

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of *the late* **Natalie Tidwell** wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, emails, texts, Facebook tributes, visits, your presence here this evening -- whether by Zoom or in person -- and especially the comfort of your continuing prayers. We also appreciate those who sent their love from near and far to encourage us during this time. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving embrace and care.

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 my peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Ah 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 good, I've savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
My time with you was not that brief,
So don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and rejoice with me,
God wanted me now; He set me free!



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Celebrating The Life And Spirit Of



Natalie Tidwell

Sunrise

February 23, 1936

Sunset

July 9, 2021

Thursday ~ July 22, 2021 ~ 5:00 p.m.

at

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

265 Bergen Street

(between 3rd Avenue and Nevins Street)

Brooklyn, New York 11217

*"... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me,
though he were dead, yet shall he live." ~ St. John 11:25*

OBITUARY

**Natalie Tidwell . . . Devoted Mother, Sister,
Loving Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.**

Natalie Tidwell was born on February 23, 1936 in Santee, South Carolina to *(the late)* Helen and Andrew Swinton. She attended Whittemore High School in Conway, South Carolina, but having a passion for sewing and fashion, thus enrolled in fashion school to hone her skills in design.

After moving to New York, she married Robert Lee Tidwell in September 1960. **Natalie** worked for Shearson Lehman Brothers until her retirement at age seventy-two. A lifelong learner, she pursued her education after retiring, and graduated from Touro College with her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.

Sunday and holiday dinners, family barbecues and events, brought her great joy, and she loved cooking delicious meals for family and friends. **Natalie** loved people and always had a listening ear and sound advice for all who needed it. Everyone was welcomed into her home for a meal, a bed, or just a loving embrace. Most of all, **Natalie** loved her family deeply and was the true definition of a *matriarch*.

Natalie was active on various Boards and associations within her place of worship, Bethel Baptist Church, where she was a member for over forty years. She was an Usher for thirty-two years, a Nurse for twelve years and served as the President of the Nurses' Unit for eight years.

On Friday, July 9, 2021, **Natalie Tidwell** became absent from the body and present with the Lord. She was preceded in death by her mother Helen, her father Andrew, her husband Robert, her brother Joseph, her granddaughter Denise, and great-grandsons: Christian and Trevor Blake.

Natalie shall be lovingly remembered by her sons: Raleigh Swinton (Zeslie), Alfonso Swinton (Maebell Gloster), Robert Tidwell (Glendo) and Eric Tidwell; her daughters: Marilyn Swinton-Pyatt, Veronica Tidwell and Lolita Tidwell; her stepdaughter Tyanna Tidwell-Walker; her twenty-one grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, her brother Milford Earl Swinton (Shelline); her sister Laura Lee Skinner; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, church members and friends.

We love you forever and we will miss you greatly!

Graciously Submitted By The Family

ORDER OF SERVICE

[As you enter this Sanctuary, please reverence the family
by silencing all electronic devices.]

OFFICIATING MINISTER:

The Reverend C. Ramont Morris, *Senior Pastor*



Musical Prelude Min. David E. Sayles

Processional // Final Viewing (*Friends of family, please stand.*)

Selection ("*Blessed Assurance*") Min. David E. Sayles

Scripture Readings Rev. C. Ramont Morris

Old Testament (*Psalms 91*)

New Testament (*I Thessalonians 4:13-18*)

Prayer of Comfort Rev. C. Ramont Morris

Obituary Mr. Valdis Blyden

Brief Remarks (*limited to only three persons*)

Poem ("*I'm Free*") Ms. Alyera Benjamin

Selection ("*Amazing Grace*") Min. David E. Sayles

Eulogy Rev. C. Ramont Morris

Benediction

Recessional Hymn ("*When We All Get To Heaven*")

(*Friends, please remain standing as the family leaves the sanctuary.*)



INTERMENT:

Cypress Hills Cemetery

(Exit 3 off Jackie Robinson Parkway)

Brooklyn, New York

Friday ~ July 23, 2021

(*leaving from funeral home at 10:00 a.m.*)



Though restrictions in the New York area have been lifted by the Governor, we are still closely monitoring the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind and the safety of all concerned, we are still suggesting continued adherence to the previously recommended guidelines of the NYC Health Department and the CDC. Thus, all who enter this sanctuary must be wearing a mask, use the hand sanitizers, and exercise caution with social distancing. Your cooperation is most appreciated during this temporary disruption of life as we've known it.