

*A Celebration of Life*

*Tina  
Willette  
Lewis*



June 29, 1957  
September 16, 2020

Saturday, September 26, 2020  
Family Hour 8:30 A.M. • Funeral Service 9:00 A.M.

**WORD OF FAITH INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
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Southfield, Michigan 48075  
Bishop Keith Butler, Senior Pastor  
Minister George Phillips, Officiant

# Tributes

Tina Willette Lewis

BLESS THE LORD, I truly thank GOD for this time and space to honor Sister Tina Willette, and I'm grateful to GOD that HE blessed us with the loving, caring, giving, prayerful, SPIRIT FILLED, child of GOD that she was to Momma (she called my MOM MOMMA) and myself. God was always defending and delivering Tina from however the enemy came against her, every time. Don't be deceived, GOD is not mocked, neither is Tina, she had relationship with JESUS, Tina made her decision to leave and that is what she did. Tina lived 2 Co 3:3: "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart", just as the BIBLE describes, up to the very moment of her departure. There are so, so many instances I could convey to you about Tina in ministering the LOVE OF GOD, but time nor space on these pages would be enough, but there is one particular instance that I hold dear to my heart, Tina came to my home and this particular evening I had a Jehovah Witness believer visiting, she was a young lady in her early 20's and being bold as Tina was, her approach was always a compliment first, then she went for the juggler, "do you know the LORD JESUS CHRIST as your personal Saviour?" the young lady responded "yes", well that dry yes didn't resonate well with Tina, she began questioning her about how was HE her savior, well when she was grappling for an answer Tina knew she wasn't saved, the door was slightly open and Tina "went all in". When the young lady left my house she was not only saved, but she was glad about, that next week the young lady became gravely ill and passed, I immediately called and told Tina, her response was "sho nuff" and she began to rejoice at the fact she had lead her to the LORD just in time. I have witness how the LORD used Tina in so many ways, I named her my personal "prayer warrior", she was constantly lifting and holding us up in prayer, she would come and just sit in my backyard and pray, she wouldn't even let me know she was back there, I would just hear her praying and after she was done, she would leave a token of love of some kind, just as JESUS does, when you have a visitation from the HIM HE always leaves a blessing, and GOD is my witness, she has left us a blessing "sho nuff", Tina is truly going to be missed by so many, she has definitely left this world a better place exemplifying the love of GOD. This is MOMMA, that's what Tina called me, she said I was her Momma too, and I loved her as if she was my biological daughter, and I know she loved me, she would pray for me all the time and always gave me gifts, it was the prayer and attention she gave me that let me know she loved me, the gifts were just who she was, gifts.

Momma & Cheryl

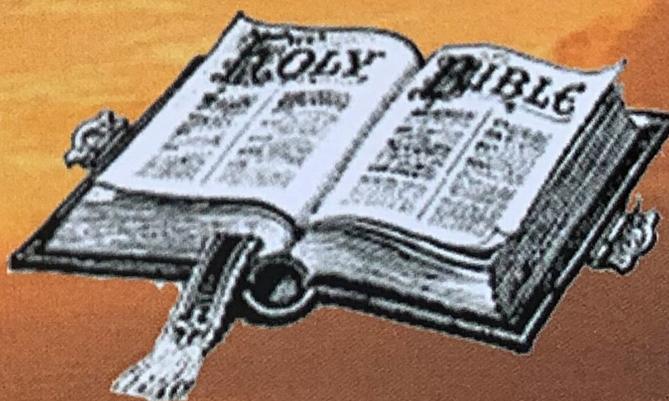
## God's Closest Siblings

We were Blessed to be born from the same womb along this journeys path; However when we were younger we seemed at odds. As we grew older we became Born Again from the Heavenly Womb of the Holy Spirit. We drew very close, closer than a brother because of God's Word. I know that you are rejoicing in Heaven above and I will soon join you in God's Whole Love!

Your loving Brother, Steffan (Junior)

# Order of Service

- Processional ..... Musical Prelude  
*Lord You Are Good, Israel Houghton*
- Song ..... Praise and Worship Singers
- Scripture Readings
- Old Testament ..... Anita Watson
- New Testament ..... Donna Watson-Burke
- Prayer ..... Tracey Lewis-Jennings
- Song ..... Praise and Worship Singers
- Reading ..... Anita Watson
- Poem ..... Sandra Terry
- Special Reflection ..... Deborah Williams-Glass
- Reflections ..... Two Minutes ..... Family and Friends
- Words of Inspiration ..... Associate Minister George Phillips
- Recessional ..... Musical Postlude



