



# The Day You Left

*The day you left you took the sun  
and clouds quickly filled the sky,*

*Once you arrived in heaven the sun shines bright  
letting us know that they had received your light.*

*No pain in your body it all went away  
but here came thunder, lightning, then rain.*

*Pouring out all of our sorrows  
For you, no tomorrows  
A new story now begins.*

*Our hearts are now shattered  
Tear stains are splattered  
but I know I'll soon smile again,*

*I'll hug you arms open  
Then hear your sweet words spoken  
I love you to the moon and back again.....!!!*

Written by

Zahrya Aundraea Metcalfe

July 6, 2021



*Guardians*  
The Men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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Henry C. Metcalfe  
Hanif Metcalfe  
Henry "Mannie" Metcalfe II  
Carlos Mayfield  
Brandon Greenwood  
Joshua Byrd II  
Chase Mayfield  
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Clayton Mayfield  
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Joshua Byrd

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The family of Yalanda Yvette "Binky" Metcalfe expresses their love and gratitude to all of those who have reached out. Every person who has brought food, gifts, extended their hands prayed, texted, called, sent a letter, and made social media posts. We see it, we feel it, and we cannot express with words exactly how appreciative we are.

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JULY 2021

# Celebration of Life

BEAUTY  
GLAMOUR  
LOVE  
FAITH  
FAMILY

AMAZING  
DAUGHTER,  
MOTHER,  
GRANDMOTHER,  
SIBLING  
EXTRAORDINAIRE,  
AUNT, NIECE,  
COUSIN & FRIEND

EST.  
"1969"  
52 YEARS  
OF  
LOVING  
LIFE!



"U-CITY HIGH  
TILL THE DAY I DIE!"  
~ BINKY

*Yalanda Yvette*  
"BINKY" METCALFE

Saturday, July 10, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

NEW SPRING CHURCH ST. LOUIS  
10229 Lewis and Clark Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri 63136

Pastor Tony Farr, Host Pastor  
Pastor Al Edney, Officiating



## Cover Story



YALANDA YVETTE “BINKY” METCALFE burst onto the planet on January 16, 1969, at Scott Air Force Base Hospital in Shiloh Valley, Illinois. She was the second child of three, born to Henry Coleman Metcalfe and Bessie L. Wilson Metcalfe.

Yalanda was quickly given the nickname of “Binky” by her family, not knowing at the time that the nickname would follow her forever. “Bink” was educated in the St. Louis Public and University City School Districts. She was a University City girl through and through and was often accused of bleeding “black and gold” for her University City High School (UCHS) Indians.

She loved and supported not only her class of ‘87, but all of her fellow alums. After graduation, she went on to matriculate at Florissant Valley Community College.

Yalanda’s path was formed during her early adult days for “A Life of Service.” Whether she was representing UCHS by writing and reading condolences for grieving families, or helping to serve the families at repast, or welcoming returning students for the new school year, Binky would always show up and show out. Homecoming, which was her “Special U-City Day,” would find Binky interviewing classmates, parade participants, fellow alumni, teachers, and onlookers all on Facebook Live. She was always busy covering the parade, supplying the parade participants with snacks and beverages (which she would purchase herself) and handing them out at the end of the parade route. She especially enjoyed taking pictures of her favorite thing, “Going Live!”

Bink was blessed with the title of “Mother” in 1989, with the birth of Lindsay Arielle Metcalfe, and again in 2000 with Zahrya Aundraea Metcalfe. There was nothing in the world Binky wouldn’t do for her children to provide opportunities for her girls to be well-rounded young ladies. Her daughters were her life, her whole world, and everyone knew it.

Yalanda earned her Pharmacy Technician Certification and was employed by many pharmaceutical companies. Binky loved customer service, and was often called “the De-escalator” at work. She would calm down her customers so well that they would end up apologizing for their behavior, thanking her profusely, and buying additional services before ending the conversation. She also graduated from truck driving school and earned her Commercial Drivers License, giving her the opportunity to work for Federal Express for many years. Her last career change was school office manager, where she enjoyed working and supporting the teachers and students in any way she could.

