

In Loving Memory of
Tami Franklin

Sunrise
November 3, 1960

Sunset
June 7, 2020



Service

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

We little knew that Sunday evening
That God was going to call your name
He called your name so softly
That only you could hear
And no-one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The evening God called you home.

Anonymous

Early Sunday evening, at 6:32 p.m. on June 7, 2020 with love and infinite wisdom, God picked a beautiful rose from the Franklin's Rose Garden. For fifty-nine years her wings were being prepared and on this day her wings were ready to be fitted. He saw they were a perfect fit and quietly whispered her name, gently took her hands and said Tami it's time. He knew her spirit was ready, her soul was at peace, her work on earth was completed, and it was time to release her from her pains.

As **Tami's** soul winged its flight from this world of sin, sorrow and pain, to a place of eternal rest, her spirit is constantly saying, "My Soul is anchored in the Lord." Daddy, He has led me safely to that blessed place He prepared just for me; Brother and Sisters, it's alright now; Aunts and Uncles, I realized that sometimes you have to be tossed by the waves but in the word of God I've got an anchor; Cousins and Friends, It's alright now because my soul is anchored in the Lord.

Tami began her earthly journey in Ozark, Alabama on November 3, 1960 when her proud parents, Nathaniel N. Franklin and the late Mary Jean Franklin-Strickland welcomed her into the family. At an early age, she joined the Greater Old Salem Baptist Church in Ozark, where she was an active member of the Sunday School, Usher Board and Youth Group. She later joined the Unity Freedom Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey and sung in the Celestial Choir for many years.

With the **love and support** of her grandparents, Deacon Nathaniel and Deaconess Lizzie Franklin, Tami developed a love for school and attended Lisenby Elementary School, D. A. Smith Jr. High School and Carroll High

School in Ozark, Alabama before moving to Hillside, New Jersey to live with her father and family.

After moving to Hillside in 1976, Tami attended and graduated from Hillside High School. While at Hillside High, she worked in the high school work study program where she attended classes in the morning and worked some afternoons. Tami's job was working in the office at the Hillside Board of Education and except for one year when she decided to spread her wings and work elsewhere she worked there until her illness forced her to retire on June 1, 2009. Her last position was a secretary at Hillside High School. Tami loved the people of the Hillside School District and they loved her.

Who was Tami Franklin? She was a person who persevered; she had a gentle spirit, a generous heart, a kind person, and a person loved by many. Tami was a person who put the well beings of others before her own, one person said she had a precious heart and truly cared about others. She loved her family and her friends; to know her was to love her. ***Who was Tami Franklin?*** She was a person who will always be loved, cherished, and missed by her family and those who loved her.

We cannot know what lies ahead from day to passing day, or what changes God is planning in His wise and loving way. We cannot know the reasons He allows both joy and tears, and why we must lose the precious ones we've cherished through the years. We don't always understand God's reason, but we must trust that faith will help us find our way to those tomorrows that will bring us peace of mind.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving father, Nathaniel (Nate) Franklin (Linda), Newark, NJ; one brother, Victor Franklin (Lori) Land O Lakes, FL; six sisters: Debra McIntyre-Turner, Nashville, TN; Paula Franklin-Lewis (Timothy) Conyers, GA; Trina Baldwin, (Lorenzo) Indianapolis, Indiana; Tiffany Franklin, Newark, NJ; Shantell Franklin, Edison, NJ; LaToya Franklin, Roselle, NJ; three aunts, Irene Pitts, Newark, NJ; Lorine Glanton (Bobby), Rahway, NJ, Margaret Franklin, Hillside, NJ; one uncle, Luther Petty, Jr. (Becky), Saginaw, MI; a godson, Corey V. Franklin, Land O Lakes, FL; A special little cousin, Valerie Franklin, Avenel, NJ; a stepsister; a stepbrother; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her loving mother, Mary Jean Franklin-Strickland, beloved brother, Dwayne Franklin; devoted grandparents, Nathaniel and Lizzie Franklin and Betty and Luther Petty, Sr.

