



Theresa Swope-Barnes

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On May 9, 1956, in Chattanooga, TN, God blessed Matthew Lee and Frankie Lee Swoopes with the birth of a daughter, Theresa Antionette She was the 5th born of this union that would ultimately be blessed with 9 children. Theresa received early education in Chattanooga, TN and attended Riverside High School. Immediately following graduation, Theresa moved to Nashville TN, attending Tennessee State University. She later moved to Washington DC, where she embarked on a career in politics working for Presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush I. It was in DC that Theresa met the love of her life Alphonso Barnes, and their union was blessed with a “darling” daughter Allyson Corinne. After 15 years in politics and following the passing of her beloved husband, Theresa returned to the South, settling in Atlanta GA. It was here that she became a faithful, active member of Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church, Morrow, GA and realized her true calling...to be an aid and constant support to all those around her. She was the other mother for so many. At her time of death on January 5, 2025, Theresa was back home in Chattanooga, TN doing what she loved most, being a caregiver and offering support and comfort to her family and extended loved ones. Some of her favorite times were her Tuesday lunches with her nephew “My DJ” and hanging with her best friend Jackey Ware-Brooks and “the Old Lady Gang” (as she affectionally called them). When God called Theresa home, she reunites with her mother, Frankie & father, Matthew; great grandparents, Ida & Ernest; grandparents Mary & Nathan, Corine & Ernest, Husband Alphonso; brother, Ronald; sister, Nadine; Nephews Kenrick and Kenneth Jr. and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins who proceed her in death. She leaves to cherish her memory: 1 daughter Allyson C. Barnes (Heather) Atlanta GA; step-daughter, Dawn Hillie (James); 3 grandchildren Kimberly (Darren), Kevin, and Darius Brandywine, MD., 3 sisters Susie Petty, Chattanooga TN, Sandra Hammock, (Kenneth Sr.) Radcliff KY, Latoyta Swoopes, Chattanooga TN. 4 brothers Matthew Swoopes Jr. (Edna),



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Donald Swoopes, Ernest Swoopes, Chattanooga, TN, Leonard Swoopes (Evora) Indian Head MD. 1 aunt, Jean Fox, Roxbury MA and a host of nieces and nephews along with extended family and friends with whom she shared a very special bond. She will lie-in-state on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel. Burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.

DIRECTIONS TO LIVE STREAM: Click on the link below to view the service.

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9:00 AM - 10:50 AM ET

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Burial

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
2116-2124 Shepherd Rd, Chattanooga TN 37421



Cemetery Details

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(423) 499-9740





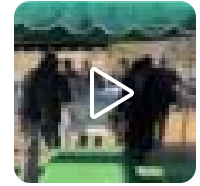
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January 19 at 8:38 PM



Jackey May 1 at 6:18 AM
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Sylvia A. Stamper lit a candle in honor of Theresa.



January 15 at 9:16 PM



Ada Mae Alexander & Son, Tommy sent a Sweet Sincerity to the Swope-Barnes family.



January 15 at 3:28 AM



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SW

Symya Williams sent a virtual gift in honor of Theresa.

Rest well Mama T.Love Mýa and Baby Em

January 15 at 1:45 AM



IG

Iris Givens lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

January 14 at 3:12 PM



CY

Cassandra D. Young lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

January 14 at 9:15 AM



CY

Cassandra D. Young January 14 at 9:19 AM
My prayers are with your Family for their Great Loss..

MW

Mary Wright lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

January 14 at 6:38 AM



JP

Johnnie Thornton Patterson lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

My condolences to the Swopes family sorry for your loss Johnnie Thornton Patterson class of 74

January 13 at 5:57 PM



DJ

Diane Jones posted:

Condolences to the family. Praying for you all.may God continues to give you strength and comfort at your time of need. Walter and Diane Jones

January 13 at 4:41 PM



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RS

Rosalyn Smedley lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

January 13 at 10:04 AM



TS

The Bgw Society lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

January 11 at 3:49 PM



TS

The Bgw Society posted:

