

Celebrating the Life of
Annie Louise Redding

August 1, 1949 ~ September 9, 2021



Service

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 - 10:00 AM

White Rock Baptist Church
1101 Chandler Avenue
Linden, NJ 07036

Rev. Victor J. Little, Officiating
Rev. Brandon Thornton, Presiding

Obituary

Annie Louise Redding was born in Richland, Georgia on August 1, 1949. She was the sixth precious gift born to Maeola and Jimmy Redding. On Thursday, September 9, 2021, Annie gained her wings at the age of 72. Annie was known for her love of cooking...her oxtails, macaroni and cheese, chicken dressing, and sweet potato pies amongst other delicious foods was the best! She was a hard worker with a strong work ethic. Annie had a very outgoing personality and loved to dance! Her favorite singers were Gladys Knight, Patti Labelle and Aretha Franklin. Her smile and laugh were infectious! She was a dedicated mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

At an early age, Annie was introduced to the Lord and was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Richland, Georgia, which is the Radney family's church. Annie relocated to Linden, NJ where she attended and graduated from Linden High School in 1967. She worked for Wilson Jones in Elizabeth, NJ before attending Robert Walsh Nursing School. After graduating from Robert Walsh, Annie went to work for Irvington General Hospital in Irvington, NJ for 20 years as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) until it permanently closed. She later worked for St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, NJ for 13 years until her retirement.

Annie joined White Rock Baptist Church in 1967, along with her family, where her stewardships included the Lawton Ensemble Gospel Choir and Praise Dance Ministry. Annie loved her family and friends tremendously and unconditionally especially her grandkids. She gave freely from her heart and never expected anything in return. Annie enjoyed watching Family Feud, Dancing with the Stars, all the Court TV shows and don't forget General Hospital, which she watched daily! She enjoyed traveling and going to plays with her sisters...they were so very close! Although she was the youngest girl of the bunch, she was the bossiest in a good way. Annie also loved overseeing the hospitality room for the Radney family reunions when New Jersey/New York served as hosts. She made sure that the Radney family was well fed from the beginning to the end of the reunion! Annie was the life of the party at all the Radney reunions, she loved when the Radney's gathered yearly and was adamant about maintaining the Kindred Family Connection, she will be sorely missed.

Annie was predeceased in death by her parents, Maeola and Jimmy Redding; her son, Anthony Redding; her sister, Ludie Rozier and her brothers, L.C., Leroy and Preston Redding.

Annie leaves to cherish her loving memory, her son, Tyrone Redding of Detroit, MI; two daughters, Charisse Elliott (Ayoola) and Stacise Redding (Walter) both of Linden, NJ; one sister, Rose McGhee and one brother, Henry Mac Redding both of Linden, NJ; one grandson, Derek Johnson, and three granddaughters, Mashaunda Johnson, NaNa and TeTe Elliott all of Linden, NJ; one sister-in-law, Lila Redding of East Orange, NJ; 3 best friends, Carol Flowers of Hillsborough, NJ, Nancy Suber of Linden, NJ, and Ada Dot Pearson of Linden, NJ, along with a multitude of nieces, nephews, loving friends and her White Rock Baptist Church Family.

Beloved Mother, Sister, Grandmother and Friend
Our Angel, Our Rock
We will miss you dearly!

Annie Redding is the daughter of Maeola Thornton Redding, who is the daughter of Mabelle Radney Thornton, who is the daughter of George and Mary Radney.
Radney Strong!

Order of Service

It's Alright, It's Ok

Processional	Clergy and Family
Opening Hymn	Hold to God's Unchanging Hand
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament - Psalm 23	Prophetess Sharlene Pearson
New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51 58	
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. William Chambliss Greater Refuge Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey
My MaMa	Tiajah Elliott (Granddaughter)
Solo.....	Faith Towler-Perkins
Acknowledgements/Resolution	Deacon Rene' Pearson-Small
Obituary (read silently)	
Radney Family Expressions	Evelyn Mason (Cousin)
Reflections	Radney Family President - Cedell Radney (cousin)
Solo.....	Rev. Brandon Thornton
Eulogy.....	Reverend Victor J. Little
Recessional	
Internment	Rosehill Cemetery, Linden, NJ

Immediately after internment, A Celebration of Life for Annie will be held at:

The Sphinx Banquet & Catering Center

121 E. 2nd Avenue

Roselle, NJ 07203

All Are Welcome!

WHAT WE WILL REMEMBER AND MISS MOST

Stacise - As I am writing this, my eyes are tearing up!!! Mother Dear, Mother Dear, Mommy...I will always remember being Mommy's personal stylist, interior decorator and designer. Our Mommy and me days...teaching me her favorite recipes. Mommy you did your best to raise me and my siblings. We will truly make you proud. Rest in Paradise Mommy! Love your daughter, Stacise.

