

CELEBRATING THE LIFE

of

Mrs. Annie Pearl Denkins



Sunrise: December 22, 1934

Sunset: July 24, 2026

Saturday, August 8, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Blueridge Baptist Church
9621 Chesterfield Dr.
Houston, TX 77051

Rev. Gregory Hood, Officiating

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Annie Pearl Ross was born on December 22, 1934, in Mount Enterprise, Texas, to **Eleanore Ross (Sanders)**. In 1949, Eleanore moved her family to Houston, Texas, where Annie attended Jack Yates High School.

On September 10, 1952, Annie married the love of her life, **Jesse Denkins**. Known for her unwavering faith, elegant style, joyful spirit, and unconditional love for her family, Annie lived a life that reflected grace, strength, and compassion. Together, she and Jesse built a loving home and were blessed with three children: **James** (1953), **Diana** (1956), and **Ray** (1957). Their family was the center of Annie's heart, and she devoted herself to nurturing them with unwavering love and care.

In 1960, Annie began her career at **Channel 13**, where she worked for 14 years and truly enjoyed her profession. In 1967, the Denkins family united with Blue Ridge Baptist Church, where Annie faithfully served as a member of the church choir and the Ruth Mission Circle. Her unwavering faith and commitment to her church family remained steadfast for nearly 60 years.

In 1973, Jesse founded a small janitorial service. As the business flourished, Annie made the decision in 1975 to leave her longtime career and join her husband in building what would become a successful and prosperous family custodial business. Together, they demonstrated the value of hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

Annie was immensely loved by her family and everyone who knew her. She had a beautiful sense of style, loved dressing elegantly, and found great joy in music. Whether singing, dancing, or sharing laughter with those around her, Annie had a remarkable ability to brighten every room she entered.

As her health began to decline, her children lovingly assumed the responsibility of caring for her. Yet even during life's most difficult seasons, nothing could diminish the light within her. Her radiant smile, joyful spirit, infectious laughter, and love of music continued to inspire everyone around her until her peaceful passing on **July 24, 2026**.

Annie's legacy of faith, love, strength, and unwavering devotion to her family will forever live on in the hearts of those who were blessed to know her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered always.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her devoted sister, **Margie Nell** of Houston, Texas; her beloved children, **James Denkins (Julie)** of Dayton, Texas, **Ray Denkins (Loretta)** and **Diana Johnson** of Houston, Texas; her cherished grandchildren, **Katrina Perry (Larry)** of Los Angeles, California, **Jessica Denkins** of Houston, Texas; **Terrence Denkins (Crystal)** of New Orleans, Louisiana, **Takeishia Smith (Glenn)** of Rosenberg, Texas; and **Langston Johnson III** of Houston, Texas; along with a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

Though she is no longer with us in body, Annie's love, faith, and gentle spirit will continue to live on in the lives she touched.

Her memory will forever be a blessing, and her legacy will remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.



Order of Service

ORDER OF SERVICE	PARTICIPANTS
PRELUDE	<i>Soft Music</i>
PROCESSIONAL	Clergy & Family
CROWNING CEREMONY	<i>"I Shall Wear a Crown"</i> Katrina Perry, Jessica Denkins & Takeishia Smith
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	<i>Minister</i>
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	<i>Minister</i>
PRAYER OF COMFORT	<i>Terrence Denkins</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	<i>Church Choir</i>
TRIBUTE VIDEO	<i>(Presentation)</i>
RESOLUTIONS Blue Ridge Baptist Church	<i>Gwen Washington</i>
PROCLAMATION Houston City Council District D	<i>Patricia Spikes</i>
WORDS OF EXPRESSION (3 MINUTES EACH)	<i>Betty Chenevert (Caretaker)</i> <i>Helen Straughter (Friend)</i> <i>Kayla Jenkins (Family)</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	<i>Church Choir</i>
EULOGY	<i>Reverend Hood</i>
COMMITTAL OF REMAINS	<i>Grimes Funeral Home</i>
RECESSIONAL	<i>Family, Followed by Friends</i>

Forever in Our Hearts

Your love, your light,
and your legacy will live on in us
forever.



