

***Pallbearers***

*Deacons, Family & Friends*

***Flower Bearers***

*Family & Friends*

***Acknowledgments***

*We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all for the prayers and kind support during this time of loss.*

*The Family of Veeda Durham*

*Arrangements Entrusted to  
House of Wheat Funeral Home  
2107 Gettysburg Avenue  
Dayton, Ohio 45417*



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*July 2, 1943-May 9, 2015*

***In Loving Memory***  
***May 16, 2015***



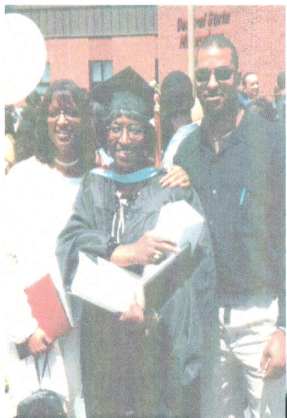
***Veeda Durham***

***Bethel Missionary Baptist Church***  
***401 S. Paul Laurence Dunbar Street***  
***Dayton, Ohio 45402***

***Rev. Xavier L. Johnson, Officiant***



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## Obituary

Without warning, death plucked a flower from our garden on Saturday, May 9, 2015 and Sister Veeda Durham was called from earth to Heaven's reward. Born July 2, 1943 in Richmond, KY, she played softball and basketball as a child. Veeda moved to Dayton, OH at the age of 18 and received a degree from Miami Jacobs Career Technical College.

When she was in her 50's, Veeda earned her Bachelor's Degree and continued on to receive her Master's Degree in Education at Central State University. She also completed two years at Xavier University and earned 39 credit hours towards her Ph.D. She retired from Dayton Public Schools after 38 years of service.

An avid traveler, lover of history books, African-American and Indian Literature, she spent many summers taking her grandchildren to the library and teaching the importance of education. Quiet but always firm, she loved teaching all young children, especially at Montessori schools.

Veeda was a terrific cook, willing to share a dish with anyone who asked; her specialty was "anything different". She made the best rolls in Dayton, frequently cooking meals for the Men's Bible Study.

She participated in church activities by singing in the choir, serving in the Dramatic Guild and being active as the wife of a Deacon.

Veeda was preceded in death by parents, Homer and Lydia Harris; sister, Sheila Harris; sisters-in-law, Elaine Bolar and Laura Thomas. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Walter Durham; children, Maurieta (Todd) Washam and Brandon Durham; grandchildren, Antoine Edmonson and Danielle Edmonson; brother-in-law, Robert Durham; three brothers of Richmond, KY, James (Alice) Harris, Orestes (Robin) Harris, Peron (Catina) Harris and one brother, Tim (Jauan) Harris of Denver, CO; a host of nieces, nephews and other family members as well as special friends, Beverly Tillman, Phyllis Worley and Mary Furlow.

Special thanks to the ICU staff at Good Samaritan Hospital, Dr. Amit Goyal and Dr. Rajesh Patel; and the Western Hills Neighborhood Family.



# TRAVEL TIME



## Order of Service Celebrating the Life of Veeda Durham

Organ Prelude

Opening Sentences

The Prayer Of Comfort

Response "What A Friend" Charles C. Converse

Comfort From Scripture

Old Testament- Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Rev. Brandon Stewart

New Testament- I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Selection "My Soul's Been Anchored" The Bethel Sanctuary Choir  
Arr. Douglas Miller

Obituary (Read Silently)

Resolutions

Selection The Bethel Sanctuary Choir

Reflections (2 minutes please)

Selection "Blessed Assurance"  
-Fanny J. Crosby

Eulogy Rev. Xavier L. Johnson

Benediction

Recessional "Going Up Yonder"

Interment

Woodland Cemetery

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