

Mother

To one who bears the sweetest name. And adds luster to the same. Who shares my joys Who cheers when sad the greatest friend I ever had.

Long life to her for there's no other Can take the place of my dear mother.

She was a sister to her sibling . She was a wife to her husband She was a mom to her son. She was Nana to her grandkids She was mom and best friend to me.

Valerie



Pallbearers

Aaron Beidleman Jr. David Jenkins Kamar Kelly
Paul Lee Tyrone Martin Jordan McKinley

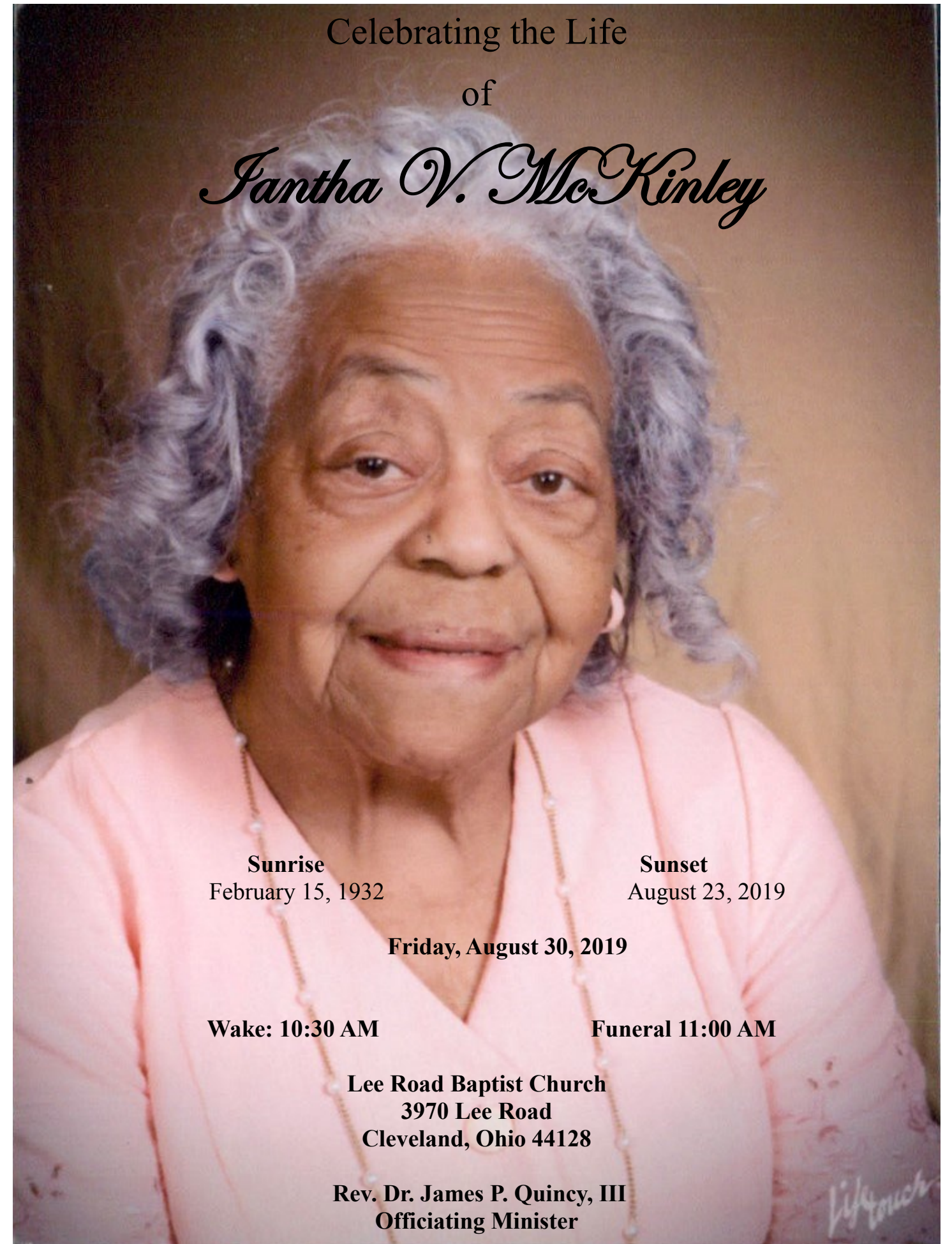
Acknowledgement

The family of Iantha Mckinley, would like to thank everyone for your love and support shown to us during our hour of bereavement.

