

*- Pallbearers -*

Brothers-in-law and Cousins

*- Flower Bearers -*

Family and Friends

*- Acknowledgment -*

The family of the late Mrs. Anethia 'Nae' DeNese Edwards-Reese would like to take this opportunity to say thank you with grateful appreciation for all acts of kindness and support during Nae's journey. Thank you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. A very special thank you to Reverend Chester Levett and Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church family, Pastor Bernard Anderson and Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church family and Mt. Vernon Baptist Church family for all their support.

*- In Memoriam -*

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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HOME GOING  
*Celebration*  
FOR



*Nae*

**ANETHIA DENESE  
EDWARDS-REESE**

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 15, 1976

SUNSET: FEBRUARY 10, 2022

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022 • 1:00 P.M.

**MT. VERNON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY**

4881 US Highway 29 South • Auburn, AL 36830

REVEREND CHESTER LEVETT, EULOGIST

# *The Obituary*

**M**rs. Anethia DeNese Edwards-Reese, daughter of Mr. Caesar and Mrs. Mary Finley Edwards, Sr., was born December 15, 1976, in Lee County, Alabama.

At an early age, she accepted Christ and united with Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama.

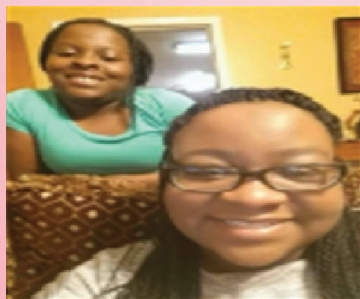
“Nae” as she was affectionately known by family and friends, graduated from Auburn High School Class of 1995. Later, she attended Southern Union State Community College where she received an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. Anethia continued her education at South University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She was employed at Oak Park Nursing Home. She loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed traveling, shopping for jewelry and Facebook.

On Thursday, February 10, 2022, she departed this life at her home in Auburn, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: maternal and paternal grandparents.

Memories of her life will be cherished by: husband, Martin Reese of Auburn, AL; three children, MarNasia Reese, MarKeeya Reese and MarCayla Reese all of Auburn, AL; parents, Caesar and Mary Edwards, Sr. of Auburn, AL; one brother, Caesar (Jeanette) Edwards, Jr. of Auburn, AL; two sisters, Crystal Johnson of Auburn, AL and Stacee (Greg) Nelms of Opelika, AL; seven brothers-in-law, Brian (Ayna) Reese of Madison, AL, Oshia Cason of Auburn, AL, Oscar Cason of Virginia, Lamatris Williams, of Troy, AL, Ometris Williams of Opelika, AL, Donnie Cason of Philadelphia, PA and Clarence Johnson; two sisters-in-law, D’Vonne Cason of Columbus, GA and Jennifer Washington of Opelika, AL; five godchildren, Lorin White, Jordan Ballard, Shanerrica Nelms, Eric Nelms, Jr. and Tysia Williams; special cousin, Yvette Edwards-Harris; special friend, Libby Byrd; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



*Forever In Our Hearts*



Dear Momma,  
 I love you! And I miss you! I didn't this this year was going to be the year. You were and are my role model! I hope that someday I can be just like you. Not going to lie, I didn't want to write this. Because writing this meant it was true. You are gone! Forever. I still feel like I can't believe you're gone. You're really gone forever, who would've thought? I thought you would recover, but you didn't. I know you loved us with all your heart!! Wow, you're gone, you're really gone! One thing I don't understand is why? Why you? Why now? You recovered once, why couldn't you have recovered again? Not going to lie, it's been hard. I need you to know I'm going to be ok maybe not today or tomorrow or even weeks from now, but I will be ok. I promise you I, going to be ok! Yes, I'm going to miss you and that's ok, but I will be ok in the end! I'm glad you got to watch us grow up and become who we are today! I know its going to hurt not having you here in person, but you will be there, in spirit. Life sucks and I know everyone is saying it was just your time to go but it wasn't, not for me! I never thought I would have to be writing this at 16! I'm glad you got to be with me on my 16th birthday. You didn't deserve to go this soon. I will always love you no matter what. You helped me through thick and thin. I wish you could have met my new friends. They would have loved you because everyone that met you, loved you. I hope you and Boots are up there having fun and watching over me. I need you to know I love you so much and I will miss you every day!! Some days will be easy and other wont and that's ok. Anyways, I love you girlie and you will always be my best friend and more!! Rest easy Momma.

Love you, Keeya

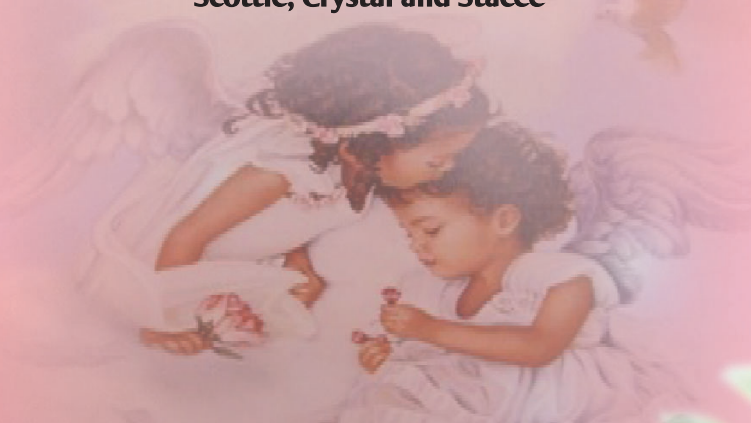
P.S.

There will always be more I could have said but didn't truly know how to say because at the end of the day, I'm going to miss you! I love you Momma.

