



## Alfreda Erica Josey

February 3, 1975 - November 29, 2024

Alfreda Erica Josey, affectionately known as “Freda, Freema or Frizz”, was born February 3, 1975 to Al and Beverly Josey. She attended Nathan Hale, Deveaux, DeVilbiss, and graduated from Roy C. Start High School. She furthered her education at the first private historically black university in the United States, receiving a degree in Child Psychology at Wilberforce University. Noted among her many involvements on campus, was her membership in W.H.I.P and becoming a FINER woman of the Gamma Epsilon chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

She was known for her infectious spirit. Always smiling and making jokes despite her circumstances; she was the life of the party. She never wanted anyone to feel left out or as if they were not a part of things; you were always family. It would not be above her to break out in a random robot dance because “two tears in a bucket...” ( i y k y k)

She was a protector and role model to all of her family and friends especially her sisters that she called “her pride and joy.” Her love extended outside her family to her babe Jaiden and Jordan.

Freda always strived to uplift and push people beyond what society labeled them. She was always positioned in places to carry out her passion for youth, including opportunities with camps and outreach programs. Professionally she

was able to impact many lives at Franklin County Children Services, Rosemont; working with at-risk youth, and Step by Step Academy where she worked with children with autism.

Alfreda was able to live out the meaning of her name “counselor” by having a listening ear to both family and friends. She loved all things music and was the “artistic” one in the family; painting ceramics and sharing creative activities with everyone she encountered. To know her was to love her, even when she gave hard truths.

She loved her family and God above all. She came to know Christ at an early age as a faithful member of New Home Missionary Baptist Church where she was a youth advisor, choir director, and member of the Hattie Jackson Guild Girls. During her stay in Columbus, Ohio she was a member of First Church of God and Peace Kingdom Ministries, where she developed her love for mime and praise dance ministries and her gift of discernment.

She loved to encourage and push everyone to do their best forever quoting “good, better best, never let it rest, until your good is better, and your better best!” Even during her ailments, she never stopped giving and teaching her little cousins, niece and nephews everything she could.

Surrounded by her sisters, Freda went to her eternal rest with the Lord on November 29, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her paternal and maternal grandparents, both parents, her cousin Vanishia Rayford, and many other beloved family members.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sisters, Alissa (Pastor Romain) Hornbeak and Alexius Josey; nephews, Romain Jr. and Royal Hornbeak; and

nieces, Ramairis, RoNyah, and Niamor Hornbeak. She also leaves behind special cousins Jualana (Malik Sr., Malik Jr., and Malana), Jaiden, Jordan, and Cierra Light; a host of godchildren; and C.T.

She was loved by her SandZ (Spr 96), best friends Kenya Arnold, Sherrie Davis, and Kalon Chance. The names of everyone she touched are too numerous to list but, to the host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends, please know she loved you deeply.

Though her presence is no longer here, it will always be felt and remembered. She would want us all to honor her legacy by keeping the family together and making sure everyone feels loved.

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue  
Toledo, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Home Baptist Church  
653 Tecumseh Street  
Toledo, OH 43604

## Wake Service

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Home Baptist Church  
653 Tecumseh Street  
Toledo, OH 43604

## Funeral Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Home Baptist Church  
653 Tecumseh Street  
Toledo, OH 43604



# Tribute Wall

PE

“ So sorry to hear about Erica. I wish you peace and strength during this very sad time .Much love to your family.

peggi - December 27, 2024 at 11:43 AM

KA

“ My heart breaks for your loss.  
As you navigate through your loss, have faith in all of God's promises. There will be a time when no one will say they are sick and pain and death will be no more.  
Continue praying for comfort.

Kay - December 17, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ We will forever cherish the memory of our cousin Alfreda. During our season of being her Pastor and First Lady, we noticed early on that she had a special love for all people. Sharing her birthday with her Pastor's wife was special and Alfreda will always be remembered for always having such a joyful and caring spirit. Prayers and condolences to the entire Byrd and Josey family. Much love, Pastor Dennis Byrd And First Lady Rosalyn Byrd

Dennis Byrd Sr. - December 14, 2024 at 09:21 AM

TH

“ Tara Harris lit a candle in memory of Alfreda Josey



Tara Harris - December 13, 2024 at 04:35 PM

JF

“ Love you always Freda!!



Joyce Fobbs - December 13, 2024 at 11:51 AM

DM

“ My sincere condolences to the family and everyone who loves her. She is a beautiful soul and I thank Soror for the love she showed me in 96. May she rest well.

Denetta Benjamin Miller - December 12, 2024 at 05:31 PM

GJ

“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord  
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones and Family



Gwendolyn E.March Jones - December 12, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Helen Byrd lit a candle in memory of Alreda Josey



Helen Byrd - December 12, 2024 at 08:52 AM