



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

CARRIAGE BEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of the late Tonia Perry wish to acknowledge that we are most grateful for the gift of family and friends like you. You have extended your hearts and hands during these hours of bereavement. Every act of kindness you have shown has given us strength and inspiration to face the coming hours. We pray that God pours out a special blessing upon each and every one of you.

THE FAMILY OF MS. TONIA TOSHON PERRY

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to our Aunties: TaWanda and Johnnetta for having a special impact on our mom's life during the most difficult time.

We love you,

KENYATTA AND KENYA

INTERMENT

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CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF

TONIA TOSHON PERRY

"COUSIN"

SUNRISE:
JULY 15, 1970

SUNSET:
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022 - 11AM
ZAREPHATH APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLIES
THE SUSTAINMENT CENTER CHURCH
1028 East 10th Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32206
Officiate: Pastor Steve Wilson of
Divine Power Missionary Baptist Church

THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

TONIA

MS. TONIA TOSHON PERRY was born on July 15, 1970 in Jacksonville, FL to Earl Perry and Minnie McClain Crawford.

Tonia was a member of St. Stephen A.M.E Church and also attended St. Paul Church of Jacksonville. She was educated in the public schools of Duval County, graduating from Jean Ribault Senior High School where she obtained her certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Tonia began her career by working at various nursing homes and then found her niche at Community Rehabilitation Center, where she worked for over 13 years. Tonia was someone who embodied the word 'compassion' and provided that through the care she provided to each of her patients. After her tenure at Community Rehabilitation Center, she joined her family's business, JMAC Enterprises, where she worked until her passing.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Tonia, but the true love of her heart was her family – specifically her grandchildren. She had a huge heart, an infectious smile and laugh, and possessed the ability to always find the 'silver lining' in any situation that may have been troublesome. Whether it was listening to music – reggae was her favorite, participating in Ribault Trojan Alumni activities, or getting glammed up for a day filled with family and friends, Tonia was always up for a good time. Laughs were something you could count on when Tonia was around as she loved to joke!

Tonia was preceded in death by her father: Earl Perry; mother: Minnie McClain Crawford; great-grandmother: Carrie McClain, Catherine Kendricks; grandmother: Luethel Green; grandfathers: Johnnie McClain, Sr., and Tommie Green; uncles: Gregory, Johnnie, Jr., Michael McClain and Michael Ephron; Aunt: Katrina McGriff; great-uncle: Alex McClain; godbrother: Joseph Sturgis, and best friend: Antonia Ware.

Tonia is survived by her devoted daughters: Kenyatta and Kenya Townsend; three grandchildren: Ke'Mari, Ke'Niyah, and Keuntay Goodman; father of her children: Kenneth Townsend; daddy of her children: Tyrone Linder; grandmother: Geneva McClain; cousins by blood/sisters at heart: TaWanda McClain Marcus (Timothy) and LaTasha Willis; special cousin: My'Carrier Ford; cousins: Gwen'Nequa Ephron, Niyhona King (Darjaun), Shakari Foster, Amanda Hands (Raynard), Johnnie McClain III, Derrick Willis (Chakieda), Lafayette Wright, Jr., Jordan and De'Anto Foster; sister/aunts: Shelia McClain Ephron and Toma Foster; aunts: Melody Wright (Andre), Debra Watson, Marion Merritt, Deneen Johnnetta, Jeannetta, and Romona McClain, Shirley Wilson, Wanda Sykes and Debra Johnson; uncles: Anthony Foster (Van), Mathew, Edward, and Johnathan McClain, Freddie Atkins and Harold Adkinson; great-uncles: James, Joseph, Nathanal and Richard Foster Jr.; great aunt: Rose Foster; step-sisters: Diane Phoenix and Cherie Crawford; step-brothers: Melvin, George, and Lil Marion Crawford; bonus daughters: Natendra Blevins and Taylor Miller; best friends: Shanta Johnson and Cynthia Cul; special friend: Carl King and a host of other relatives and friends.



THE ORDER OF

SERVICE

PRESIDING - MINISTER

Processional/Viewing Let the Church Say Amen-Marvin Winans Version

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Zatosha Williams
Angelia Horace Smith

Invocation Prayer

Selection

I Won't Complain

Reflections (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two minute rule)
As a sister/cousin TaWanda McClain Marcus (read by Lauren Anderson)
As a best friend Shanta Johnson
As a co-worker Royce Thomas
As a family member Xaena McClain

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Selection

Words of Comfort

Pastor Steve Wilson
Divine Power Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional

Walk Around Heaven