Tyrone - My Mother taught me how to live and be happy living, she loved life and the people in her life. She was the BEST thing that ever happened to me, she taught me how to be a responsible adult. I really loved it when she came to Detroit to visit me and cooked her famous spaghetti, but what I most loved was when she cleaned my entire house without me even asking, oh and let's not forget when she rocked 3 grills at one time.

Elliott - Mommy would always say to me, that's my son in-law!! Reesie fix Elliott a plate and the best thing Mommy would say was "I got you some hendo". Mommy you are Physically gone but you will never be forgotten.

Sunshine - Regular families have a grandma, a regular aunt, cousin or friend. But God gave us you. I always say that we as a family are special because we had a Mama. A strong hold of family traditions and gathering. No one will ever be like you or compare to who and what you are. I am sad because you are gone and no one will ever call me Bootsie anymore but happy because you are no longer in pain or suffering and are with the two people who truly made you whole; Nunu and my father. Please watch over me and know that I love you beyond measure. Always did, Always have and Always will. Love, Sunshine/Mashaunda

NaNa - If no one thought I was cute, Mama did. Mama I'm going to miss running downstairs to you before I went out so you could get a look at my outfit. I'm going to miss doing my little poses for you and having you say, "turn around lemme see". You would always tell me to be safe and have fun. Thank you for always being concerned about me. I love you so much.

TeTe - Mama, I can't thank you enough for everything you did for me. I guess I should confess now that I had your credit card hooked up to my Uber eats and I always used it to buy food without your permission (even though I know you already knew). Thank you for all those times you sped down 1 & 9 driving me to work saying "you not gonna be late on my behalf" lol I can go on and on about all the reasons I'll miss you but you already know. I love you forever!

Fred - My memory of my dear Aunt Annie was the way she always looked out for family. She always had an ear out for any issues our family, she was always dancing and always yelling HEYYYYYYYYY!!!

Brenda - What I will remember most about Aunt Annie was when she would come get me no matter where I was at and would say "Let's go get my MONEY" and we went collecting her money, no matter what the consequences were, another time is when we went to Yours, Mines and Ours Club and before she could get in the place she fell, skinned her knee and tore up her stockings but we still went on in the club and she said Brenda what am I going to do about this hole in my stockings and I said go wipe your knee off and let's party and we partied hard all night long. I love my Aunt to the end.

Walter - My fondest memory of Momma Duke is the first Christmas with Tre and DeShawn when she made sure that the boys had a gift underneath the family Christmas Tree and explained to them that the gift was from her, Momma Dukes, as she wanted to be referred as and brought a smile to a 6 year old and a 2 year old.

Aaron – Every time I saw Auntie, she always had a smile on her face... I'm sure she knew my name but always called me Nephew... I learned early on that the men were not allowed in the kitchen; the women fix the plates lol. I'll always remember the aunties for that

Mylene – My memories are deep of my Aunt Ann. Going back to when me and my sister used to spend the night at her house when she lived on Chandler Avenue. We would have so much fun and stay up all night doing whatever. But no matter how long we stayed up or how tired we were, we had to get up and walk down the street to church at White Rock! I'll miss Auntie's smile and laugh and all the Thanksgiving and get-togethers at her house. She always made sure we brought my mom a plate home with the chicken cornbread dressing! I'll miss how happy she looked dancing...it tickled me watching Auntie! Continue to watch over us...love and miss so much!

Monique – To My Booty Scootin' Auntie...your high pitch laugh with one hand in the air and one on your knee while dancing, will NEVER EVER be forgotten You will ALWAYS be in my heart and I will make sure Keith gets his plate 1st, as you, Aunt Lula & Aunt Rose would always make sure of!!! Love You & Keep Scootin' Auntie

Hasan – Aunt Ann always had a smile and would often send a sweet note to me and Nicole on Facebook just to say hello.

Ty – My memory of my aunt I will never forget is her happy spirit and her doing the booty scoot, trying to teach her how to take Selfies and her giving me her gas card. I know that you are in heaven with your sister, mother, brothers and son and watching over us. Keep dancing... I love you Auntie! Rest well! Go Annie, Go Annie!

Essence – What I will miss most about my Auntie is her big smile! Always happy to tell me "Ess I'm so proud of you!" What I will miss 2nd is my Auntie's Mac and cheese. Missing you forever Auntie! Please watch over us and I'll forever make you proud!!!

