

## Celebration of Life

# Sleep with Angels

We feel your presence near  
We hold you close in memory  
Till we drop the last tear

You were always the sweetest by far  
And loved your coffee, tea  
We knew we'd get attached  
When we saw in your eyes with glee

When asked "Did we love you"?  
And always we said yes  
And in that very instant  
Knew you wanted to wear that dress

Do dance beyond those Golden Gates  
And join your loving Mom  
We'll see you when we're sleeping  
and pray for you to come

Sleep now with the Angels  
And let your precious heart rest  
Frank Homes hearts are broken  
But know, God took the best.

by Carmelita Wallace Williams



## Acknowledgements

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

Donations can be made to the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland at <https://ucpcleveland.org/donate/donate-2/>



# Mary Parnell Whaley

Sunrise: June 23, 1959 - Sunset: January 20, 2025

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Calling Hours 10:00 a.m. | Funeral Service 11:00 a.m.

Sommerville Funeral Services  
1695 Diagonal Rd, Akron, Ohio 44320

# *Mary Parnell Whaley*

Sunrise:June 23, 1959 - Sunset:January 20, 2025

Mary Parnell Whaley also known as Polly was born in Akron, Ohio to Barbara and Thomas Whaley on June 23, 1959.

The third of four children. Being born with Cerebral Palsy Mary stayed with the family home at 1013 Dover Ave until she was hospitalized at Apple Creek State Hospital.

Mary left Apple Creek in 1978, and resided in numerous Group Homes (North Monroe, Vantine House) before she came to reside at the Frank House in March 2002.

Mary resided with her friends at the Frank House until her death on January 20, 2025.

Polly Liked going for rides, shopping at Target, and eating McDonald Hamburgers. She filled her Purse with crayons, books, and bubblegum and sunglasses.

She loved drinking her coffee-tea while watching the Beverly Hillbillies, Gilligan's Island and Bluey on TV. She loved visits with her family and friends especially the annual birthday parties hosted at the Frank House.

Mary's friends at the Frank House include, but are not limited to (more than 23 years) House Supervisor Jessica Nottingham, Jon Rorer, Tammy Morrissey, Jennifer Belty, Darsha Gray, Carmelita Wallace Williams, Mary Samuel,

Diamond Harrison, Janay Brantley, Candice Brooks, Kathy Goin, Ahley Walker, Christina Suffolk, Leslie Jones, Reneta Pain and especially Katt Goin who spent numerous nights with Mary at the Hospital.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Major Whaley Sr; her mother, Barbara Poulson Whaley and her sister, Dolores Michelle Whaley. Upon Dolores's death in July 2020, her nieces, Rebecca and Barbara took guardianship and insured Mary's well-being.



Mary is survived by her brother, Thomas Major Whaley Jr (Marina) Leesburg VA, and sister, Lynn Paulette Jeffries of Houston, Texas; cousins, Betty, Charles, John (Anne), and Patsy Thomas; Charles, and Robin (James) Parker, Roderick, Ray, and Vastyne Pettis; Dianza Brongier; Patty, Mark (Candace) and Jon (Angie) Jackson; Greco (Teresa) Battles, Dimitri Harper, Veronica, Patrick, Jocelyn Warren, Scott (Alana) Poulson and Tammy Campbell; John (Francis) and Micheal (Phyllis) Poulson; Emmelia (Doyle) Lewis; nieces and nephews, Rebecca, Barbara, and Homell Calhoun, Matthew and Timothy Gissantaner; Brianna Jeffries; Martinique (Jonas) Costa, Angel (Phil), Blaine (Harris), Thomas III, and Valentina Whaley; numerous friends and family who loved Mary with all their heart.