Order of Service

Viewing.....Family & Friends

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament: John 14:1-3

Invocation.....Melinda Franklin

Solo “My Soul Has Been Anchored” ...Evangelist Karen Franklin

Reflections

As a Brother: Victor Franklin

As A Cousin: Valerie Franklin

As A Friend: Scott Nelson

Selection“View That Holy City” Karen and Melinda Franklin

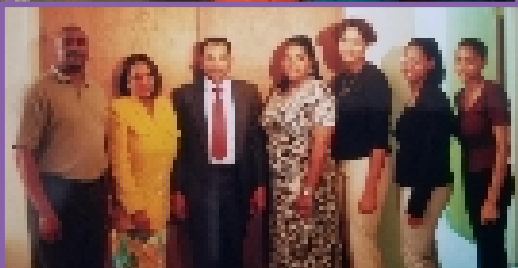
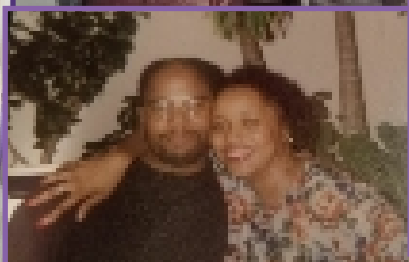
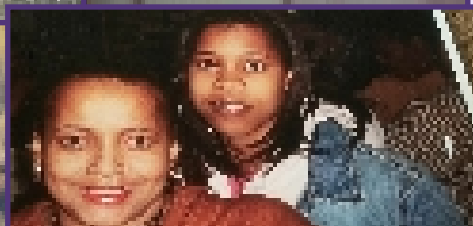
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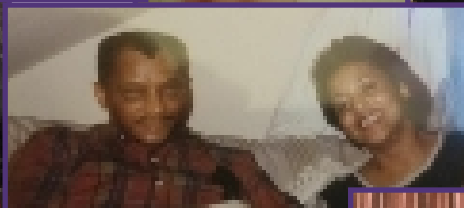
Eulogy.....Evangelist Karen Franklin

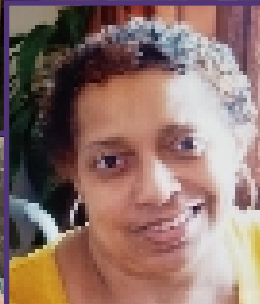
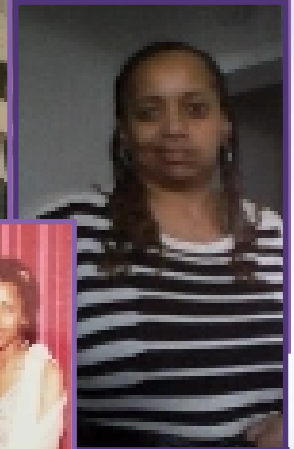
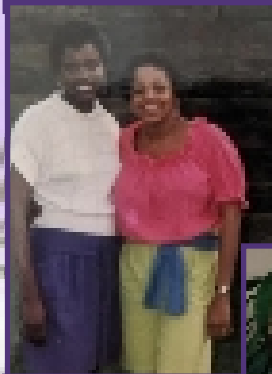
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WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

When tomorrow starts without me And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me
I wish you wouldn't cry The Way you did today
While thinking of the many things We did not get to say
I know how much you love me As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me I know you will miss me too
When tomorrow starts without me Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name And took me by the hand
The angel said my place was ready In heaven far above
And That I would have to leave behind All those I Dearly Love
But When I walked through Heaven's Gates I felt so much at home
When GOD looked down and smiled at me From his golden throne
He said This Is Eternity And All I promised you
Today for life on earth is done But Here it starts a new
I promise no tomorrow For today will always last
And Since each day's the exact same way There is no longing for the past
So When Tomorrow starts without me Do not think we're apart
For every time you think of me Remember I'm right here in your heart

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Pallbearers

Anton Franklin
Jeffery Pitts
Melvin Williams, Jr.
Rojean Pitts
Aaron Franklin

Floral Bearers

Cousins & Friends

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Tami Franklin** would like to express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, love, prayers, and concerns during the illness and passing of our beloved Tami. May our God who sits high but looks low always Bless each of you as He embrace and hold Tami in His loving arms.

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