

"In Loving Memory Of"



Teneika Blige

July 7, 1979 - October 29, 2025

Obituary

Teneika Daniel Blige was born on July 7, 1979 to two beautiful parents.

She began her education at Thunderbolt Elementary School and continued her studies in the Chatham County Public School System. From a young age she demonstrated a strong work ethic and a deep compassion for others. At just sixteen, she began working at a personal care home where her natural gift for caregiving quickly became evident. Her dedication to helping others led her to continue her work as a caretaker with Homenurse Inc., Care Master Medical, and Passionate About You Private Homecare, LLC working beside her sister, Dot Lee. A role faithfully fulfilled until her final day.

Passionate, brave, and hardworking, she devoted her life to serving those in need and to caring deeply for her family and friends. She approached everyday with love and purpose, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, strength, and unwavering care for those she loved.

She leaves to mourn, a devoted mother, Stephanie Grant (Chriscell Grant, Jr.); father, Jerome Blige; her children, Demond Blige, Tyleeia Smalls and Tylaisha Smalls; sisters, Marshelle Mazes (Marlon Fox), Ashley Horton (Jeremy Horton), and Dorothy Lee (Derrick); brothers, Shawn Blige, Jerome Lee, Terrance King and Justin King; God daughter, Taniya Smith; her fiancé, Tehron (Sweets) Scott; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

The Order of Service

Minister Hooper, Presiding

Processional

***Clergy, Family
and Friends***

Selection

Marti Baker

The Holy Scriptures

The Old Testament

The New Testament

Minister Rose

Minister Johnson

Poem

Tyleeia Smalls

***A Moment of Reflection
(three minutes, please)***

As a niece

As a cousin

As a niece

Damiyah Burroughs

Ivan Carter

Dami'yah Fox

Solo

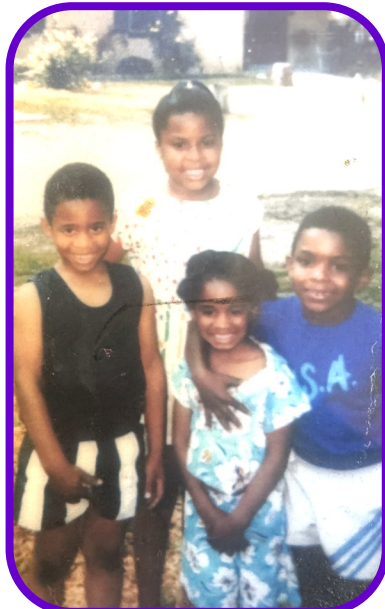
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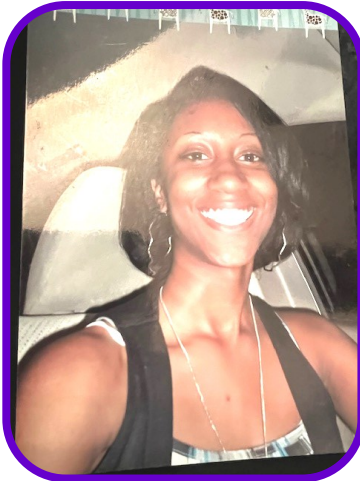
Words of Comfort

Pastor Anthony Mazes

Benediction

Recessional





My Sweet Girl,

There are no words big enough to hold what I feel today. From the moment I first held you, you filled my life with light, laughter, and love. You were my joy, my pride, and my reason to smile every day. I will miss your voice, your hugs, your smile that could brighten even my darkest days. I will miss our talks, our laughter, and even the quiet moments when just being near you was enough.

Though you're no longer here for me to hold, you will always live in my heart - in every memory, every breath, every bit of love I give from now on. You changed my life simply by being in it, and I will carry your light with me for the rest of my days.

I love you, my darling girl, and I will miss you forever."

Moma

"Some Days You Didn't Answer"

(A father's poem for his daughter)

We talked every day, you and me - about nothing, about everything, about the weather, about the world, about how proud I was to be your dad.

Some days, you didn't answer.

And oh, how I'd stew in silence, thinking you were too busy, forgetting how much I needed your voice.

Now the phone is quiet for reasons I can't fix, and I'd give anything anything - for one more day you didn't answer,

if it meant you were still here to call back. still talk to you, you know.

Out loud, in the truck, in the yard, when the stars blink like your laughter and the wind feels like your hug.

You always rolled your eyes when I worried too much. You'd say, "Dad, I'm fine."

And I hope - God, I hope - you are.

So I'll keep talking, and listening for the echo of your voice in my heart, every day - like always

Love You Always and Forever, Daddy



In My Place

*Step in my shoes, just for a while,
Feel the weight behind my smile.*

*The silent battles, the tears I hide,
The endless pain I keep inside.*

*The nights are long, the days are tough,
Yet I pretend I'm strong enough.*

*The words unspoken, the scars unseen,
A fragile heart where I have been.*

*If you could see through my disguise,
You'd know the truth behind my eyes.*

*So walk my path, and you will find,
The struggles buried in my mind.*

From Your Loving Children





Dear Teneika

*I don't even know where to begin. How do you say goodbye to someone who has been your world, your protector, your confidant, and your best friend all at once?
Losing you feels like losing a part of myself,
and yet I know that the love we shared can never be taken away.*

*You were my guiding light, my safe place, and my laughter on the darkest days. Every memory I have with you is a treasure I will carry with me forever-the silly jokes, the late-night talks, the moments when we didn't need words to understand each other.
You shaped who I am, and for that, I am endlessly grateful.*

*Even though you are no longer here with me,
I feel your love and your presence in everything I do.
I will miss you more than words can ever express,
but I promise to honor you by living with the kindness, courage, and joy you always showed me.*

*Goodbye for now, my beautiful sister. I love you more than I could ever put into words.
Thank you for being my sister, my friend, my everything. I will see you again someday,
but until then, I will hold you in my heart forever .*

*With all my love,
Marshelle Mazes*

For Our Oldest Sister

*You were the laughter in every room,
The sunshine breaking through the gloom.
A spark, a song, a steady hand,
The heart that held this scattered band.
Your smile could lift the darkest day,
Your laughter chased our cares away.
You gave your time, your love, your light,
You made our heavy hearts feel right.
Children not your own you'd raise,
With patience, kindness, endless praise.
A mother's heart that never tired,
A soul so warm, so deep, inspired.
You danced through life, so full, so free,
The life, the love, the melody.
And though your voice has gone from here,
Its echo lives in all we hear.
We'll laugh for you when days feel gray,
We'll live like you in every way.
For though you've gone beyond our view,
The life of the party still shines through.*

*With Love,
The Siblings*

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for all acts of love and kindness shown them at this time. May the Lord bless and keep all of you is our prayer. We love and thank you!

*Again, Thank You
Love, The Blige and Mazes Family*



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