

Obituary

Lina M. Lathan was born on October 21, 1924 in Mount Sterling, Kentucky to the late Phillip and Viola Cunningham. She was the third child of four.

Lina joined A.M.E church in Sterling, Ky. at an early age where she later went on to teach Sunday school.

Lina moved to Cincinnati, in 1940, she worked in different families homes, taking care of their children.

In the early 1950s Lina was married to Edward Lathan Sr. As she helped him raise his three children, she became known for her warmth and kindness.

While living in Evanston, she helped take care of her aging parents.

Lina soon began to work for Good Samaritan Hospital in the neonatal nursery where she helped with the first days of life for countless babies, including those in her own family. She continued this great service for over 20 years before she retired.

Years later, she met and befriended John Eldridge King Sr., who died in the year of 2000.

Lina was preceded in death by her mother Viola (1974) and father Phillip Cunningham Sr. (1988), her husband Edward Lathan, Sr. (1976), her brother Phillip Cunningham Jr. (1997), her sister Cora James (2003), and her step children Jerroldyn Peoples (1981) and Edward Lathan Jr. (1997).

Lina leaves to cherish her memory one brother, Miller Cunningham, her step daughter Jewell Lillard, two nephews Charles Turley and Teon Woods, twenty grandchildren, one grandniece and two grandnephews, and a host of other relatives and close family friends.

Order Of Service

Officiating Minister	Pastor Henry Wilson Jr.
Parting View	The Family
Organ Prelude	
Scripture Reading	Charles Lillard Sr.
Prayer	Charles Lillard Sr.
Solo "Just A Prayer Away"	Maxine Phillips
Acknowledgment Of Cards	Sharon Booker
Poem "I'm Free"	Jerroldyn Phillips
Moment Of Reflection	
Eulogy	Pastor Henry Wilson Jr.
Recessional	Clergy, Bearers, and Family
Interment	Spring Grove Cemetery

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path GOD has laid for
me.

I took His hand when I heard His call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's
touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me,
GOD wanted me now; He sent for me.

Author Unknown

Acknowledgments

In our time of sorrow, we would like to thank everyone who prayed for Lina. Your labor of love is greatly appreciated and we ask that you pray for the family in their time of bereavement.



Pallbearers

Kenneth Walker Carrol Waleky Jr.

Teon Woods Lonie Johnston III

Lonie Johnston II Deryl Moore

Flowerbearers

Family and Friends

And GOD will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there should be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

Revelations 24:4

A Going Home Celebration

For

Lina M. Lathan

October 21, 1924-

May 14, 2005



*Home Going Services
Saturday May 21, 2005
At 10:00 am
Jamison & Jamison
Funeral Home
3437 Montgomery Rd
Cincinnati Ohio*

Pastor Henry Wilson Jr. Officiating