Keshawn – Aunt Ann, I will miss you saying, "That's My Nephew" just before we always took a picture I know I may hurt when I think about you but the "LOVE" in my Heart for you will Always make me Smile.

Meechy – One of my fondest memories is after she came home from the hospital, we all gathered together at Charisse's house as a family and she asked me for some chips, knowing dog on well she shouldn't have any, and Charisse yelled out "Who gave you chips?!" She said MEECHY in a heartbeat!! We all laughed so hard cause she did not hesitate to throw me under the bus and kept on eating. I'm going to miss her so, so much. It's never going to be the same again.

Kimberly – There are so many memories of Mom Redding. She's always been my "other Mother". Always greeted me with that beautiful smile and "Kim go get you something to eat, did you fix my baby a plate", referring to my son Jordan who loves her macaroni and cheese. Mom will always be remembered for her caring spirit. Will miss you dearly.

Belita – Mama always made sure that we knew that our kids were her babies. Whenever we arrived at the Radney family reunions, she was so glad we made it safely. This made us feel like family, not guests. When it was time to represent the Radney lineage at the reunion, she made it a point to make sure we stood up and represented because we were her family! She made it a point to make sure that when it was time to make plates, I got up and made one for my husband. She didn't play about that!

A LIMB HAS FALLEN

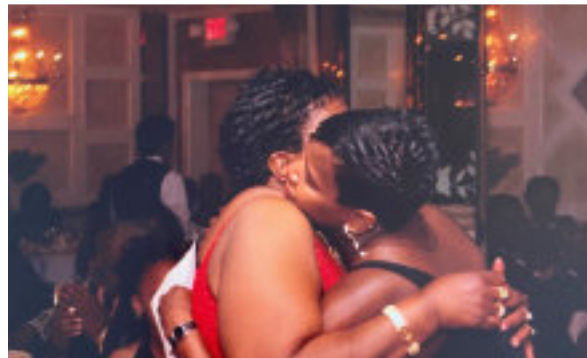
A limb has fallen from our Radney Family Tree,
I keep hearing a voice that says "Grieve not for me, remember the best times,
the laughter, the song, the good life lived while I was strong.

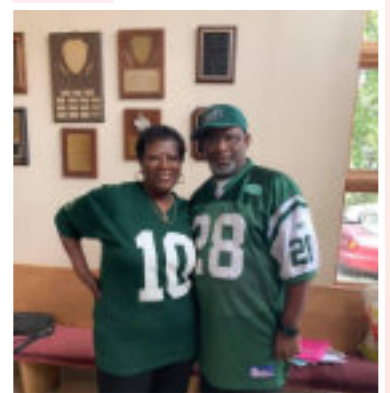
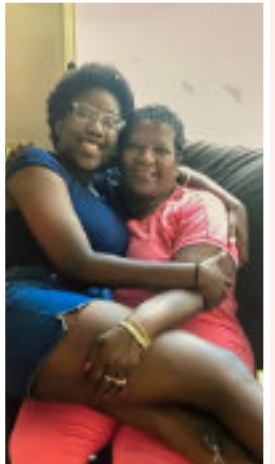
Continue our heritage, I'm counting on you, keep smiling
and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small,
Go on with your life, don't just stare at the wall.

I miss you all dearly, so keep your chin up,
until the day comes, we're together again.





IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BEAUTIFUL MOTHER

God saw you getting tired, so He put His loving arms around you, and He whispered, "Come to Me". Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. Your golden heart stopped beating and my heart is broken into a million tiny pieces, the pain is unimaginable, this hurt is so bad I feel like I am losing my mind, I miss you more and more each day. Omggggggggg life doesn't seem the same and it's not going to be the same without you. My Mother, my Heart, my Strength, my Best Friend, my #1 Fan, my Love, my Ride-or-Die, MY OLG...I love you so much!!! At times my days are so dark it feels like the sun forgot to shine, but I know you are in God's hands, and we'll meet again someday, but until then rest well Mommy, I will always love you! Charisse

THE BROKEN CHAIN

Little did I know that morning God was going to call your name. In life I loved you dearly, in death I will do the same. It broke my heart to lose you, please know that you did not go alone; a part of my heart went with you, the day God called you home. You left me with peaceful memories, your love will still be our guide; and though I cannot see you, you are always at my side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. We are so grateful for the years we had and the closeness that we shared, your heart so kind and thoughtful, I always knew you cared. You were a wonderful Sister; we will miss you to no end. Love always Rose and Henry Mac



Pallbearers

Herman Rozier
Corey Rozier
Jeff Radney

Hasan Pride
Aaron Porter
DeShawn Durham

Acknowledgements

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