

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

FOR A SERVANT OF GOD



*A Life of
Servantship,
Joy, Faith,
Praise and
Enduring Love*

AUGUST 26, 1944

SUNRISE

JUNE 18, 2026

SUNSET

Ollie Mae
ARMSTEAD

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 | 11:00AM

Pastor Tomier & Lady Kim Davenport
True Light Christian Ministries | 3719 Lesh St NE, Canton, Ohio 44705



LIFE & LEGACY

Ollie Mae Armstead



Ollie Mae Armstead, gained her wings on June 18, 2026 at age 81. She was born on August 26, 1944, in Honoraville, Alabama, to the late Earl & Hester Marsh. From her earliest days, she was her father's "Sweet" and to everyone else, a ray of "Sunshine" - a name that perfectly captured the warmth and light she brought into every life she touched.

Ollie was a devoted wife to her late husband, Joseph "Joe" Armstead, and together they built a life rooted in love, faith, and service. Her devotion to Jesus Christ was the foundation of everything she did. She poured her heart into owning and operating a children's daycare, nurturing countless children with the same tenderness she showed her own family. As a caregiver, she extended her hands and heart to those in need, living out her faith through acts of compassion and kindness.

Ollie found joy in life's simple pleasures — casting a line, cooking delicious meals, baking treats that filled the home with warmth, and, most of all, loving her family. Her presence was a gift, her laughter contagious, and her love unconditional.

She is preceded in death by her six siblings: brothers - Charles Marsh, Freddie Lee Marsh, James Marsh, Otis Marsh, Douglas Marsh, one sister, Dollie Marsh, a step-son, Anthony Armstead, Goddaughter, KaTisha (Lynn) Townsend, and sister-in-laws, Ollie B Alexander and Susie William.

Ollie leaves to cherish her many precious memories: sons, Alfred Marsh, Frederick Marsh, Jerome (Sandra) Armstead Sr, and Johnny Armstead, a daughter, Linda Marsh; brother-in-law, Henry (Gerri) Armstead, grandson, Craig (Emily) Clark and granddaughter, Courtney (Octavious) Collins; two cherished great-granddaughters, Kalynn & Kylee Hill and great-grandchildren, Brayden Clark, Aria Clark, Luka Clark, Isla Clark, Noah Hitchings, Logan Collins, and Taylor Collins; special nieces, Ann Marsh and Zoie Marsh; special nephews, Jimmy (Shirley) Marsh; Greg (Sheila) Marsh; a lifelong cherished friend, Elizabeth Frazier; Goddaughter (son), Quinnet (Tavin) White; and a host of family and friends who loved her deeply and will carry her light forward.



ORDER OF *Service*



Processional	<i>Still Holy- Tribl & Maverick City Music</i>
Old Testament Scripture	<i>Pastor Richard L. Jordan Antioch Baptist Church Canton, Ohio</i>
New Testament Scripture	<i>Rev. Jimmie Lever</i>
Prayer of Comfort	<i>Deacon Jerome Armstead</i>
Selection	<i>TLCM Praise Team</i>
Church Resolution/ Acknowledgements	<i>Lady Kim Davenport</i>
Reading of the Obituary	<i>Sis. Kelley Lever</i>
Remarks	<i>2 minutes</i>
Selection	<i>TLCM Praise Team</i>
Eulogy	<i>Pastor Tomier Davenport True Light Christian Ministries Canton, Ohio</i>

Morticians in Charge

Arrangements Entrusted to Reed Funeral Home

Recessional *Worthy- Elevation*

PERSONAL *Tributes*



Ollie Mae Armstead was my Auntie, who was also My Best Friend. She loved everyone and taught me the words "I Love You." For that, I will forever be GRATEFUL. Love Ann.

Grandma Ollie, what to say about the woman who's touched everyone's life in such a positive way? You have shown me love, joy, and the treasures of life lessons throughout my childhood and adulthood. I will miss your laughter, your jokes, and your shining smile. There's no one more glamorous than you. Thank you for giving me the gift of your presence. I am a greater person for having you in my life! I love you! Rest in Heaven! Adrienne



To Auntie Ollie Mae, your love, kindness touched everyone who knew you. I'm going to miss all the stories you always told, you're laugh and smile the most and that famous pound cake. Auntie, you will always be deeply loved, greatly missed and forever remembered. Your Nephew Greg & Sheila 

R.I.P. Dear Auntie, you were not only my aunt but also my godmother. No matter how old I got, you always called me "Baby Terrance," even up until ur last days, and that is something I will always hold close to my heart. You were one of the reasons I moved to Florida. Whenever I go thrifting, I will think of you and the memories we shared. Nasheen and I will always love and miss you. Love always, Baby Terrance



Granny, words just aren't enough to describe how wonderful and beautiful you are. All the wisdom, lessons, and love you instilled and gave are so unmatched by anything anyone could ever give. I'll forever cherish the time we spent together. I am forever grateful to be your grandson, Craig

Mrs. Ollie was handpicked and heaven-sent to me and my son Carsen, and eventually my daughter as well. I learned so much about being a Mother and a young woman. How to carry myself as such. My son is gifted in many areas academically, musically, and more because of Mrs. Ollie's influence early in his life. I will miss all of the conversations and special moments we shared. I am extremely blessed to have been a part of her life. Thank you, Chyna



Auntie, you were more than my aunt - an extraordinary embodiment of resilience, a haven of unconditional love, and a radiant source of inspiration that brightened my life's journey, imparting priceless wisdom that I'll forever cherish. Love you, Zoie

Caring for 'Sunshine' was one of life's greatest honors and privileges. Her strength, grace, and straightforward, boisterous spirit touched our hearts in ways we'll never forget. She radiated light in rooms where darkness tried to settle. No matter what she faced, she showed unwavering faith and a whole lot of sassiness. She taught me that joy is a choice, and once you choose the joy of the Lord, it can never be taken away. We love you more, Tavin and "your Queen" Quinnet



My dear aunt held a special place in my heart, and I will always be grateful for the love, kindness and wisdom she shared so freely. She touched my life with her gentle presence, encouragement and unwavering care. Though I miss her deeply, I find comfort in the beautiful memories we created together.