A Tribute To My Sister

To My Beloved Sister

My Dear Sister,

From the very beginning, you were more than my sister—you were my protector, my teacher, my friend, and one of God's greatest blessings in my life. As the younger sister, I looked up to you, and your love helped guide me through so many seasons of life.

Today, my heart is heavy because I must say goodbye to the last of my siblings. It is difficult to imagine this world without you, but I find comfort in knowing that you are no longer suffering and are now resting peacefully in the presence of our Lord. What a joyful reunion it must have been as you were welcomed home by the family who had gone before you.

Thank you for the love we shared, the memories we created, and the countless ways you touched my life. Those memories will forever be one of my greatest treasures.

Until God calls me home, I will hold you close in my heart, cherish the bond we shared, and find strength in His promise that this goodbye is only for a little while. One day, we will be together again, where there will be no more tears, no more pain, and no more parting.

Rest peacefully, my dear sister. I love you, I will miss you every day, and I will carry your love with me until we meet again.

*With all my love,
Your Sister Margie Nell* 

To My Mama *My Worthy Vessel*

Mama,

You were God's worthy vessel—the one He chose to give me life, to love me, to pray for me, and to remind me that no matter where life led me, I would always be your daughter.



There are so many things I wish I could say and so many moments I wish we could share one more time. If I could thank you for every sacrifice you made, every prayer you whispered for me, every word of encouragement, and every expression of love, a lifetime still would not be enough.



Life did not always unfold the way either of us imagined, but through it all, your love never stopped reaching for me. For that, I will always be grateful. Your love is a gift I will carry with me for the rest of my life.



Today, I release you into God's loving arms, knowing you have found perfect peace. Though my heart aches with your absence, I find comfort in believing that love is stronger than death and that one day, by God's grace, we will see each other again.

