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**RESOLUTION 2020-58**

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF  
JANIE FREEMAN**



**WHEREAS**, Oakwood resident, Janie Freeman, went home to be with the Lord on June 26, 2020 at the age of 94; and

**WHEREAS**, Janie was born on January 4, 1926 in Buffalo, NY, the oldest of five children, to the late Luther Watts Sr., and Lola (Kirkland) Watts; and

**WHEREAS**, her father was the co-founder of the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in New York and under his influence, she received Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized into the faith. She attended until she relocated to Oakwood Village in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, she graduated from Hutchinson Central High School and thereafter she met John L. Freeman, Sr. whom she married. She and John were married 70 years until he passed in 2013. From the union, they had one son, John L. Freeman Jr.: and

**WHEREAS**, she was employed by the General Motors Chevy Plant where she exemplified herself as a diligent, dedicated employee over 20 years until her retirement; and

**WHEREAS** Janie had many talents. One was her green thumb. She could turn a dying weed into a beautiful vine. Her home was wrapped with beautiful vines and flowers throughout. She also shared her exquisite culinary talents with her family. She was famous for her homemade ice cream, scrumptious pecan pie with flaky crust and her signature nut cake. When tasting someone else’s cooking, she would be asked how is it, and in return, she was quoted to simply say, “it’s alright”. Holidays and family events were often full of energy with her quirky sense of humor, which was known to all who knew and loved her. She had the same nickname for everyone; “shooboodie”; and

**WHEREAS**, Janie was fashionable and classy. She was known to coordinate every outfit with complimentary jewelry, a matching hat, and her signature red lipstick; and

**WHEREAS**, the most important things in life, were not things, but people, specifically her precious grandchildren. She could be found sharing photos and stories of their accomplishments and endeavors with friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Janie Freeman will be greatly missed by her son; John L. Freeman Jr. (Tilda) of Oakwood Village OH, her brother; Robert Watts Sr. (Eloise deceased) of Buffalo NY, three precious grandchildren; Corienthia Renee Briggs of Buffalo NY, John Freeman III of Elyria OH, and Stephen Blair Freeman of Houston TX, nine great grandchildren, one great great grandson and a host of other relatives and close friends; and

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** by the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Janie Freeman and hope the fond memories of such a fine, caring person comforts them in their loss.

**SECTION 2.** The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Janie Freeman.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

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Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor – Gary V Gottschalk

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-58 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution 2020-58 was duly posted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers and in not less than (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.

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Clerk of Council

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_