“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.” —St. John 11:25-26

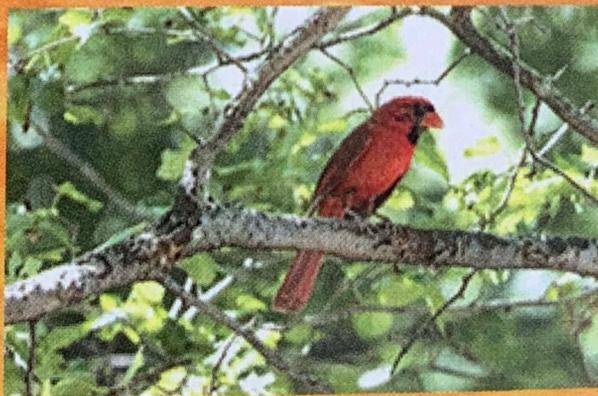


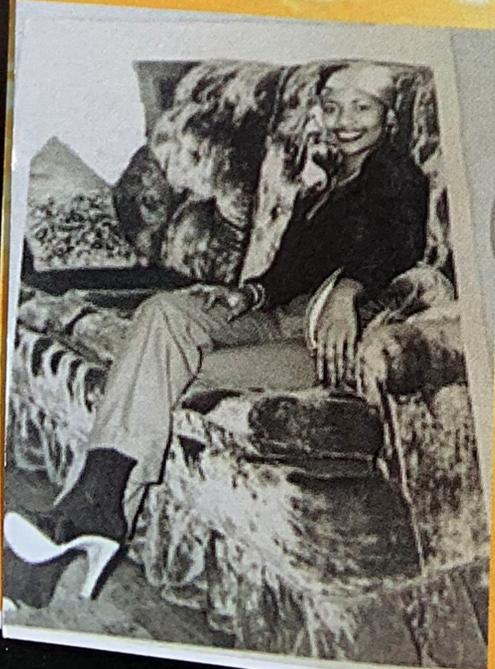
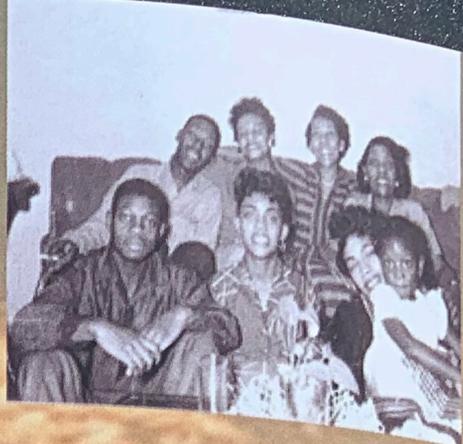
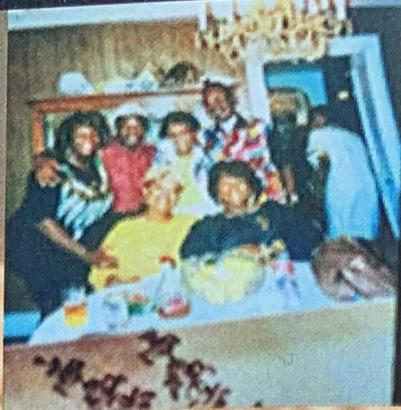
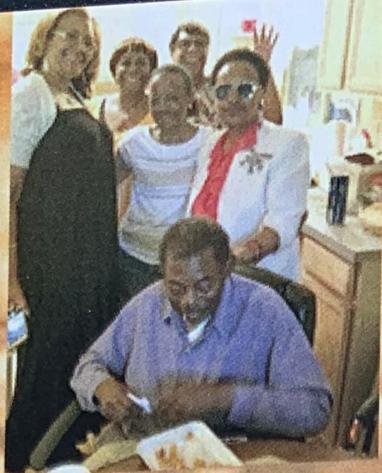
## Cooley High School Pictures

Another Cardinal has ascended into the Heavens!!

St. Lewis, Ms. Cooley 1975

Neil Jackson, Michael White, Linda Belcher, Tanya Allen, Rosalyn Huffman,  
Albert Watts, George Rucker, and Anita Fannoy





# Obituary

"New Life"

(Olivia Branch Walker)

I moved from my old house - I moved from my old friends

I moved from my old way of strife

Thank God I moved out to a Brand New Life

Tina Willette Lewis was born on June 29, 1957, to Willie "Bro." and Shirley Lewis in Birmingham, Alabama. She attended Holy Family Elementary School until she moved to Detroit, Michigan where she was one of the first black students to be bussed to Newton Middle School. She was a proud 1975 Alumnae of Thomas M. Cooley High School, where she wore the crown, Ms. Cooley High Class of 1975. From 1975 to 1977, she matriculated through Talladega College and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. In 1980, Tina moved back to Detroit, Michigan where she received an Associate's Degree in Science from Highland Park Community College. Later she completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Integrated Science from Wayne State University. She was employed for several years at Wayne State University Bookstore and Science Lab.

