

## Psalm 23

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."*

## Acknowledgment

We, the family of the late Gladys V. Blue, acknowledge with deepest appreciation your many expressions of sympathy and love. For the beautiful cards and telegrams, too. For the personal visits and phone calls from you. For delectable foods and lovely flowers. For guidance in prayers during our trying hours. For comforting words that brighten the days. For help received in so many ways. We thank you most sincerely and pray God's richest blessings upon each of you.

*Final Arrangements Entrusted To:*

## Watson's Funeral Home



10913 Superior Avenue • Cleveland, Ohio 44106

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## Celebration of the Life of Gladys V. Blue

May 14, 1922 - February 17, 1998



Saturday, February 21, 1998

Family Visitation: 3:30 p.m.

Funeral Service: 4:00 p.m.

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10913 Superior Avenue Cleveland, Ohio

Rev. Orlando Chaffee, Pastor

Rev. A. Wendell Whheaden, Assoc. Pastor

Cory United Methodist Church

# Blessed Assurance

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest!

O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vined  
 vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight,  
 I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest!

Hail of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove  
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood,  
 reb - ocs of mer - cy, whit - ened of love,  
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1871  
MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE  
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# Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;  
 (Halle - lu - jah!)

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;  
 (Halle - lu - jah!)

soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King.

Halle - lu - jah! Halle - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

2. No more dy - ing there,  
3. No more cry - ing there,

1. My hope is built on nothing less than  
 2. When dark-ness veils his lovely face,  
 3. His oath, his covenant, his blood, sup-  
 4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,

Je - sus' blood and right-eous-ness. I dare not trust the  
 rest on his un - chang-ing grace. In ev - ery high and  
 port me in the whirl-ing flood. When all a - round my  
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his right - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil  
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*  
 On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is  
 sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*Refrain*  
 This is my sto - ry, this is my song,  
 prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long,  
 this is my sto - ry, this is my song,  
 prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....  
Processional.....Minister and Family  
Greetings and Words of Comfort.....Rev. Orlando Chaffee  
Hymn of Praise....."*Blessed Assurance*"  
Pastoral Prayer.....Rev. A. Wendell Wheadon  
Solo....."*His Eye is on the Sparrow*"  
Acknowledgments.....Mr. Donald E. Blue  
Resolutions.....  
Witness.....Rev. Robin Hedgeman  
Pastor, Bethany Christian Church  
Obituary.....Please read silently  
Solo....."*The Last Mile of the Way*"  
Scripture Lessons.....Rev. A. Wendell Wheadon  
Old Testament: Psalm 23  
New Testament: Revelations: 21:1-6  
Hymn of Hope....."*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*"  
Eulogy.....Rev. Orlando Chaffee  
Benediction.....Minister  
Recessional....."*Soon and Very Soon*"

# Obituary

**GLADYS V. BLUE (née Greer)** was born on May 14, 1922, in Staton, Tennessee, from the union of the late Walter and Susanna Greer. She received her formal education in Tennessee.

Gladys married Johnnie Blue on May 24, 1942. From this union five children were born. In 1946 the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio. At this time Gladys joined Cory M.E. Church. Later she joined her husband at Bethany Christian Church. In her last years she returned to Cory Methodist. Her faithful service at both churches included President of United Methodist Women and a member of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association.

Gladys worked and retired as a child care worker supervisor at Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Home. She organized and led the formation of the first union representation for all Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and Detention Home employees. She held national office for AFSME. She was named Child Care Worker of the year 1982.

After retiring, she served her community as a Precinct Committee woman and also Presiding Judge of her community polling place.

She died Tuesday, February 17, 1998. She leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved husband, Johnny Blue; her two sons, Donald Eugene and Johnnie Jr.; three daughters: Betti Eunice, Raja Anisa and Diedrea Vernese; fourteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Humbly Submitted,  
The Family