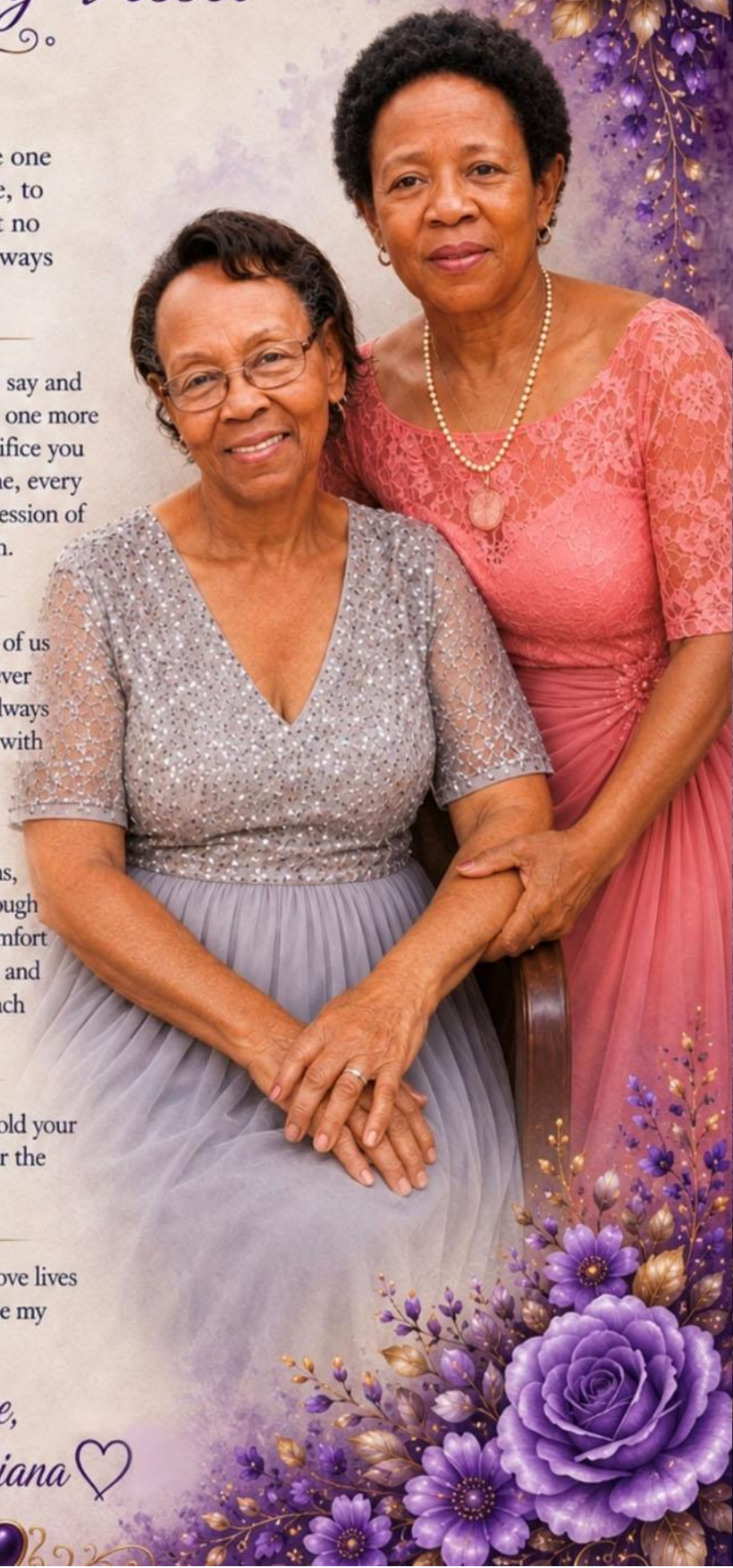


Until then, I will cherish your memory, hold your love close to my heart, and thank God for the blessing of calling you *Mama*.



Rest peacefully, my worthy vessel. Your love lives on in me, and your memory will forever be my treasure.

*With all my love,
Your Daughter Diana* 



A Message FROM YOUR SONS

FROM JAMES & JULIE

For My Mom

Dear God,

Thank You for the precious gift of my mom and for the unconditional love she poured into my life. Today, my heart is heavy as I face the pain of saying goodbye. Though this loss is difficult, I am grateful for every memory, every lesson, every sacrifice, and every moment of love we shared.

Please welcome her into Your loving arms and grant her eternal peace and rest. Surround her with Your light, and let her know how deeply she is loved and will always be missed.

When the sadness feels overwhelming, remind me that love never truly ends. Help me feel her presence in the cherished memories we created, the values she instilled in me, and the love that will forever live within my heart.

Lord, give me the strength to endure this loss, the courage to move forward, and the faith to trust that one day we will be together again in Your heavenly kingdom. Until then, may I honor her life by living with the same kindness, compassion, and love she so generously gave to others.

Thank You for blessing me with the privilege of calling her my mom. She will always be my greatest gift, and I will carry her love with me for the rest of my life.

*Love forever,
James & Julie*



FROM RAY & LORETTA

Mama,

I will miss you more than words could ever express. I will miss your loving hand that was always there to guide me, your gentle encouragement that pushed me to keep going, and your unwavering faith in me—even when I struggled to believe in myself.

Whenever the road became difficult and the obstacles seemed too great, you were the one who reminded me that I was strong enough to keep moving forward. You never let me give up. You always believed that I would cross the finish line, no matter what.

Everything I have accomplished, and everything I will achieve in the future, is because of the love, strength, wisdom, and determination you poured into my life. Your sacrifices, your prayers, and your endless encouragement shaped me into the person I am today.

Although I will miss your voice, your smile, and your comforting presence every day, I find peace knowing that your love will forever live in my heart. I promise to honor your legacy by living with the same courage, perseverance, and faith that you taught me.

Thank you, Mama, for believing in me when I needed it most. Your love will always be my greatest source of strength, and your memory will continue to inspire me every step of the way.