Tina accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour in 1984 where she attended Church in the City; Detroit, Michigan under the leadership of Pastor Carl and Thelma Wright. She later joined Word of Faith International Christian Center in Southfield, Michigan under the spiritual guidance of Bishop Keith and Deborah Butler. There she grew in the faith and served on the Prayer, Senior Care, and Book Store ministries.

Tina was well known for her outspoken but lovable personality. To know her was to "LOVE" her. She loved giving gifts, especially jewelry to friends and family, even when it wasn't a birthday or holiday.

In August 2019, she was diagnosed with cancer and decided to refuse treatment. Her stubborn Steadfast Faith in God was unwavering. On September 16, 2020 Tina took her Faith and marched into the presence of our Lord and Savior.

Tina joined the Heavenly ranks in the Faith of her loving parents, Shirley and Willie "Bro" Lewis, Jr.; stepfather, Cecil Johnson "Daddy Tree"; sister, Deborah Childs, and God-Mother Rosa Russell.

Leaving family and fun memories of her are 1 daughter, Godia Mills; close and loving brothers, Steffan "Junior" Lewis of Birmingham, Alabama and Broderick Hunter of Chicago, Illinois; 1 sister, Sandra Terry of Oak Park, Michigan; 2 aunts, Anita Watson and Frances Watson "Aunt Bootsie"; 2 special brothers, Lee Burkes of Detroit, Michigan and Charles Garfield of Birmingham, Alabama; 3 special cousins and sisters, Fonda Williams-Davis, Cheryl Watts, and Gean Nicholson; several nephews, nieces, many cousins, church members, classmates, and friends.

Procession

Song .....

Scripture  
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Prayer ..

Song ...

Reading

Poem ..

Special

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# Tributes

When the light of a candle melts down,  
like the sand of time in an hourglass  
it is not the end. It is a new beginning in the  
HOUSE OF THE LORD.

When the birds fly through the skies in  
a V-formation, it is a sign of your victory.  
You have earned your wings in the  
HOUSE OF THE LORD.

Your Sister,  
Sandra Terry

## God's Beloved

Dearest cousin, we share a love that is eternal;  
one that is in familial blood  
yet our ties were deep because we are Blood  
bought and redeemed.

As we walked this life's journey we would  
share in an exalted praise  
to our Sovereign God whose promises  
toward us were not slack;  
His faithfulness and loving-kindness shined  
upon our love for His kingdom works.  
Your joyous voice is embedded in my mind "Hey  
Precious Cousin or Hi my Sweet Love".

Know your love and life has impacted  
so many as your generosity was endless and as  
beautiful as your smile. I know you are walking  
tall with your earned and promised heavenly  
crowns: Crown of Life you persevered  
under many a trial and Crown of Rejoicing  
as you were a living testament of God's grace  
and shared the gospel to whom you were  
petitioned. Your legacy of love lives on dear  
cousin. We shall see each other again  
as we behold His face.

Love eternally  
Cousin Tracie

## We Lovingly Remember The Devil is a lie.

You hear the stranger's voice. My word's (His Heart) should not have  
to be constantly misunderstood and distorted, by you. Love or nothing at all  
for me & you, too. I should spend my last few years on this earth, Happy!

Happier, with my few family & friends, that I do have left.  
And that's exactly what I set out to do every day. Hope you come along  
for the ride. If not, God help us all in His Grace.

Love Tina!!!  
Our Sister, Cousin, and Dear Friend

My niece Tina was family oriented.  
She loved her family. Whenever she would come  
to visit any of the family members she had a "gift"  
for us, a scarf, earrings, bracelet a tie or hat, she  
was giving that way. She trusted in the Lord all  
the way to the end, she knew where her help came  
from. Your warm smile Tina and your powerful  
prayers will be missed. You knew how much I  
loved you. Hug and kiss the family for us until  
we all meet again.

Lovingly, your Aunt Anita

## Heavenly Rejoice

God saw you were getting tired, And a cure not  
meant to be. So, he put his arms around you,  
And whispered come to me. With tearful eyes we  
watched you, as we saw you pass away  
Although we love you deeply, we could not make  
you stay. Your golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts  
to prove to us, He only takes the best.  
Even though you are gone away, we know your  
love will always be here to stay. You have  
touched our hearts, both near and far.  
At this time we must let go, rest our dear cousin  
with peace of mind. Unlimited FREEDOM you  
now will find! Rejoice, and again I say Rejoice  
(Philippians 4:4)

Your Cousins  
(Cousin Gabriel Watts McNeal)

Thank you for initially navigating a  
relationship of True Love.

Cousin Dada