



Mom,

Being your only child created a bond between us that can never be broken — not even by death. You loved deeply, protected fiercely, and always wanted the very best for me. Your love was not always soft and gentle; sometimes it came through firm words, hard lessons, and tough love. But underneath it all, I always knew that you loved me with everything you had.

You helped shape me into the man I am today. You taught me strength, perseverance, and the importance of standing tall through life's challenges. Although my heart is heavy and I already miss you more than words can express, I am grateful that God chose you to be my mother.

Thank you for every sacrifice, every lesson, every prayer, and every act of love. I will carry your strength, your wisdom, and your love with me for the rest of my life. You will always live in my heart, and I will forever be proud to call myself your son.

Rest peacefully, Mom. I love you always and forever.

Your only son,  
Shareef

### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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## *Celebration of Life for* *Anita Elaine Artis*

Sunrise:  
March 20, 1960

Sunset:  
August 31, 2026



## *Obituary*

Anita E. Artis was born on March 20, 1960, in Paterson, New Jersey. She was born to the late Ernestine Artis and Wallace Artis.

Anita was a strong and loving woman who loved her family deeply. She had a way of showing love that was uniquely her own—sometimes through tenderness and sometimes through tough love. She was never afraid to speak her mind, and those who knew her best knew that behind her strength was a caring heart and a genuine desire to see the people she loved happy and doing well.

She was a product of the Paterson Public Schools. She attended School 10 and Eastside High School.

For 20 years, Anita was employed at Brookdale Senior Living Wayne, New Jersey. Her many years of service reflected her dedication, strong work ethic, and commitment to caring for and serving others.

Outside of work, Anita knew how to enjoy the simple pleasures of life. She also loved fishing and spending time outdoors, where she could enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of nature. She enjoyed watching cowboy movies, singing, listening to music, and cooking. Whether she was enjoying a favorite song, preparing something good to eat, watching one of her cowboy movies, or simply spending time outside, Anita found joy in the things she loved.

One of Anita's greatest blessings was being a mother. She was the proud mother of her only son,

Shareef Artis. Their bond was one that only a mother and her only child could truly understand. Through every season of life, her love for her son remained strong and constant.

Anita also treasured the blessing of being a grandmother and great-grandmother. Her family was an important part of her life, and the love, lessons, strength, and memories she shared with them will continue for generations to come.

On Monday, August 31, 2026, Anita departed this life, leaving behind a family who loved her deeply and a lifetime of beautiful memories that will forever remain in their hearts.

She leaves to cherish loving memories her loving son, Shareef Artis; her grandchildren, Shamiya Valido Artis, Stephon Artis, Alayjah Artis, Sariah Artis, Sabella Artis, and Shareef Artis Jr.; her great-granddaughter, Alaya Perez; her sisters, Rheby Walton (Husband Wiley Walton) and Roshima Artis; her brother, Antonio Artis and his wife, Gloria Artis. She is also survived by a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Although Anita's earthly journey has come to an end, her love, strength, laughter, and the memories she created will continue to live on through everyone whose life she touched. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her love will remain forever in the hearts of her family.

Forever loved. Forever remembered. Forever in our hearts.

Thursday, September 10, 2026 - 1:00 p.m.

### **Grace Chapel Baptist Church**

26 Haledon Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Gregory L Wilson, Pastor*

*Rev. Anthony Cureton, Officiating*

*Terrence Kitchings, Organist*

## *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Co-worker, Friend & Family

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Niece, Tiffany Stallworth

Selection

Words of Comfort

*Rev. Anthony Cureton*

Recessional