

Sunrise: January 5, 1973 ~ Sunset: April 1, 2021

Home Going Service
for
Antina Thomas Sowell



11:00 A.M. Service
Wednesday, April 7, 2021



Piney Grove Holiness Church

Highway 109 North

Wadesboro, North Carolina

Presider, Rev. Anthony Ledbetter, Officiating

Rev. Dr. Donna McNair, Eulogist

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Family Visitation & Viewing **10:30am til 11:00am**

Reading of Holy ScripturesMinister Christine Hall

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of ComfortRev. Iris Tillman

SongMinister Christine Hall

Remarks (2 minutes)Family Representative

Mrs. Kelly Cunningham & Others

AcknowledgementsBlakely's Funeral Home

SongRev. Anthony Ledbetter

Musical TributeBrother Clifton Smith, Jr.

Words of ComfortRev. Dr. Donna McNair

Recessional

The Committal / Benediction / Interment

Piney Grove Holiness Church Cemetery
Wadesboro, North Carolina



Our Family
CHAIN IS BROKEN AND
nothing seems the same,
BUT AS
God call us
ONE BY ONE THE
chain will link again



The Family Acknowledgement

We deeply appreciate the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during our difficult time. Whether you kept us on your thoughts, sent cards, gifts, flowers and showed kindness, please know that they were received in the spirit they were given.

The Obituary

“For in Him we live and move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28)

Mrs. Antina Rhonell Thomas Sowell, daughter of Zura Lean Ingram Thomas and the late Henry Max Thomas was born on January 5, 1973 in Union County and departed this life on April 1, 2021 at Atrium Health in Monroe, North Carolina.

In her early years, **Antina** became a member of the Piney Grove United Church of God. She also became part of a well-known singing trio called “The Thomas Sisters,” singing gospel and stage music. She along with her two sisters, Antionette and lead singer Iesha, traveled extensively in and out of the state singing at various venues. Their singing experiences allowed them to participate in a special on campus training program at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, North Carolina where they received formal voice training. Upon graduation from Anson Senior High School, **Antina** attended the Georgia Military Academy as a cadet.

She later met and married Mr. John Ray Sowell who preceded her in death. To this union one child was born, Thelma Renee Sowell. She operated a variety store while still in Anson. After moving to Norwich, Connecticut, **Antina** worked for several years as a Home Healthcare Assistant. Health issues later brought her back to Anson County, North Carolina.

Antina had an extremely pleasing, outgoing personality with an infectious smile and laugh. After she greeted you, usually there would be outstretched arms to hug you as well. Rarely did she miss the opportunity to say in parting, “I love you”.

She leaves to cherish her memories one daughter: Thelma Renee; one sister: Ms. Iesha Thomas of Charlotte, North Carolina; one brother: Mr. Max Omar Thomas of Charlotte, North Carolina; one niece: Chelsea Thomas; two nephews: Landon and Amarie Thomas and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Floral Bearers

Family & Friends

To All My Friends

by: Hauntie

That I could be human at this time
breathing, looking, seeing, smelling

That I could be this moment at this time
resting, calmly moving, feeling

That I could be this excellence at this time
sudden, changed, peaceful, & woke

To all my friends who have been with me in weakness
when water falls rush down my two sides

To all who have left me in anguish
when this earthen back breaks between the of two blades

To all my friends who have held me in rage
when fire tears through swallows behind tight grins

I know you
I see you
I hear you.

Although the world is silent around you



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