Arrangements Entrusted To:
R. A. Prince Funeral Services
16222 Broadway avenue
Maple Heights, Ohio 44137
Phone: 216-518-1777 ♦ Fax: 216-518-1975

Celebrating the Life
of

Iantha V. McKinley



Sunrise
February 15, 1932

Sunset
August 23, 2019

Friday, August 30, 2019

Wake: 10:30 AM

Funeral 11:00 AM

Lee Road Baptist Church
3970 Lee Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44128

Rev. Dr. James P. Quincy, III
Officiating Minister

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....	Barbette Harrell
Processional.....	Minister & Family
Family Visitation.....	
Congregational Hymn.....	
Scripture.....	II Timothy 6-18 & Eccels 3: 1-8
Prayer of Comfort.....	
Selection,.....	Lee Road Baptist Choir
Special remarks,.....	LaWanna White, Rev. Raimon A. Prince, Amber Kelly
Acknowledgements/Resolutions.....	Sister Juana Clark
Obituary.....	(Read silently)
Selection.....	I Won't Complain.....Loretta McKinley
Eulogy.....	Rev. Dr. James P. Quincy III
Recessional.....	

Interment:
Cleveland Memorial Garden Cemetery
Highland Hills, OH 44122

(Those driving the funeral procession turn your headlights on, then off before entering the cemetery gates)

Obituary

Iantha Vaneda Brown McKinley, third eldest was born on February 15, 1932, in Tiptonville, Tennessee to Mary and Homer Brown Sr. Iantha graduated top of her class of Sumner High School in 1939 and went on to Southern Illinois University, where she obtained a Masters in Home Economics with a Minor in English. She was indeed a campus trailblazer being a founding member and President of the first black sorority on SIU'S Campus. Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Beta Chapter. This explains why her wardrobe was full of pink and green. Her two sisters, Dorothy and Gertrude followed in her footsteps.

She began her career in education as a Home Economic teacher at Attucks High School in Carbondale, Illinois. She then met her husband Kenneth, which she always said he waited 4 years for her and eventually tied the knot in June of 1956. The married couple relocated to Cleveland, Ohio. Iantha taught Home Economics and English at Central Junior High School until her son Vincent was born in 1968. She then became a stay at home mom and 2 years later Valerie was born.

Iantha not only raised her two children, but she raised practically every child on the street. She was Invermere's babysitter. She treated you like one of her own. She clothed, tutored, disciplined, transported, fed you and definitely made sure you ate your vegetables that were hand picked from the garden Kenneth grew in the backyard. The McKinley household was known to many as the fun house because people would say, Vince and Val have everything.

Iantha was a devoted Christian, having chosen Lee Road Baptist Church in the early 60's as her church home. She was on several committees, including Sunday School teacher for the youth which led her to become head of the nursery. Here she practically raised every baby that grew up in the church and in her honor the nursery was named after her in 2014. She would always say she's not the oldest member, but has the longest membership.

She was very active in her children's lives and her community. Being president of her street club, area council, PTA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, seamstress, cooking and for fun she enjoyed playing bingo and Bid Whist with the "House Hoppers Card Club, Iantha wore many hats.

She received a second Masters degree in Early Child Care, went back to teaching when Vincent started college so that he could attend his desired HBCU. She retired from Cleveland Municipal Schools in 1996.

The "Light of their lives: came with the birth of their three grandchildren. Mom and Dad became Nana and Papa. Even though Jordan moved to Atlanta at an early age. He was still in her heart and always spent time with him when he visited Cleveland. Being the teacher that Iantha was, Valerie was fortunate because the twins homework was always completed when she got off from work. She always attended their sporting events, school programs and church activities. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy.

Iantha never complained but we all know, she had no problem putting you in your place. Her favorite saying was "I may be a little piece of leather, but I'm well put together. She was a devoted wife, educator mother, grandmother and great grand. She will truly be missed.

Iantha Vaneda was preceded in death by her parents, 7 siblings, son, Vincent and husband of 52 years, Kenneth.

Iantha Vaneda leaves to cherish her loving memory, her devoted daughter, Valerie Lynn, grandchildren Aaron Joseph, Amber Ja'Nay (Kamar) and Jordan Daniel. Two great grandsons, Kyrie Cayden and Bryce Aaron, sisters-in-law, Bernice Brown, Inez Joann Reed, Alma McKinley, Sylvia Morrison, Joyce Shaw, Betty Johnson and Norma Brown. A host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She was a 2nd mom to LaWanna White, Sherice Woodford, Imelda Boyd and Tamanya Moss.

Humbly submitted, The Family