Celebration of Life For

Annese Powell

Sunrise - November 24, 1956 | Sunset - October 19, 2026



Friday, November 6, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Mount Pisgah Baptist Temple

1301 Springwood Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Rev. Dr. Gary E. Brandon - Pastor/Officiant

Rev. George E. Henderson - Eulogist

Obituary

Annese Powell was born on November 24, 1956 to Annie Laura Henderson and Joe Rainer Powell in Columbus, Georgia. She was the youngest of five children, and shortly after her birth, moved to Asbury Park, New Jersey with her mother and older siblings.

Annese attended Asbury Park public schools and in June 1974 graduated from Asbury Park High School, where she was voted most representative female senior. She enrolled in Temple University in Philadelphia and majored in Psychology in 1975. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1978.

Annese joined Aetna Life Insurance after graduation, working as a computer analyst for nearly forty years. She moved to Connecticut and established a quiet and peaceful life in the town of Windsor in the Hartford region. She later expanded her experience in the insurance industry, working as a licensed insurance agent for Mass Mutual, Bankers Life and Casualty, and Insphere Insurance Solutions. She also worked as a substitute teacher late in her career.

Annese enjoyed spending time and visiting with her family. She was a doting daughter, sibling, and aunt who loved sharing gifts and special moments with her ever-expanding brood of nieces and nephews. She was a loving presence for her family members and friends at graduations, weddings, baby showers, holidays, and family reunions. She was also a devoted Christian, living her life based on the tenets of her Baptist faith that she was raised with at Mount Pisgah Baptist Temple. After moving to Connecticut she eventually joined The First Cathedral in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Annese passed away unexpectedly on Monday, October 19, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut.

She is predeceased by her father, Joe Rainer Powell; her brothers, Joseph A. Powell and James E. Powell; her nephew, Joseph R. Webb; and her niece, Kelly M. Coley.

She is survived by her mother, Annie Laura Graham; her sisters, Ida Powell Williams and Belinda Powell Bullard (Reginald); her brother, Tyrone Powell; her aunt, Mary Youngblood; her nieces and nephews: Derek Skinner (Yvonne), Robert E. Williams III (Anessah), Lauren Bullock (R.J.), Alana Williams, Tyrone Powell Jr., Kyle Powell (Katie), Tyra Powell, Halle Bullard, Micah Bullard, Savannah Bullard; her grandnieces and grandnephews: Joseph R. Webb Jr., Yusef Berry, Yasin Webb, Tyler Coley, Andre Latrell Coley, Dasia Skinner Simon (Jaron), Deeva Skinner, Domanek Skinner Jackson (Austin), Aniyah Williams, Braylon Bullock, Tayveon Powell, Serenity Powell, Amalyze Powell, Krystlin Powell, Lucas Powell; her great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews: Zanai Webb, Aiden Simon, Naomi Simon, Natalie Simon, Roman Simon, Amelia Jackson, and Johanan Jackson; her cousins Jenifer Mims, James Blue, Amethyst Blue, Raymond Mims, and a host of cousins, relatives, and friends who will fondly remember her.

Order of Service

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Hymn of Praise ..... Pg. 418 “We'll Understand it Better By and By”

Scripture Reading..... Rev. Dr. Gary E. Brandon

Old Testament .....Psalm 8

New Testament ..... 2nd Corinthians 5:5-8

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Darlene Johnson

Solo ..... Rev. Dr. Retha Lawson

Poem Reading ..... “I'm Free” - Sis. Clara Cobbs

Musical Instrumental ..... Dorien Parriott

Acknowledgements/Condolences/Obituary ..... Magnolia Brown

Reflections..... Bro. Tyrone Powell

Solo ..... Sis. Collette Payne-Jackson

Eulogy..... Rev. George E. Henderson

Recessional Hymn ..... Pg. 594 “When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment

Monmouth Memorial Park
4201 NJ-33
Tinton Falls, NJ 07753

I'm Free



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
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 or 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 up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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