The Celebration of Life for Mrs. Toni Lenae Herbin Swayne

Dr. Anthony Freeman, Officiant

Moments of Sharing

The Processional	Ministers and Family
The Family Visitation	12:00 Noon — 1:00 PM

The Order of Service

The Invocation

The Hymn of Praise — "Praise Him"
Sir' Jerry Saddler and the Sound of Pentecost

Scripture Readings — Overseer Surtonia Burton
Freedom Church International

Old Testament Proverbs 31:10-31

New Testament Revelations 21:1-4

The Prayer of Comfort — Elder Genetta Dobbins
Freedom Church International

The Selection "Safe in His Arms" Toni Carlton

Special Reflections and Remarks *(limit to two minutes please)*
Mrs. Detra Sutton-Williams
Reverend Larry Hairston

The Acknowledgements

The Selection — Sir' Jerry Saddler and the Sound of Pentecost

The Eulogy — Dr. Anthony Freeman

The Recessional Selection
Sir' Jerry Saddler and the Sound of Pentecost

The Committal/Interment — Woodlawn Memorial Gardens
Hickory, North Carolina

AKA Sorority, Inc.

In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections and fasten you seatbelts for safety.

He Only Takes the Best

God watched you as you suffered
and knew you had your share.
He gently closed your loving eyes
and took you in His care.

Your memory is our keepsake.
With that we will never part.
God has you in his Keeping,
we have you in our hearts.

Nothing could be more beautiful
than the memories we have of you.
To us you were someone special.
God must have thought so too.

All our lives we shall miss you,
as the years come and go but
in our hearts you will live forever
because we loved you so.

God saw you were getting tired,
and a cure was not to be.
So, He put His arms around you
and whispered come with me".

With tearful eyes we watched
you suffer and fade away.
Although we love you dearly
you were not meant to stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hardworking hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best!

Acknowledgements

The family of Mrs. Toni Lenae Herbin-Swayne wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, texts, visits, your presence here today, and your prayers during this difficult time.

Special thanks to Evelyn Poole, Mikeia Whitworth, Monica Headen, and Alicia Jones for the loving care given to Toni during her illness.

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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

Mrs. Toni Lenae Herbin Swayne

SUNRISE: JANUARY 7, 1962 — SUNSET: MAY 5, 2021

Saturday, May 15, 2021
1:00 PM
Clinton Tabernacle A.M.E. Zion Church
Hickory, North Carolina
Dr. Anthony Freeman, Officiant

Life Reflection

To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to be born

Toni Lenae Herbin Swayne was born on January 7, 1962 to Esther H. Hewitt and the late William Deering, Jr., in Welch, West Virginia.

A time to die

She transitioned from this life on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at Carolina Caring at the age of 59.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwayne Swayne, father, maternal grandmother, Mable Wright and paternal grandparents, William I. Deering Sr., and Queenie Elizabeth Martin Deering.

She attended Mt View High School, in Welch, West Virginia. She was a part of the graduating class of 1980. She went on to further her education at Concord College, studying social work.

While at Concord College, she pledged a lifetime of sisterhood to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., December 1, 1982.

On July 6, 1987, she joined into holy matrimony with Dwayne Swayne in Welch, West Virginia. As husband and wife, they relocated to Hickory, North Carolina on October 9, 1987. From this union, two sons were reared, Kevon and Kamar.

She was formerly employed at West Point Stevens, as a Payroll Clerk and the Hickory Housing Authority as an Administrative Assistant.

Toni was a member of Clinton Tabernacle African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, where she faithfully served until her health declined. She was a Class Leader, a member of the Stewardess Board, and a part the ROSE Ministry. She loved her church and willingly served wherever she was needed.

She leaves to cherish a lifetime of memories, her sons, Deacon Kevon Lamont Herbin, of the home and Kamar Michael Swayne (Kayla Lanning), both of Hickory, North Carolina; her mother, Esther Hewitt of Hickory, North Carolina; a sister, Brenda (Fred) Peters of Hackensack, New Jersey; a brother, Patrick Lamont Herbin of Clearwater, Florida; sisters in law, Marcelletta “Candy” (Lorenzo) Hairston, of Hickory, North Carolina; Natasha (Jamie) Lee of Charlotte, North Carolina; Carolyn (“Shorty”) Hairston, of Gary, West Virginia; brothers-in-law, Bryant Swayne, and Fritz Swayne Sr. (Alicia Jones) both of Hickory, North Carolina; special nephews, Fritz Swayne Jr. and DeRod Swayne, both of Hickory, NC; Daniel Swayne of Detroit, Michigan and Cory Hill of Winston Salem, North Carolina; special nieces, Princess Hairston, of Charlotte, North Carolina; Shabreeka Smith of Hickory, North Carolina; Sabrina (Maurice) Thomas, Jazzmine Brailsford both of Winston Salem, North Carolina; Toni (Jimmy) Leonard of Mooresville, North Carolina; a god son, Derrick (Kaiti) Valentine, of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Specials friends, but more like sisters to Toni: Wanda Thomas of Eckman, West Virginia; Faye Hairston of Winston Salem, North Carolina and Jennifer McClain of Columbus, Ohio.

A special God family, Mark and Evelyn Poole of Taylorsville, NC; a special god grandson, Daicen Poole, whom she cared for eleven years.

Special god grandchildren, Amiya, Hayden, Khaylen, Brennen, Brayden, Chanceton, Jazmine, Aziyah, and JaMiyah.

A heart of gold stopped beating. Two shinning eyes are now at rest. We bow in humble submission to His will. For He only takes the very best.