

Pallbearers

Howard Cousins

Honorary Pallbearers

Tommy Brown
Chester Thomas
Broderick Barnes

Anthony Mack
Patrick Mack
JaCorey Wright

Flower Bearers

Class of 1989

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated/Nu Kappa Zeta Chapter (Vicksburg)
The Birthday Crew

Interment

Green Hill Cemetery
Edwards, Mississippi

Repast

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
103 Williamson Drive
Edwards, Mississippi 39066

Acknowledgements

As we opened our hearts in prayer, we discovered people around us,
God beside us and strength within us to help us survive.
All of the love you have shown is symbolic of the greater love flowing from God's
throne. Thank you for being His instrument to lighten our load today.
May God bless you with joy and happiness.
The Mixon-Barnett Family

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A Celebration of the Life

for

Teronda Michelle Mixon-Barnett

1971 - 2023



*"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their
strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
thy shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk,
and not faint."
Isaiah 40:31*

Thursday, May 18, 2023

11:00a.m.

*Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
103 Williamson Avenue
Edwards, Mississippi 39066*

*Pastor Bobby Burks, Officiating
Chalonda Mosley, Guide*



"Toronda's Farewell"

Don't grieve for me, for I am free.
I am following the path God has laid, you see.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Marcus, Qu'Zonda, DaMarcus, Kashiton,
family and friends, release me, let me go.
You have so many things to see and do,
you must not tie yourself to me with tears,
be Happy that we had so many beautiful years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
how much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it is time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me awhile, if you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories within your heart.
I will not be far away, for life goes on;
so if you need me, call, and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me,
I'll be near; and if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear all around you, my love soft and clear.
And then, when YOU must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home".
With Eternal Love, *Toronda*





Order of Service

Chalonda Mosley, Presiding

Prelude

Processional ~~~~~ Ministers and Family

Scriptures:

Old and New Testaments ~~~~~ Pastor Trollars Moore

Prayer ~~~~~ Pastor Douglas Lacey

Song ~~~~~ Choir

Acknowledgements ~~~~~ Chalonda Mosley

The Life and Times of Toronda ~~~~~ Read Silently ~~~~~ Soft Music

Song ~~~~~ Choir

Eulogy ~~~~~ Pastor Bobby Burks

Directors of Willis and Sons Funeral Home in Charge

Recessional

Awaiting the Resurrections



The Life and Times Of *Toronda Michelle Mixon-Barnett*

A Time to be Born

As the sun rose on August 23, 1971, a beautiful baby girl was given the name Toronda Michelle Mixon born to the late Ernest Mixon and Diane Mixon. She was the second child born six years after her sister.

A Time to Plant

Toronda accepted Christ at an early age. She was baptized and united with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor M. K. Nelson.

A Time to Achieve

Toronda graduated in 1989 from Hinds A.H.S. in Utica, Mississippi. She furthered her education by attending Jackson State University and received both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Business Administration. Toronda always wanted to be a Zeta and on May 11, 2019 she became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated/Nu Kappa Zeta Chapter (Vicksburg).

A Time to Die

Toronda, a lifelong resident of Edwards, Mississippi succumbed to God's calling, Saturday, May 13, 2023 at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. She heeded God's calling peacefully.

A Time to Remember

Toronda's memories will forever be cherished by her husband, Marcus Barnett; her children, QuZonda and DaMarcus Mixon; her grandchildren; Kashton and Anthony Mack, Jr., Caden Truly, Isaiah and Marcus Mosley, Nehemiah and Joushiah Timms; her mother, Diane Mixon; two brothers, Ronnie Johnson and Rodney Irving; four sisters, Lana (Charles) McCallum, Sherrie Sarna, Kneedra Bell, Cassandra (Donald) Lee; some very special brothers and sisters-in-law, Jimmy (FeFe) Barnett, Debra (Delmar) Johnson, Tammy Barnett, Ethel Faye Barnett (Babe Richardson), Juanita Barnett and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and Bella.





"In Loving Memory of My Beloved Wife"

*It broke my heart to lose you, You have left an empty space
The love we had together cannot ever be replaced
I will never forget you, all the happy times we shared
The joy you brought into my life can never be compared
You're with me every moment now that we're apart
Living on in precious memories like keepsakes in my heart
I miss you more than words can say, my beautiful, wonderful wife
Only time can heal my pain, you were the one true love of my life.*

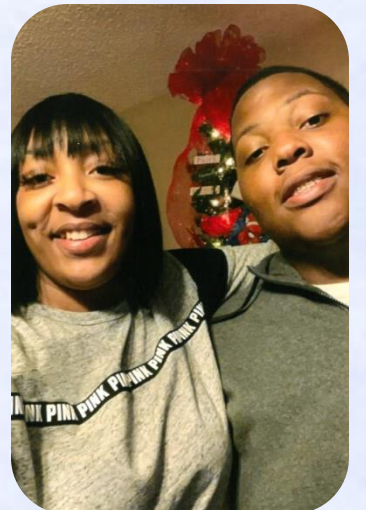
Your Loving Husband,
Marcus "Flicka"



"Farewell Dear Mother"

Somewhere in my heart beneath all my grief and pain, Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear name. The precious word is "MOTHER", she was my world you see. But now my heart is breaking 'cause she's no longer here with me. God chose her for His angel to watch me from above, to guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved. The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through, God had better plans for her, for this I surely knew. When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years, my memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears. She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in, she always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin. I want to thank you Mother for teaching me so well, and though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell, I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud you'll see. Thank you my dear Mother for all the love you showed me. Although you've left this earth and now you've taken flight, I know that you are here with me each morning, noon and night.