Everyone knew my grandma as a kind, loving, and strong woman. She could make people laugh even on their worst days, and she was always there when someone needed her. She loved everyone with her whole heart.

When my grandma was in the hospital, slowly getting weaker, I was on my phone. I thought we still had time. I thought there would be another day, another conversation, another chance to tell her how much I loved her. Instead, I watched her take her last and final breaths, and that moment shattered me. It broke my heart into a million pieces.

I still remember being a little girl and sitting in her lap. It feels like it was just yesterday she was laughing, talking, and telling stories. Now I have to learn how to live in a world without her.

Granny, I'm sorry we didn't get to see each other more. I'm sorry for every moment I took for granted. If I had known our time was running out, I would've put my phone down, sat beside you longer, and never let go.

She was such a strong woman. She fought for as long as she could. Maybe it was just her time, but that doesn't make this hurt any less.

There are no more tomorrows we can share, no more hugs, no more phone calls, and no more memories to make. But I will cherish every memory we had together for the rest of my life.

Hang on tight up there and tell Grandpa I said hi. I promise I'll become the woman you would've wanted me to become and make you proud. I love you, Granny. Forever and always. See you soon, Kalynn

I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Ollie in FL through Linda. Ms. Ollie has been my girl ever since. I am sad my girl is no longer here. But she would not want me to be sad. She would want life to be celebrated. Ms. Ollie was such a great storyteller- (she could retell a story and make you think you were there). Although there are so many memories I can speak about, I'll spare everyone the stories because I am not a good storyteller. It would be remiss of me not to speak about the woman I knew her as. What a woman! A beautiful woman on the inside and outside. Ms. Ollie had such a beautiful, sweet soul. Ms. Ollie (a fierce woman with class, sass, & spunk) was one of the most amazing and inspiring people I know. Such a woman full of life, love, and laughter(I can hear her laugh now). She would always have encouraging words to give - if you knew Ms. Ollie (you knew she did not know a stranger). She loved people, very kindhearted - she would give her last. She loved her family- her grandchildren (she was always so proud of y'all), she loved her friends, her church family - if you knew her, she loved you. Ms. Ollie would always say, "I'm going to walk again". And you did! You are the woman of faith who believed and trusted God that He could do anything, and He did! She exemplified God's strength. You never gave up, even when you were tired. She lived such a life of abundance. Being around her, she brought so much joy wherever she went. And Ms Ollie didn't like to sit around, you had to have some pep in your step to hang with her lol ...So many great memories and laughs were shared, and they'll always be remembered. She truly had the heart of Christ, and I know she is now with her Heavenly Father, no more pain and suffering; she is in a better place. She is present with the Lord. Miss Ollie you will be missed, we love you, Tiff



Mommy, there are no words big enough to hold the love I have for you or the pain I feel having to say goodbye. You were my first home, my first teacher, my protector, and my biggest supporter. Long before I understood what strength looked like, I saw it in you. Long before I knew what unconditional love meant, you showed it to me every day. You taught me lessons that will stay with me for the rest of my life—not just through your words, but through the way you lived.

You showed me how to keep going when life was difficult, how to love fiercely, how to care for family, and how to find joy even during hard times. As I sit here reflecting on your life, I realize that so much of who I am is because of you. Your fingerprints are on every accomplishment, every value, every act of kindness, and every moment of strength that I carry within me. You helped shape the woman, mother, and person I am today. Watching you fight was one of the hardest things I have ever experienced. Even in your most difficult moments, you reminded me what courage looks like. While my heart wishes for more time, I find comfort knowing that your suffering has ended and that you are now at peace. Your love did not stop with me. It lives on through Kalynn & Kylee, who were blessed to know your warmth, your wisdom, your laughter, and your heart. I promise to keep your memory alive for them. I will tell them your stories, share your lessons, and make sure they always know how much their Granny loved them. Mommy, thank you for every sacrifice you made that no one saw. Thank you for every prayer you prayed over me. Thank you for every hug, every conversation, every lesson, and every expression of love. Thank you for being my mother. Though I can no longer hold your hand, I will carry your spirit with me every day. Though I can no longer hear your voice, I will forever hear your wisdom in my heart. I will miss you more than words can ever express. Until we meet again, rest peacefully knowing that you were loved beyond measure, and that your legacy will continue through all of us whose lives you touched. Forever your daughter, Linda





Hester Mae & Earl Marsh kids



 Acknowledgements

The family of Ollie Mae Armstead would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for every prayer, kind word, flower, visit, and act of love shown during this difficult time.

Your compassion has brought comfort to our hearts.
May God bless each of you for your love and continued support.

PALLBEARERS

Craig Clark
Jimmy Marsh
Greg Marsh
Edgar Page
Shiquan Wofford
Zeiere Wofford

FLOWER BEARERS

Family, Friends, &
Church Members

INTERMENT

Evergreen Memorial Garden
2698 Broadway Ave NE,
Louisville, OH 44641

Please turn on flashers and
stay with the funeral
procession.

REPAST

Family and friends are invited
to join the family for a repast
immediately following the
interment.

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THE FAMILY REQUESTS THAT ALL REFRAIN FROM ANY
VIDEO RECORDINGS OR PHOTOS OF THE SERVICE
AND/OR OF THEIR LOVED ONE.