, symbolizing the strength and permanence of the bond.

After the ceremony, the combined sands will become a treasured keepsake and visible testament of the covenant of her family, displayed in the home as a reminder of this event and its meaning.

## *Prayer for Unconditional Love*

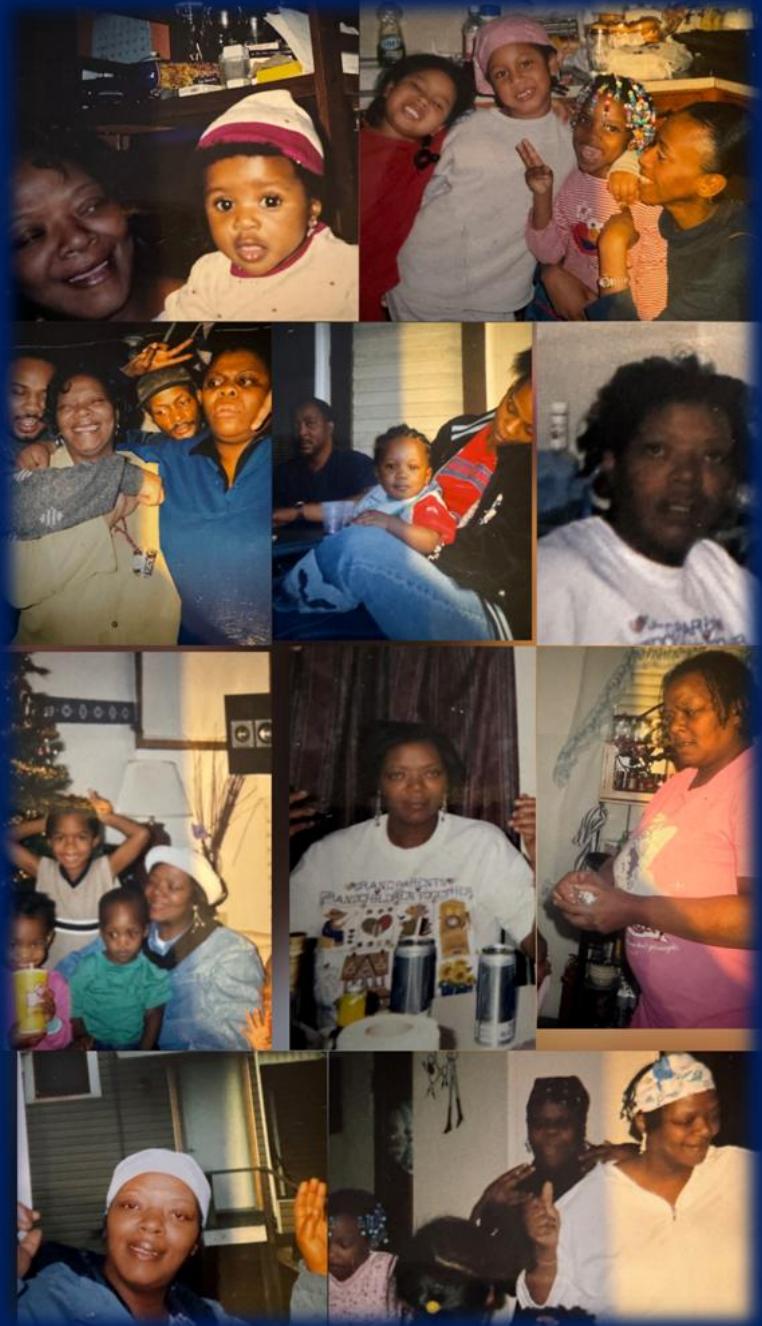
To our beloved mother in Heaven, your love was pure and unwavering, a beacon that guided us through the darkest times. Today we offer this prayer to express our gratitude for your boundless love. Thank you for accepting us for who we are, flaws and all.

Even though you are physically absent, we feel your love embracing us, supporting us, and inspiring us to love others unconditionally. May we carry your legacy of love and kindness in our hearts, honoring you in all that we do. Amen/Ase

## *Gratitude from the Wright Family*

The family of Joann Elaine Wright wishes to express heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during this of bereavement. Our thanks to all of our friends who have shared love, extended support and provided strength to us during this most difficult time.

## *WE KNOW THEY'RE HAVING A PARTY IN HEAVEN*



# *Celebrating A Life Well Lived*

## *The Life & Legacy Of*

### **Joann Elaine "Hozay" Wright**

Sunrise: March 13, 1956 – Sunset: December 18, 2025

**A**ffectionately known as Jody by her siblings, Joann left this world on December 18, 2025, encircled by the love of her children and grandchildren. Born March 13, 1956, in Massillon, Ohio, the birth daughter of Essie Mae Collier, she carried the warmth and grit of her hometown throughout her life. Joann, who was lovingly raised and nurtured by Hattie and Louis Murray Sr., lived in the Massillon-Canton areas throughout her life.

Jody was a proud graduate of Massillon High School and an ambitious learner, obtaining her associate's degree from Mansfield Business College. A dedicated worker, she spent many years as an assembler at the Hoover Company until health challenges affected her ability to continue.

Life was a grand celebration for Joann, who was known for partying and having a good time. She thrived at the idea of bringing people together, enjoyed cooking and found joyful moments playing cards with family and friends. Jody also enjoyed piecing together puzzles with the love of her life, Richard "Rick" Dillard.

Her heart was a wellspring of love for her five children—Michael (Alicia) Wright, Christopher Wright, Marica (Lorenzo) Hinton, Kiki (Todd) Robinson, and Sammesha Wright—whom she encouraged to live their dreams. A protector and defender of her brood, she cherished every moment with them.

Joann had an unparalleled gift for nurturing her children with a love that was fierce and unmatched. She made certain her children remained close, fostering a bond that would carry them through life. Her legacy is sustained by thirty grandchildren and fifty-two great-grandchildren.

Joann will be remembered fondly by her surviving siblings—brothers Louis Tillman-Alford, John Alford, and Henry "Tommy" (Twanna) Collier, and sisters Maryann "Sandy" Alford and Patricia Tracy Collier—along with a host of family and friends who will carry her spirit forward.

She was reunited in eternity with her beloved mother, parents, husband Ivan Wright, brothers Nathaniel Collier, George Tillman, Robert Young, and Louis Murray Jr., grandson, Derrick J. Wright, and great-granddaughter, Donaraee B. Austin. However, with arms wide open, Rick Dillard, the love of her life and the man who helped her raise her family, awaited her arrival at Heaven's Gate, escorting his Queen to her new home.

So let us come together, as Jody would have wanted, in love and laughter, holding onto the memories, traditions and legacy she leaves in our hearts. Let us honor her spirit and the joy she brought into our lives. Rest well, known to many as Joann, Hozay, Josey, Jody and Jo Wright—but to God as His child—you will be missed more than words can say. We love you always.

As we honor the queen of our hearts, we will remember her warmth, her kindness, and the vibrant light she brought into our lives. Let us hold onto the lessons she taught us, to love fiercely and to live with purpose, just as she did. Joann, you will always be in our hearts, your memory will shine brightly as we carry your spirit forward.