

I Never Saw Your Wings

*How is it that I never saw your wings,
when you were here with me?*

*When you closed your eyes and soared
to the Heavens, I could hear the
faint flutter of your wings as you left.*

*Your body no longer on this side,
your spirit here eternally, I see your halo shine.*

*I close my eyes and see the multicolored wings
surround me, in my saddest moments and my happiest times.*

*Mother, my angel, God has given you your assignment,
always my mother, forever my angel.*

You fly into my dreams and when I am asleep,

*I feel your wings brush against my face, wiping away
the tears I shed, since I can no longer hold*

you in my arms, but in my heart.

You earned those wings dear mother,

and you will always be my angel eternal.

Love, Steve, Andrea, Eric, Jason, and Erika

Pallbearers

Kevin Davis, Brandon Perkins
Kwesi Reynolds, Jonathan Hildreth
Dorian Hall, Michael Schoen

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Final Arrangements

Stinson Funeral Home
1939 S. Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan

Interment

United Memorial Gardens
4800 Curtis, Plymouth, Michigan

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern during this time.

Celebrating the Life of



Malinda Ann Graham

MAY 17, 1949 - JANUARY 22, 2013



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Order of Service

Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.
 International Gospel Center • 375 Salliotte, Ecorse, Michigan
 Pastor Marvin N. Miles

Processional

Opening Prayer and Remarks Minister Edmond Parker

Master of Ceremonies Minister Raymond DeFoe

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament Reading Minister Harold Carter

New Testament Reading Minister Gabriel Parker

Musical Selection Sonya Jordan

Acknowledgement of Condolences Tonya Perkins

Reading of Obituary Jacquinne Reynolds

Reflections Calvin Jackson

Lyn Turner

Rhoda Carter

Patricia Bartley

Musical Selection Vanita Bird

The Eulogy Pastor Marvin N. Miles

Recessional

Malinda Ann Graham was born to the union of the late James Howard Perkins and Annie Ruth Perkins on May 17, 1949. Malinda accepted the Lord at an early age and was baptized. She grew up in a very loving household and attended high school at Cass Technical High School and Chadsey High School. Malinda met and fell in love with Calvin Monroe Graham and they were married on August 11, 1967.

Malinda attended Wayne County Community College as well as the University of Michigan. She held positions as a substitute teacher and a unit clerk at Sinai Hospital. Malinda was employed for 18 years at the Internal Revenue Service. During her tenure, she held various positions and worked her way up to Quality Review Specialist. In 1990, she started her own business, Northstar West Tax and Accounting Services, Inc. During her 23 years as CEO, Malinda serviced thousands of loyal clients. She also taught countless tax preparation classes for both the Accounting Aid Society and Volunteer Income Tax Association (VITA), and conducted seminars for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARF).

Malinda loved to travel and take cruises. An avid bowler, she was a member of the Plum Hollow Bowling League for many years. Malinda also enjoyed reading and playing Angry Birds. She was affectionately known as "Ma" to those with whom she came in contact. Malinda treated everyone with love and her door was always open. She was also known for her sarcasm and quick wit.

Malinda went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Malinda was preceded in death by her husband of 28 years, Calvin Monroe Graham; her father, James Howard Perkins; and her brothers Eric and David Perkins. She is survived by her mother, Annie Ruth Perkins; children: Steven Graham, Andrea Jackson (Ronald), Eric Graham (Keturrah), Jason Graham, and Erika Parker (Gabriel); brother, Anthony Perkins; sisters: Diane Powell, Marie Hall, Jacquelyn Perkins, and Tonya Perkins (Jeffery Adams); grandchildren: Calvin "Jazz," Devin, Eric Jr., Eriona, Makayla, Micah, L'Yani, and Keri; goddaughter, Stephanie Hunt; father- and mother-in-law, Garfield and Phyllis Graham; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Victor, Marilyn, Rhoda (Harold), Lee, Lawrence (Jacquinne), Patricia (Elliott), Jay (Pricilla), and Christopher (Arlene); and a host of nieces and nephews.