

# I Am Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has chosen 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've now found peace at the end of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss:  
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow;  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full; I savored much:  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee.  
God wanted me now—He has set me free.*



## Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and summer days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave  
When life is done.*

## Active Pallbearers

Donovan Bailey Jonathon Bailey  
Khalil Banton  
Christopher Lampkin  
Patrick Minzie  
Paul Malcolm

## Flower Attendants

Friends & Family

## Interment

Forest Meadows Cemetery Central  
4100 NW 39th Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32606

## Acknowledgement

*The family of Claudia Y. Lampkin Banton would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our bereavement. The encouraging words, prayers, donations, flowers, cards, food, and other expressions have truly been a blessing. It is our prayer that our Heavenly Father will continue to richly bless each and every one of YOU.*

## Professional Services Entrusted To



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*Weeping may endure  
for a night, but joy cometh  
in the morning.  
Psalm 30:5*

CELEBRATION

OF

# Life



# Claudia

Y. LAMPKIN  
**BANTON**

ALPHA  
DECEMBER 4, 1959

OMEGA  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

Saturday, September 18, 2021  
10:00 AM

Williams Temple COGIC  
628 NW 7th Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601

*Pastor Kenyarda T. Feathers, Eulogist*



# The Life & Legacy

Claudia Yvette Lampkin Banton was born on December 4, 1959, in Tampa, FL, to Johnnie Lee Lampkin and Mattie Johnson Lampkin. She was reared in Tampa, FL, and attended Hillsborough County Public School System. She attended and graduated from Kings High School in 1978. She ran track at the state level and received many accolades for her achievements. Following high school, she briefly attended Bethune Cookman University, before transferring to University of Florida, where she graduated with her bachelor's in Criminal Justice in 1986. She held various positions in the social work and criminal justice arena, including Shands Hospital, The Corner Drug Store, and Bradford ARC. Following her tenure at Bradford ARC, she branched out and started Uniquely You, Inc. in 1996, which is a Medicaid waiver service provider. Uniquely You, Inc. is still in operation and providing Medicaid waiver services today.

She met the love of her life, Kenneth Banton, in 1985. They were united in Holy Matrimony on July 20, 1994. To this union, two children were born: Chauncey Lampkin Banton and Khalil Banton.

She accepted Christ as her personal savior in 1995 at Williams Temple COGIC, where she was a devoted member for the last 26 years.

Claudia Lampkin Banton accepted the Master's call and entered her eternal and heavenly rest on September 3, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Those left to cherish her precious memories: her loving husband, Kenneth Banton; her sons, Chauncey Lampkin Banton and Khalil Banton; her only grandson, Kartier Khalil Banton; her brother, Christopher Lampkin; her sister, Jeris Smith (Herbert) and Ira Lamkpin; her sisters-in-law, Hyacinth Banton and Marion Banton Waugh; her nieces and nephews, Patrick Minzie II (Candance), Patrick Minzie III, Sebastian Minzie, Cornell Waugh, Joseph Waugh, Mario Waugh, Amanda Waugh, Tigris C. Malcolm (Paul), Jahyel Malcolm, Anitra Lampkin, Byron K. Lampkin, Jr., Courtney Sowerby, Christopher Todd, Johnny Lampkin, Christopher Lampkin, Adrian Lampkin, Julian Parks, Kendrick Lampkin, Jason Monroe, Cherrish Lampkin, and Bahia Tucker; her dear friends, Sharon Anderson, Yolanda Hagley, Marie Gaddy, and Cynthia J.; and a host of other relatives and sorrowing friends.



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR Claudia Y. Lampkin Banton —Order of Service—

PASTOR KENYARDA T. FEATHERS, PRESIDING  
WILLIAMS TEMPLE COGIC

Prelude ..... Williams Temple COGIC Choir

Processional & Final Glimpse

Invocation

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Bro. Patrick Minzie II

New Testament ..... Bro. Khalil Banton

Solo ..... Sis. RaChelle Banks

Reflections

As a Friend..... Sis. Marie Gaddy

As a Niece ..... Sis. Tigris Malcolm & Cherrish Lampkin

Selection..... Williams Temple COGIC Choir

Obituary ..... Bro. Frank Hughs

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Solo ..... Sis. RaChelle Banks

Eulogy ..... Pastor Kenyarda T. Feathers

Recessional