May the winds of Heaven blow softly,  
 And whisper in your ear,  
 How much we love and miss you,  
 And wish that you were here.  
 I Love You, Sis

**OUR BEAUTIFUL BABY SISTER**

The chain we had has been broken  
 The pain of losing you hurts every day,  
 But we are thankful you are walking,  
 Talking, and dancing for your Savior.  
 You will forever be in our hearts.  
 Rest our beautiful sister,  
 We love you always and we'll see you again.  
 Scottie, Crystal and Stacee



**GOING HOME**

While lying in your bed, you begin to pray,  
 For you could hear Gabriel  
 blowing his trumpet far, far away  
 The angels were coming to take you to that Great  
 House in the sky  
 And all with a twinkling glance,  
 Your earthly body was changed,  
 and your spirit began to fly.

There are others that will go along with you,  
 They are the ones who shineth their lights,  
 They also are the ones,  
 That did the things that was pleasing in God's Sight!

I am really going to miss you Nae Nae,  
 For the great friendship that we had,  
 We will meet again one day  
 But now, my heart is very sad.

For GOD has called you Home  
 To be at Rest  
 For I love you Nae Nae  
 But GOD love you the Best!

Harriet 'Gaily' Dowdell

*The Order of Service*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Old and New Testament  
*Pastor Bernard Anderson*  
 Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church  
 Auburn, AL

**PRAYER OF COMFORT**

*Ms. Libby Byrd*

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

*Deacon Homer Core*  
 Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church  
 Auburn, AL

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

*Two Minutes Each (Please)*

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

*Pastor Lynda Threat*  
 Mission of Faith Outreach Ministries  
 Auburn, AL

**EULOGY**

*Reverend Chester Levett*

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

*Perfect Peace by Marvin Sapp*

**COMMITTAL**

**BENEDICTION**





*My Darling Wife -*

I never thought I would be writing this letter about you. I was not ready for your passing, only looking forward to our future with the girls. Out of all the people that I have lost over the past few years, you were the last one I expected to lose as well. I never thought we would only have 30 years together. I never thought you would not be here to witness the girl's graduation, watch me walk them down the aisle, or spoil our future grandchildren like I know you would. You were my calm, my motivation, the shoulder I have needed so many times. That one phone call I needed that made since of whatever it was. I am not sure what I am supposed to do but to live for you and our girls. I am feeling like the first time you felt that I could watch Nasia by myself (let me stop it). I begged you to let me keep her instead of your mom, while you went back to work. You had everything laid out for me. I have never been more scared and excited in my life. You called me every chance you got to check on her. I think you even had my mom calling me asking if I wanted her to come get Nasia. I finally got it with a lot of help from our village, by the time Keeya and Cayla came I was a pro at letting the grandparent's takeover.

Each day they have grown increasingly like you and that is a blessing. They have your kindness, your determination, your smile, and your love for family. Our girls knew that you were tired, and you stayed here long as you could, but needed rest. We all saw the warrior in you!! We know you did not give up; you gave out you gave everything you had and then some. To know you was a blessing. I know you are looking down on us smiling because you are not hurting anymore.

Nae, I am sorry I didn't give you all the flowers you deserved while you were here, but I know you knew how much I loved you and how much I appreciated everything you did and went through for the girls and me. Until we meet again my beautiful wife, I will be missing you!!

Love Your Husband,  
Martin

*Nae Tributes*



Dear Mom,  
You didn't know you would even have me, but you wanted kids. I know I joke around with Keeya and Cayla about how I was the only planned one, but I'm thankful you had them as surprises. I'm thankful for you and I don't know what I'm supposed to do now. I don't think anyone does really. Dad acts like he doesn't feel anything, but you can see and hear it in his voice, he's hurting a lot. Cayla on the other hand, well she misses you. You are her favorite person. Keeya, I don't know what's going through Keeya's head but she's strong, but no one is that strong besides you. You were sick for a long time and I'm sorry I wasn't there fast enough. I didn't know you was leaving so soon. I want to thank you for showing us what a strong, powerful, and beautiful black woman looks like. I can't promise I can be that strong, but I can try honestly. I never thought you would pass. I couldn't prepare myself for you going. The day before you passed, I prayed, I hadn't done that in a while, but I did, and I asked for someone to send me a sign that you were going to be ok. I told HIM if you take her, please send me a sign or a ladybug or something that would let me know it's my Mom. HE sent me the numbers 3:33 or 4:44, one of the two but HE said I didn't have to worry anymore and that the angels were going to help guide you to be happy. I hope that's what happened. I hope you are enjoying being with Nana, Tara and your grandmas. I know you missed them, and I know you didn't want to leave us the way you did but I rather have you leave the way you did than be in anymore pain. I'm glad you died at home and

not the hospital, you hated it there. I can imagine a nurse being a pain because you didn't want them touching you and you would let it be known! I'm sorry for getting irritated at you for crying and yelling. I didn't understand that you were hurting the way you were. I'm sorry but glad you're better now and you're with the people you been missing and I'm grateful for all the things you have done for Keeya, Cayla and myself. We love you and we are so proud of you Mommy, more that you could even imagine.

Love Nasia,  
Your Big First Baby



Dear Momma,  
I know how hard you were fighting and I'm proud of you for trying your hardest. I'm thankful for having you as my mother and I wouldn't have picked anyone else. You taught me a lot like some Spanish like: creen enti misco, that I still don't have a clue what it means but it looks pretty. I love you to the moon and back and I'll never forget you. I never got a chance to say goodbye, but I could have, I would have. I'll never forget about the late-night Sonic and Wal-Mart runs or the time when I cried in our arms for an hour straight and many more memories.

I love you Momma and I miss you always and forever.

MarCayla Deonee Reese