

## With Gratitude from The Cross Family

The family of Valaria wishes to thank everyone for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which have been extended during this time. "God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love."-Hebrews 6:10  
Special appreciation to The Hope Center for Cancer Care – Youngstown and Traditions Health Hospice Care for their compassionate support.

### No Tears

Weep not for me though I am gone  
Into the gentle night  
Grieve if you will, but not for long  
Upon my soul's sweet flight.

There is no need for tears.  
I am at peace, my soul is at rest  
There is no pain, I suffer not,  
For with your love I was so blessed.

I am in a place of comfort  
The fear now is gone.  
Put those things in your thoughts,  
In your memory I live on.

Remember not my fight for breath  
Remember not the strife  
Please do not dwell upon my death  
But celebrate my life.



Transitional Care Arrangements Entrusted  
J.E. Washington Funeral Services  
2234 Glenwood Ave, Youngstown, OH 44511  
330.782.8500

*Celebration of Life*

1955 - 2026

*Valaria Cross*

Services will be held on Monday,  
February 16, 2026 at 10:30am

Jaylex Event Center  
2110 Glenwood Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

J.E. WASHINGTON  
FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.

# *-The Order of Celebration-*

*Rev. Lewis W. Macklin II, Officiant*



**Processional**

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Sacred Text Reading**

**Music Ministry**

**Public Tributes**

**Music Ministry**

**A Message of Hope**

**Pastor Macklin**

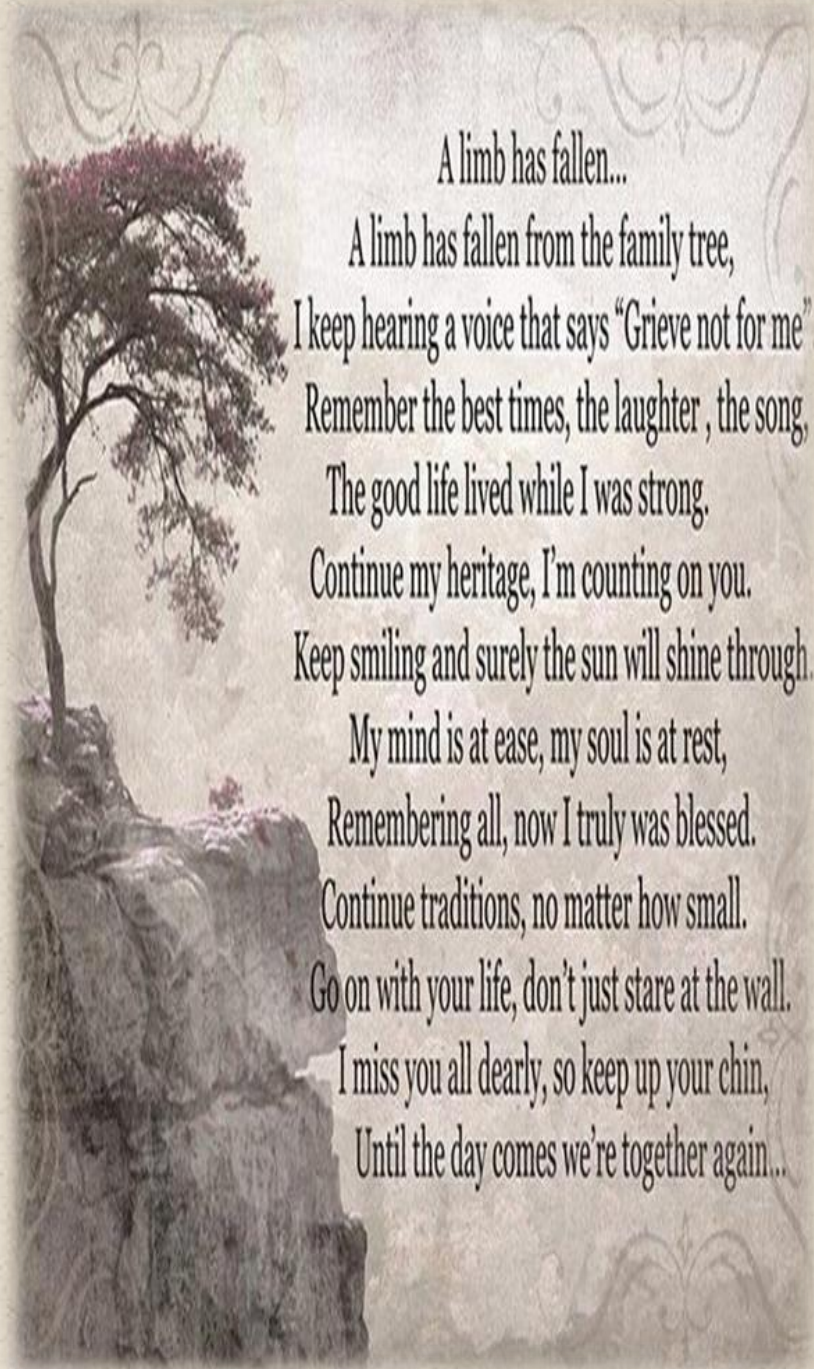
**Recessional**

*Cortege to Belmont Park Cemetery*

**Committal Ceremony**

*Benediction*





A limb has fallen...

A limb has fallen from the family tree,  
I keep hearing a voice that says "Grieve not for me"  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song,  
The good life lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,  
Remembering all, now I truly was blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't just stare at the wall.  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin,  
Until the day comes we're together again...

# *Celebrating A Life Well Lived*

## *The Life & Legacy Of Valaria "Val" Cross*

**V**alaria "Val" Cross, 70, entered eternity on Friday, February 6, at her home, surrounded by loved ones.

Valaria was born on December 20, 1955, in Youngstown, Ohio. She attended The Rayen School. She cherished spending precious moments and time with her children and grandchildren, caring for her plants, bird watching, and playing the lottery. She also appreciated watching classic black & white television shows and movies.

Above all, she loved her family deeply. She also enjoyed baking specialty birthday cakes for her grandchildren, a tradition they will always remember.

Valaria dedicated over forty years as a cook at several valley restaurants & dining establishments, which included Garlands BBQ, Hasty House, MVR, and CCA, before retiring from Johnny's Food and Spirits in 2016.

Val is survived by the love of her life, James C. Easton Sr.; her six children, Eliza Cross, Keela Lawrence, Charles Cross (Sharia El-Min), Lakesha Cross, and Anita Brown; and two bonus children, James "Bodi" Easton Jr. and Tami Easton.

Her legacy will be sustained by her thirteen grandchildren: Louis Brown III, Dominique Brown, Marissa (Riley) Stevens, Marvin J. Redding III, Destiny Cross, Ja'zuan Cross, Charles Cross Jr., Ci'Asha Cross, Ja'ziyah Cross, Jashaya Cross, Cyra Cross, Ceraya Cross, and Chaniya Cross; and four great-grandchildren: Calvin Stevens, Aliyah Cross, Daylan Jackson, and Isla Brown.

Valaria is survived by her brother, Squire Cross Jr.; her sisters, Eliza (Robert) Warren, Elaine Cross, Maxine (Jerry) Scott, Cynthia O'Neal, and Robin Cross; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Squire and Manonlia Cross; her son, Jonathan D. Cross; her twin sister, Veronica Sanders; and her sister, Mary L. Forest.

*-Lovingly Shared by Her Family-*