

**To Those Whom I Love;
And To Those Who Love Me**

When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You must not tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that I have had so many years
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love each have shown
But now it is time I traveled on alone
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
It is only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories in your heart
I will not be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear
Then, when you must come this way alone
I will greet you with a smile and a Welcome Home
-Author: Mary Alice Ramish-

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Acknowledgments

Our sincerest thanks and gratitude to all of our family and friends for your love and support. We are especially grateful to Day Funeral Service for facilitating the home going service for our beloved "Mama", Sheila Saunders.

~ Grace & Peace ~

Celebrating the Life of

Sheila Lorraine Thomas Saunders



Sunrise August 9, 1949 – Sunset April 19, 2020

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

Service

Saturday, April 25, 2020

2:00 PM

The House of Day Funeral Service Chapel
2550 Nebraska Ave. - Toledo, Ohio 43607

Rev. John Walthal, Eulogist

The Obituary

Sheila Lorraine Thomas Saunders, age 70 of Swanton, OH, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday April 19, 2020. Born on August 9, 1949 in Toledo, OH, she is predeceased by her parents, John Lawrence Thomas and Wilma Geneva Robinson Thomas.

Sheila was the sixth eldest child out of ten and was raised in Swanton, OH with her siblings: *Richard L. Thomas (*Dorothy), *Carol F. Lothery (Melvin), Charlotte A. Westley (*Curtis), Michael C. Thomas (Gladys), Sondra M. Thomas, Pamela L. Dabon (Lenard), Donald E. Thomas (*Carsino), Donna E. Walker (Terry), and James W. Thomas (Deborah). She was wed in holy matrimony to the late Jeremiah Saunders, and from that union they were blessed with four children. She graduated from Spencer Sharples High School in Holland, OH. She once worked in the administrative department of the Toledo courthouse, but her passion was entrepreneurship, and she was the proud owner of a few curio shops and one in particular called, "Sheila's Silk 'N Stuff," where she refurbished furniture. She loved a good garage sale and if she wasn't holding one then she was visiting one.

Sheila was a beloved daughter, and loved the Lord Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. On any given day you would find her praying over her family and singing praises to God. She was a former member of Cornerstone Church of Maumee, OH and a faithful member of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries. She was an excellent daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. She loved her family unconditionally, and loved to sing, dance, roller skate, refurbish furniture, interior design, design clothes and furniture for her dolls, play bingo, and do yard work. Sheila loved to sing solo, with her sisters' singing group "Backdraft," and performed throughout Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois as a duo with her sister Sondra. Her sense of humor and wit always uplifted gatherings where she was present. For those who knew Sheila, she was a fashionista who never left the house without her makeup on or being impeccably dressed.

She is survived by her children Gerald L. Saunders (Tonia), Pamela M. Saunders, Spencer D. Saunders (Yolanda), and Demond L. Saunders (Pauline), seven siblings, fourteen grandchildren (Eriel, Starr, Isiah, Spencer Jr., Jocelynn, Trevor, Aushila, Christopher, Ethan, Ryan, Kennedy, Septembre, Alissondra, and Jordan), one great grandchild, one aunt (Jean Robinson), a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and a community that loved her dearly.



"I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in Me,
though he may die, he shall live.
And whoever believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

Order of Service

- Processional.....
- Scripture.....Spencer Saunders
Philippians 4:19
- Prayer.....Rev. John Walthal
- Obituary.....Rev. John Walthal
- Musical Selection.....Leak in this Old Building
- Acknowledgements and Condolences.....
- Eulogy.....Rev. John Walthal
- On Behalf of the Family.....Rev. John Walthal
- Recessional.....