Sending our deepest condolences to the family. So glad we all had the pleasure of seeing and celebrating with Theresa this year. Take your rest. Our dear friend. We love you♥ The BGW Society

January 11 at 3:48 PM

TW

Tytus Williams lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

Rest in peace Momma Theresa. Thanks for all the love and wisdom that was shared between us You will be missed but not forgotten. Love Tytus and family

January 11 at 2:27 PM



KE

Kennethhammock posted:

The Hammock Family would like to send there deepest condolences to the Swoopes Family. God has her now and she is in peace. If there is anything we can do please let us know. Family

January 11 at 1:24 PM

EC

Eugene Crutcher lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

My deepest condolences to the Swope and Barnes families we were friends a life time from the Riverside village, Rest in peace my friend.

January 10 at 3:37 PM





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Phillip & Phyllis Wynn Waldorf, Md sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Swope-Barnes family.



January 10 at 12:42 PM



James Calvin Williams lit a candle in honor of Theresa.



January 10 at 9:55 AM



Stephanie (Visher) Saxton lit a candle in honor of Theresa.



January 9 at 4:21 PM



Stephanie (Visher) Saxton January 9 at 4:31 PM

My Heartfelt Condolences to the family, my prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. Keep your hands in God's Hands, because he is able to comfort, encourage and strengthen all who call upon him. Stephanie (Visher) Saxton



Cardella F Cummings lit a candle in honor of Theresa.



January 9 at 5:55 AM



Valery W. McConnell lit a candle in honor of Theresa.



January 9 at 2:25 AM



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Alexia (Alexander) Burnett lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

Theresa would always contact me every year to wish my daughter Kesha a happy birthday. There wasn't a holiday I wouldn't hear from Theresa. Theresa always kept me updated with what's going on the Drive. Riverside Drive. We all grew up with love and support one another and look out for each other. Allyson you know your mom meant a lot to me. She will truly be missed. To Allyson and the Swope's family may God's grace bring strength, comfort and healing in this time of sorrow. Love you all Alexia (Alexander) Burnett



January 8 at 6:15 PM



Constance Colbert Shelton lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

Sleep on my sister and take your rest we all love you but God loves you best



January 8 at 3:27 PM



Alicia Bailey Terry posted:

My condolences to Teresa's family

January 8 at 10:29 AM



Viola Douthit lit a candle in honor of Theresa.



January 7 at 2:38 PM



Debbie (Shibley) Tucker posted:

My condolences and prayers to Theresa's daughter and family. We were childhood friends and Riverside Drive neighbors and reached out to each other throughout the many years. I was so sorry to hear of her passing. Debbie (Shibley) Tucker

January 7 at 11:50 AM



Sharon Shibley, Page January 8 at 12:27 PM

Condolences to the entire family and dear friends. Riverside Dr. Neighborhood friends, we grew up together.



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Kevin/Priscilla Williams sent a virtual gift in honor of Theresa.



January 7 at 11:10 AM



Pastor Kevin posted:

I'm praying for the family, Theresa was catering, and person who had compassion for other people while on this earth, but to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord, so it's good to know she is now in the hands of a loving God. Elder Kevin L Williams SR/Priscilla Williams.

January 7 at 11:06 AM



P. Harris Rih lit a candle in honor of Theresa.



January 7 at 7:08 AM



Edie Starkey lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

MAY OUR GOD hold this FAMILY in His LOVING ARMS.. 👤 👤



January 7 at 6:55 AM



Anna Butler lit a candle in honor of Theresa.



January 7 at 2:40 AM

AB Anna Butler January 7 at 2:41 AM
My Prayers are with the Family



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A Dean lit a candle in honor of Theresa.



January 7 at 2:37 AM



Tommy Alexander posted:

I grew up across the street from The Swopes family. It is always sad to see childhood friends pass on. I pray for The Swopes family and may she rest in peace! Tommy Alexander

January 7 at 2:26 AM



Wanda Clark Leak January 7 at 8:09 AM

Prayers of Peace and Comfort for the Swoopes family



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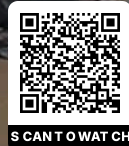
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Theresa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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