I love you always and forever.

*Love,
Ray & Loretta*



*Forever grateful for the love, lessons,
and legacy you left behind.*

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Messages From Your Grandchildren

To Our Grandmother,

Grandmother, there are no words that could ever express how much you have meant to us. As tears fill our eyes today, we find comfort in knowing they are only temporary until we meet again. You spent your life watching over our family with unconditional love, strength, and grace, and now we know you will continue to watch over us as our angel.

Though our hearts are heavy, we choose to walk by faith and not by sight, trusting God's promise that we will see you again. "For we walk by faith, not by sight."
— 2 Corinthians 5:7

We will love you always, cherish every memory, and carry your love with us every day.

Forever in our hearts,

Katrina & Jessica



A Wonderful Grandmother

by Unknown Author

We had a wonderful grandmother,
One who never really grew old;
Her smile was made of sunshine,
And her heart was solid gold;
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars,
And in her cheeks fair roses you see.
We had a wonderful grandmother;
And that's the way it will always be.
But take heed, because
She's still keeping an eye on all of us,
So let's make sure
She will like what she sees.

Love,
Takeishia & Terrence



Grandmother,

Thank you for loving me through every season of my life. Your prayers, your kindness, and the love you gave so freely will always remain close to my heart. No matter where life took me, I always knew your love was constant.

Although saying goodbye is one of the hardest things I have ever had to do, I find comfort in knowing you are resting peacefully in God's loving arms. Your memory will always be a light in my life, reminding me to keep moving forward with faith, hope, and love.

I will forever treasure the time we shared, carry your love in my heart, and honor your memory in the days ahead. Until we meet again, may you rest in eternal peace.

I love you always, Grandma.

With all my love,

Langston Johnson, III



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Your life was a blessing,
your *memory* a treasure,
you are *loved* beyond words
and missed beyond measure.





I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for I'm free.
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
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, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found the peace at the close of day.*

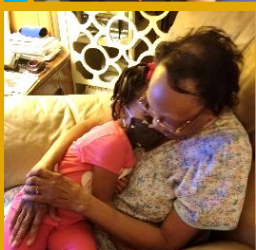
*If my parting has left a void.
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too, will miss.*

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

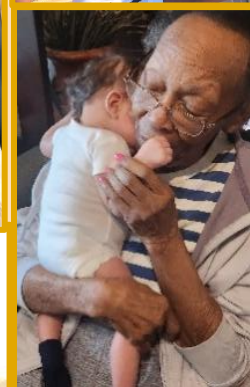
*Perhaps my time seemed all to brief.
Don't lengthen it now, with undue grief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee;
God wanted me now. He set me free!*

*With Love,
I'm Free*

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Acknowledgments

The family of Annie Pearl Denkins wishes to express our deepest gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy. Thank you for your comforting words, prayers, and acts of kindness; your support has been a source of strength during this difficult time.

Special Thanks

We extend our special appreciation to her devoted caretakers, **Betty Chenevert and Bridgett Jones**, and to **Elijah Oppong** and the entire team at **Atascocita Senior Care Home** for the exceptional care, compassion, and love shown to our mother.

May God bless you abundantly.

Pallbearers

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Terrence Denkins
Kyle Sanders
Glenn Smith

Solomon August
Keevin King Sr.
Quiton Edwards

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Langston Johnson III
Chip Wade
Clyde Sells
Larry Perry

Tylor Denkins-Perry
Rayford King
Keevin King Jr.
John Terry Beverly

Terrence (T.J.) Denkins, Jr.

Flower Bearers

Tayla Denkins, Paris Jenkins, Orianna Jenkins, Kayla Jenkins,
Harmony Watts, Sahmara Denkins, Cami Denkins,
Ava Smith, Addy Smith

Interment

Houston Memorial Gardens
Houston, Texas

Repast

Repast immediately following the
Houston Memorial burial services.

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Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to
GRIMES FUNERAL HOME