

## FLORAL & CASKET BEARERS

*Family & Friends*

### With Gratitude from Cato Family

The family of Darlene Cato wishes to thank everyone for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which have been extended during this time of bereavement.



When I come to the end of my journey  
And I travel my last weary mile,  
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned...  
And remember only the smile.

Forget unkind words I have spoken,  
Remember some good I have done.  
Forget that I ever had heartache...  
And remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered  
And sometimes fell by the way...  
Remember I have fought some hard battles  
And won, ere the close of the day.

Then forget to grieve for my going,  
I would not have you sad for a day...  
But in summer just gather some flowers,  
And remember the place where I lay.

And come in the shade of evening,  
When the sun paints the sky in the west...  
Stand for a few moments beside me,  
And remember only my best.

Comfort Ministry and After-Care Transitional  
Arrangements Entrusted To  
J.E. Washington Funeral Services  
2234 Glenwood Ave., Youngstown, OH 44511  
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# Celebrating

## THE LIFE OF



*Darlene Cato*  
1951-2026

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026  
CALLING HOURS 10:00AM  
FUNERAL SERVICE 11:00AM  
CHAPEL AT J.E. WASHINGTON FUNERAL HOME  
2234 GLENWOOD AVE., YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44511

J.E. WASHINGTON  
FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.



# Order of Celebration

Minister Wallace Jenkins, Officiant



## Parting View

### Reading of Sacred Texts

Old Testament *Joshua 1:9* Victoria Neal

New Testament *John 11:25-26* Cameron Stewart

Prayer of Comfort Glynis A. Hearn

Public Tributes & Expressions Andrea Bivins

Darlene's Life & Legacy Theresa Mihouse

Echoes of Love from the Family TWO Minutes

Music Ministry

Message of Hope Minister Wallace Jenkins

### Recessional

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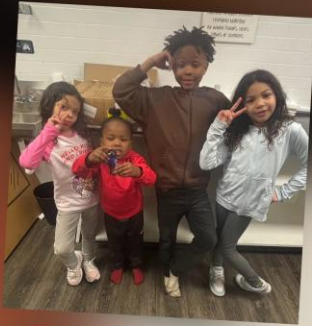
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Committal Ceremony & Benediction



*The Family Will Retrun for  
Repast & Fellowship  
Jaylex Event Center  
2110 Glenwood Avenue  
Youngstown, OH*





## *Well Lived*

*by Anonymous*

*A life well lived is a precious gift  
Of hope and strength and grace,  
From someone who has made our world  
A brighter, better place*

*It's filled with moments, sweet and sad  
With smiles and sometimes tears,  
With friendships formed and good times shared  
And laughter through the years.*

*A life well lived is a legacy  
Of joy and pride and pleasure,  
A living, lasting memory  
Our grateful hearts will treasure.*

## *The Life & Legacy of* **Darlene Cato**

**D**arlene Cato was born January 12, 1951, in Youngstown, Ohio, daughter of Governor Cato and Hortense Herring Cato. Darlene was a 1970 graduate of East High School. After high school Darlene, as an independent young woman, found employment at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company and furthered her career as an employee of General Motors in Lordstown, Ohio.

Darlene's pride and joy was revealed when she gave birth to her one and only son, Torry Dwayne Cato, on May 27, 1975. As Torry progressed to adulthood, and in the marriage to Vonetta Jenkins Cato, Darlene's overwhelming love extended to her daughter-in-law and to her four grandchildren. Darlene was very engaged in the successes of her grandchildren, attending football games, basketball games, birthday parties and more.

Darlene, most of all, enjoyed gathering family and friends for the holidays, and preparing meals for everyone's enjoyment. Darlene was a dedicated loving daughter and granddaughter, instrumental in the health, care and well-being of her own parents, listed above, and grandparents Lonnie and Mattie Herring of Massillon, Ohio. In her free time, Darlene would treat herself to playing the penny slot machines at Hollywood or Mountaineer Casinos.

On Wednesday March 11, 2026, she departed this life at Mercy Health-St. Joseph Hospital in Warren, Ohio. Her warm, caring spirit and bright-eyed, radiant smile will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her.

Darlene leaves to cherish her memory, her loving grandchildren Tre'Von, Torry, Tyrese (Amisha), and Ta'jai Cato of Youngstown; great grandchildren, X'ion, Aria, Devyn and Tyrese (JJ) Jr.; her brother Earl Cato of Youngstown, and her bonus children Ellington Stewart (Youngstown), Billy and Victoria Neal (Detroit), Cameron & Susan Stewart (Chicago), Vonetta Cato (Youngstown) and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In the final years of her life, Darlene received care from one closer than a daughter, Michelle Smith, who with a loving heart, resided with Darlene for many years, tending closely to her medical requirements, preparing meals, keeping doctor's appointments in order, and all the other day-to-day personal care needs; all done with the utmost love, respect and gentle support, while raising her own son, Aaden (Darlene's bonus grandson).

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Torry Dwayne Cato, and sisters Sylvia Kay Stewart and Janice Cato.

A message for all family and friends, understand that our time on earth is for a short while.

This is not the end, it's a Heavenly Beginning; Be Strong in the Lord and continue to care for one another as you honor, Darlene, Aunt Dee Dee, Mother, Sister, Cousin and Friend. To God be All Glory for this Celebration of Life.



*Lovingly shared by the Family*