

Order of Service

Musical Prelude _____ Soft Music

Processional _____ Clergy and Family

Scripture Reading

Old Testament _____ Pastor Bonner

New Testament _____ Pastor Carlton Wade

Prayer _____ Pastor Calton Wade

Musical Selection _____ Pastor Bonner

Resolution _____ Pastor Bonner

Solo _____ Pastor Bonner

Obituary _____ Read Silently

Expressions _____ Denise Bishop

All Others Limit 2 Minutes, Please

Musical Selection _____ Pastor Bonner

Eulogy _____ Pastor Carlton Wade

Recessional

A poem from Lil Randy, your grandson

“Finally, though, you can breathe easy. Finally, Grandma, you can breathe without a struggle. Finally, you are at home. Thinking of you is a cheerful and tragic part of my life. I spent days crying, laughing, and other emotions I cannot even figure out. Your death is one strange thing. One moment I cry whenever I remember that I’ll never be able to see you or hug you anymore, and the next I laugh due to the funny moments we shared. It’s Never Bye, It’s Always See You Later. Jazz In Peace. ‘Back on Top Soon’”

Love,
Randy

Tribute to Our Mother

I love you mama, for everything you have done.
I love you mama, for being my number one I love you mama,
for teaching me right from wrong.
I love you mama, for taking care of my kids like you've done.
I love you mama, for being here when I was down.
I love you mama, you will always be my shining Star.
So lift your wings up and Fly away.
We all will miss you each and Every day.

Love, Your Daughters

Honorary Pallbearers

Sandy Townsend
Dominic McClain
Thomas Meyers, III
James Kizzie
Randy Stewart
Nickless Parker

Johnny Townsend, Jr.
Cedric Hillary, III
Josh Boutee
Jacorian Richardson
Corey Roberson
David Bishop

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the thoughtfulness expressed in prayers, messages, flowers and other courtesies extended during our time of bereavement.

The Townsend Family

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Rest Easy Mary

Homegoing Celebration For



Mary
TOWNSEND - CELESTINE

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death
neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.*

Revelation 21:4

Sunrise

December 30, 1955

Sunset

May 4, 2026

Service

Saturday, May 16, 2026

11:00 AM

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Pastor Carlton Wade | Officiant & Eulogist

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Obituary

On December 30, 1955, a baby girl was born to the late Johnny Townsend and Lulla Mae Jefferson Townsend of Beasley, TX, whom they named Mary Townsend. Mary then moved to Houston TX where she met and married Marty Celestine, where they joined as one.

She was preceded in death by Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Townsend, three sisters: Sandra Ware, Jewel Hall, Nancy Townsend, and one brother: Robert Townsend.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Marty Celestine, her four daughters: Samantha Townsend, Taniga Townsend (Arthur), RaKeisha Murphy, Denise Bishop (David), one bonus daughter: Deja Frank, one son: Bruce Frank, Calvin Clay (Godchild), five sisters: (Missionary) Lillie Anderson (Albert Anderson), Clara Conner, Shelley Townsend, Sandra Townsend, Barbara Townsend, two brothers: Sandy Townsend (Wanda) of Tennessee, Johnny Townsend of Oklahoma, and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Precious Memories