Along with her siblings, Yalanda’s Christian education was formulated at Baptist Church of the Holy Communion in University City, MO, under the leadership of Pastor Bartlett L. Wilkerson. As an adult, she attended Higher Heights Christian Church, and later transitioned to the Worship Center Christian Church, where her brother-in-love, Pastor Carlos Mayfield, serves as Senior Pastor. “Bink” served TWCCC’s Praise and

Worship Team, the Youth Ministry, and Operation H.O.P.E. Outreach Ministry, until her health prohibited her from participating.

Yalanda was “set free” from her earthly journey of love and service on Saturday morning, June 19, 2021, at 8:58 a.m., at home surrounded by her loving family at her bedside. “Juneteenth,” HER glorious day of “freedom” from all of her pain, treatments, and hospitalizations, will forever be known in the hearts of all who loved her as “Binkteenth!!!” She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, both grandfathers, and an aunt.

Our beloved sweetheart enjoyed life to the fullest, and has left a legacy of love, support, and service, to be emulated by: her two loving daughters, Lindsay (Joshua) Byrd and Zahrya Metcalfe; her precious grandchildren, who were her pride and joy, Joshua Byrd II and Leena Byrd; an adoring mother, Rev. Bessie Metcalfe; father, Rev. Henry (Paula) Metclafe; her cherished siblings, Shellie (Pastor Carlos) Mayfield, Henry “Mannie” Metclafe and Brandon Greenwood; a darling grandmother, Annie Metcalfe; dearest aunts and uncles, Bettie Williams, Evangelist Gloria (Eld. David) Vann, Wanda (Dr. Ronad) Haynes, Karen Metcalfe, Donna (Anthony) Greer, Willie “Sonny” Metcalfe, Nathaniel (Kecia) Metcalfe, Norman Metcalfe, Darrell (Jacqueline) Metcalfe, and Minister Tyrone (Felecia) Metcalfe; three “Bonus Daughters,” Aaries (Kenneth) Boyer, Raven (David) McFerren and Malia Harden; two bonus grandchildren, David and Roman McFerren; proud nieces, Zoe Carroll, Nasia Metcalfe, Evelyn Metcalfe and Luna Greenwood; nephews, Malik Metcalfe, Hanif Metcalfe, Chase Mayfield, Clayton Mayfield, Christian Mayfield, and Loyal Greenwood; great-nephew, Adder Metcalfe; very special cousins, other relatives, friends, adoring godmothers, godbrothers, godchildren, loving BFFs, her “Amazing Girls”, her U-City Family, the Worship Center Christian Church Family and a very special friend.



## CELEBRATION

Officiant.....	Pastor Albert Edney, PhD Willott Road Community Church
Prelude.....	“Total Praise”.....Bell Darris, Violinist
Invocation .....	Pastor Anthony Creshaw, Community Pastor, Worship Center Christian Church
Scripture .....	Old Testament - Elder David Vann, Uncle New Testament - Dr. Ronald Haynes, Uncle
Song of Praise.....	Yalanda “Binky” Metcalfe Celebration Choir
Special Recognition	
Proclamation - The Honorable Robert Eastern III, East Saint Louis, IL	Proclamation - Christopher Jones, University City, MO
Acknowledgements and Condolences .....	Kim Crenshaw
Song of Praise.....	Yalanda “Binky” Metcalfe Celebration Choir
Tribute .....	We Are All Family Video Tribute Binky Through the Eyes of the Worship Center
Song of Praise.....	Yalanda “Binky” Metcalfe Celebration Choir
Parental Remarks.....	Father - Rev. Henry C. Metcalfe Mother - Rev. Bessie L. Metcalfe
Ministerial Remarks .....	Pastor Bartlett Wilkerson Pastor Clarence Jackson Pastor Barnest Patton III
Life Reflection (Read Silently)...	“It is Well”...Bell Darris, Violinist
Song of Praise.....	Yalanda “Binky” Metcalfe Celebration Choir
Eulogy .....	Pastor Carlos F. Mayfield Senior Pastor Worship Center Christian Church
Parting View	
Benediction	
Recessional	

*Interment*  
St. Peters Cemetery  
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