Love, Qu'Zonda and DaMarcus



"The Magic of Nana"

*There was magic in Nana's touch, and sunshine in her smile.
There was love in everything she did to make our lives worthwhile.
We found both hope and courage just by looking in her eyes.
Her laughter was a source of joy, her words warm and wise.
There was kindness and compassion found in her embrace,
And shining down from Heaven above we see the glow of Nana's face.*

Your Grandchildren,
Kashton, AJ, Caden, Josiah, Marcus, Nehemiah and Joushiah



"Farewell My Daughter"

"Beyond the winter's darkness waits the gentle light of spring...Beyond the time of sadness waits the glad remembering"...Toronda, today I must bid you farewell and let you sleep in peace. God gave you to me as a gift and I thank Him. Your memories will help to ease the pain, the times the two of us shared together will be kept lovingly and memorized in my heart. Oh, I just thank God for the laughter that rings in my memory still, your smile that time cannot fade, our last telephone conversation, for every precious yesterday....I just thank God for all the things that cannot die. I know that all was well with your soul, sleep on my child, I'll see you in the morning.

Love, Mama



"Farewell to Our Sister"

Toronda, it is not easy to bid you farewell today.

Our hearts are filled with tears, but the memories of you shall last forever.

We know the journey to eternal life can only be obtained by death. God knew you were tired, so He called you home to rest. Your soul is now safe and free to live with God through eternity.

Yes, we shed tears today, yet we rejoice with you,

Knowing you are safely in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

A million times we will miss you, a million times we will cry

If love alone could have saved you, then you never would have died.

Your Brothers and Sisters,

Rodney, Lana, Sherrie, Kneedra, Ronnie and Cassandra



"We Miss You"

Death leaves heartache no one can heal. Memories are treasures no one can steal.

Some may forget you now that you are gone, But we will remember no matter how long.

From All of Us

Sisters and Brothers In Law



"My Dearest Toronda"

Time slips by and life goes on, but from my heart, you are never gone

I will think about you always, I will talk about you too

I have so many memories,

But I wish I still had you.

I Love You Forever

Edith

Thank you for being a part of my Life.



"Our Farewell to Our Niece"

Toronda, we didn't get to say goodbye, we're devastated that you are gone.

You know we would have done anything to keep you here with us, right here where you belong. We didn't know that life would take such an unexpected path, that you'd be separated from us so soon. Heartbreaking reality we struggle to grasp and so profound is the pain that we bear, we're sadder still at no chance for goodbye, no final expression of our deep love. We believe that you're not too far away and that your Spirit still lingers quite near. So, Toronda, we will say our goodbyes in our words and our thoughts trusting that each one you'll hear. First, know that you were loved in the truest ways, so deep that only our hearts can give expression. You'll be forever surrounded by our love for we're sending it straight up to Heaven. Please know that you'll be cherished by each one of us for your example and kindness we'll treasure. We understand now how your life was a gift that was meant to bless us forever. Though we'll miss you terribly, we want your Spirit to be free. Free to enjoy the wonders of Heaven not bound to us in our grief. We will look after your heartbeats, Quon, DaMarcus and Kashton as you watch over us with happiness from Heaven.

Love Forever,

Your Aunts and Uncle



"The Howard Broken Chain"

The Howard Cousins are just like biological brothers and sisters. The Howard Cousins are extensions of their parents, lifelong friends, very close knit, not the typical cousin relationship that many have experienced. Howard Cousins are those few of you have known all your life and remember many childhood and adult memories; outings, family vacations, phone conversations, shopping excursions, JSU parades and football games, concerts, etc. A Howard Cousin is that special person that celebrates a win, because when one of us wins, we all win and if one of us is hurting, we all hurt; losing Toronda was not only a hurtful emotion but a devastating moment!!! This is a link that can never be replaced and a gap that can never be filled. Toronda, "Ronda", "T", "Soul", we knew very little that day, God was going to call your name. In life, we loved you dearly, in death, we do the same.

Toronda, it broke our hearts to lose you on Saturday.

Please know "T" that you didn't go alone as you took a part of your cousins too.

When God called you to your Heavenly Home,

you took beautiful memories that we can never remake, only reminisce.

We will use your love as our guide to continue to take care of each other.

Although we can't see you, Toronda, you will always be in our hearts and memories.

The Howard Family chain is broken, nothing seems the same,

but God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Love forever and until Eternity

The Howard Cousins



Friendship is a link that does not deteriorate in death, but rather strengthens for those who remember.

It is not easy to let go of you Toronda, but we just have to. It is said that true friends don't die but they live on in our hearts. Rest in Peace Toronda until we all meet again.

The Birthday Crew

