

MEMORIES LAST



FOREVER!

Pallbearers

Uncles and Cousins

Floral Bearers

Friends and Cousins

Expression of Gratitude

The Family of Zanajah Hickman wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for all acts of kindness that have been extended to us during our great loss. Your prayers, cards, flowers, and most of all your love have been a blessing to us. May God continue to bless every one of you.



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Zanajah
YANJAH
HICKMAN

MARCH 20, 2006 - JULY 21, 2026

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

12:00 PM

GRACE CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES
60 OSWEGO RD. SUMTER, SC 29150
PASTOR ANTHONY GIBSON, SENIOR PASTOR
REVEREND DARLENE DILLINGER OFFICIATING

Her Life and Legacy

I fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I kept the faith.”
2 Timothy 4:7

A Time to Be Born... Miss Zanajah Yaniah Hickman, affectionately known as Sweet Nae Nae, was born on March 20, 2006, in Sumter, South Carolina. She was the beloved daughter of Miss Vermica Grant and Rico Hickman. Zanajah was the first of four children and was reared in a Christian home under the guidance of her loving mother and grandparents, John (Melissa) Stinnett. She was taught the importance of prayer, family, love, and devotion. She departed this life at her home in Summerville, South Carolina, on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at the young age of 20.

A Time to Grow... Zanajah was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and later graduated from high school in Charleston, South Carolina.

A Time to Live... Zanajah lived a short but beautiful and full life. She shared a devoted relationship with her boyfriend, Davion Simmons, the father of their precious six-month-old daughter, Avianaa Maleia Simmons—the love of their lives. In her early years, Zanajah affectionately known as Nay Nay. Served faithfully in her church as a praise dancer, usher, and member of the children's and youth choirs. She also danced and tumbled at DreamWorks Dance Academy, later becoming a competition cheerleader and dancer with Palmetto Explosion and a cheerleader at Hillcrest Middle School. She was an honor roll student who received academic awards throughout elementary and middle school. She graduated with the Class of 2025 and earned her high school diploma. She earned a Phlebotomy Certification that same year. She and her Aunt Isis Stinnett shared a passion for trail ride dancing with Mane Attraction. She enjoyed traveling, shopping, creating TikTok videos with her Auntie Isis and sister ArieYanna Hickman, and above all, being a loving and protective mother. She was employed by Walmart, Cook Out, and most recently DSV Logistics, where she remained employed until the day of her passing.

A Time to Worship... Zanajah joined Saint Mark United Methodist Church, where she was baptized. She faithfully served as a member of the children's choir, youth choir, praise dance ministry, and usher ministry.

A Time to Mourn... Nay Nay was preceded in death by her maternal great-great-grandparents, William Sims Sr. and Leslie Mae Sims; great-grandmother Vermelle Sims Simmons; maternal great grandfather Harold Stinnett; grandfather Jessie Hickman Sr. great-great-grandparents Ruben Berry and Thelma Berry; great grandparents Benny Grant Sr. and Sarah Grant; and grandfather Robert Grant Sr. Uncles Jessie Hickman Jr. and Odell Grant

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her loving daughter, Avianaa Maleia Simmons; her devoted daughters father Davion Simmons; her loving parents, Vermica Grant Monks Corner and Rico Hickman of Sumter, SC grandparents John and Melissa Stinnett, Marie Hickman, Linda Grant of Sumter, SC. Great grandmother Thooy Coleman Shreveport LA. Her God Parents: Tonesha Garrett of Madison Alabama, Andre Booker Sr. and Iris Brooker of Montgomery Alabama her Deanna Tomlin Ferror of Sumter, SC Her siblings ArieYanna Hickman, Zamarieth Hickman, Azarieyan Hickman of Monks Corner, SC. Zendaya Hickman, and Merek Hickman Sumter, SC. three God brothers Kylan Booker, Malik Booker, and Xzavier Booker. Uncle Donte' (Jody) Grant, Coe Gilbert, Hollywood, CA Darnasia Grant, Robert (Nakiyah Summers) Grant Jr., Isis (Deiveon Heyward) Stinnett. Jessica Wilson, Shanna Hickman Sumter, SC, Donte, Christopher (Quanisha) Stinnett Shreveport, LA, Donte'(Jody) Grant, (Blythewood SC), Deangelo (Heather)Hickman, (Asheville, NC), extended family members, Denario Smalls, Special aunt Pauline Ryce Cincinnati, Ohio A host of other aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, loved ones, coworkers, and whose lives she touched deeply.

Order of Service

Officiant
Rev. Darlene Dillinger
Saint Mark United Methodist Church
Sumter, South Carolina

Greeting
Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life and legacy of Sister Zanajah Yaniah Hickman. We come together with sadness and grief, acknowledging our human loss. May God grant us grace that, in pain, we may find comfort; in sorrow, hope; and in death, the promise of the resurrection.

Opening Hymn
“Amazing Grace”

Choir Selection
Voices of Inspiration and Praise Choir

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
Psalm 23
Sister Tanya Williams

New Testament
Psalm 27:1–4
Leon Muller (Uncle)

Prayer
Reverend Geneva Stafford
Francis Burns United Methodist Church
Columbia, South Carolina

Choir Selection
Voices of Inspiration and Praise Choir

Tributes (Please limit remarks to 3 minutes)
Mane Attraction Trail Riders
Louise “Grandma Ret” Dunham
Tonesha Garrett (Godmother)
Andre Booker Jr. (Godfather)
Kimberly and Bethany Starks

Acknowledgments
Sister Jacqueline Session

Solo
Sharon Gass Holland (Cousin)

Words of Comfort
Reverend Sarah Johnson
Clark United Methodist Church
Sumter, South Carolina

Choir Selection
Voices of Inspiration and Praise Choir

Dismissal with Blessing

Recessional

Interment
St. Mark United Methodist Church
1093 Oswego Highway, Sumter, South Carolina 29153

Recipe

I leave for you this recipe
The instructions are quite clear
It's wonderful for your palate
Even music to your ears
Don't put it off for tomorrow
Prepare it right away
You already have the ingredients
Just cook them up today
Take one full cup of thoughtfulness
A pinch of slow it down
Six tablespoons of caring
Enough love to spread around
Take some time to mix with Him
Let His words blend through
Congratulations on your dish
God made a brand new you!
Now go out and make things happen!