

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

**GOD'S NEWEST  
ANGEL**

**HEAVEN COULDN'T WAIT**

**SUNRISE: OCTOBER 15, 1954**

**SUNSET: SEPTTEMRBR 1, 2023**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

**WAKE: 10:30AM**

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE 11:00AM**

**JOSEPH H. BROWN  
FUNERAL SERVICES  
2140 FULTON AVE.  
BALTIMORE, MD 21217**

**OFFICIATING  
EVANGALIST KAREN MOORE**

**Joann  
Peterson**

# Obituary

*It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Joann Peterson, who peacefully left this world on September 1, 2023 at the age of 68. She was born on October 15, 1954 to the late Samuel Biggers, and Jereline McLaurin, and lived a life filled with love, laughter and cherished memories.*

*Joann will be remembered for her squeaky voice, special jokes, giving love, and giving pinches. She was a frugal shopper and spoke her mind on numerous occasions. She was always quick on her feet and willing to make a meal for anyone who came through her doors. Joann's spiritual journey was at Israel Baptist Church, where she studied and was a prominent member. She enjoyed walking, reading the Bible, and touched the lives of many with her kindness, wisdom, and unwavering positivity. Joann spent her years as a lead on her team in environmental service and a union rep helping others supporting them in their quest for their rights in employment at John Hopkins Hospital where she retired gracefully. Her presence will be deeply missed by family, friends, and all who had the privileged of knowing her.*

*Joann is preceded in death by: Samuel Biggers, Jereline McLaurin, Jacob and Emma Peterson, Milton, Erman, Nathaniel, Aaron, Gerald, Jereline, Odette, and Linda, She is survived by her spouse Anthony Peterson and children Jerry and Rhonda Long, Antione and Trina Sawyer, and Chante. Her grandchildren Shamyia, Jazmen, Latrelle, Tyler, Taylor, Cache, Kamari, Cory, Chris, Jeremy, Geron, Tobias, Ty'rique, Joshua, and Courtney. Her siblings: Deborah, Paula (Lawrence), Brenda, and Kenneth. Her great granddaughter Kaliyah, bonus kids Shenita, Karen, Toya, bonus grandkids, Donte, Shanyea, Joe, and Kierra, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family members and loved ones*

# ORDER OF SERVICES

**Presiding**

**Processional**

**Opening Hymn**

**Old Testament**

**New Testament**

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Solo**

**Words of Comfort**

**Acknowledgements**

**Reading of the Obituary**

**Solo**

**Eulogy**

**Recessional**



# OUR FIRST LOVE

It was just us three, you, Jerry, and me, and we put you through a lot, but no matter what you still showed us love. You took care of us no matter how bad things got, even when you were going through your own heartbreak you still took care of your boys.

You showed us what a real woman is, and also how to love one. You showed us how to be good fathers even though I fell short at times. I will always try to be better for you. I promise you have my word. Jerry has Rhonda and I have Trina, you will always be our world, and more importantly our first love, love you mama.  
Antione

# DEAR GRANDMA

The love you gave me will never leave my heart, I will always remember the times where I wanted for nothing and needed for nothing. I will miss the phone calls that we call our "goossip sessions" that turned into you reading me a bible scripture that I needed to hear through my most hardest times. I will miss the homemade spaghetti that I use to come all the way west for. Most importantly I will miss the way you call my name, and the times we shared, down to the first day of me being born. You will always be in my heart and will never be forgotten. Thank you for all you have done for me.

Love Always,  
Jaz

## A message from Heaven

PERHAPS YOU ARENT READY YET TO HAVE TO SAY GOOD-BYE..  
PERHAPS YOU'VE THOUGHT OF THINGS YOU WISH YOU'D SAID WELL, SO HAVE I.  
FOR ONE THING, I'D HAVE TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY ABOUT ME I'M WITH THE LORD IN HEAVEN NOW-YOU KNEW THAT'S WHERE I'D BE.  
I'M SORRY THAT YOU'RE FEELING SAD, FOR I'M SO HAPPY NOW, I'VE ASKED THE LORD TO EASE THE HURT AND COMFORT YOU SOMEHOW  
IT'S HARD AT THE BEGINNING, BUT I KNOW YOU'LL MAKE IT THROUGH  
I HOPE IT HELPS TO KNOW THAT I'LL BE WAITING HERE FOR  
GRANDMA JOANN

# Release Me

Release Me  
Release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears. Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love and you can only guess,  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for awhile that we must part  
So bless the memories with in your heart  
I won't 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 my love around you soft and clear And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say, Welcome Home  
Love Always Your Mother

I THOUGHT OF YOU TODAY, BUT THAT'S NOTHING NEW  
I THOUGHT OF YOU YESTERDAY AND DAYS BEFORE THAT TOO.  
I THINK OF YOU IN SILENCE  
I OFTEN CRY YOUR NAME.  
ALL I HAVE ARE MEMORIES AND YOUR PICTURES IN A FRAME.  
YOU'RE MEMORIES IS A KEEPSAKE FROM WHICH I'LL NEVER PART  
GOD HAS YOU IN HIS ARMS AND I HAVE YOU IN MY HEART.  
"YOUR HUSBAND PETEY"

# Aunt Joann

YOU HAVE SUFFERED AUNTIE LONG ENOUGH,  
YOU WERE BRAVE STRONG AND TOUGH. THE BATTLE YOU FOUGHT WAS LONG AND HARD,  
BUT IT'S OKAY AUNTIE LET GO AND LET GOD. IT HAS HURT ALL OF US WHEN YOU LEFT THAT DAY,  
IT LEFT US BROKEN HEARTED WITH NOTHING TO SAY.  
WE DON'T WANT TO BE SELFISH SAY PLEASE DON'T LEAVE,  
BECAUSE THE LAST THING WE WANTED WAS TO HURT OR GRIEVE. WE KNOW IN OUR HEART YOU ARE IN A BETTER PLACE, BUT WE SWEAR WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE. WE GOING TO MISS THE TALKS WE WOULD HAVE, AND THE STORIES WE WOULD TELL THAT WOULD MAKE YOU LAUGH.  
GOD JUST NEEDED YOU TO COME HOME, YES WE KNOW IT HAS MADE THE FAMILY SORE.  
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED EVERY SINGLE DAY,  
FROM THE SMILE ON YOUR FACE TO THE THINGS YOU WOULD SAY. YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR SPACE IN HEAVEN RIGHT WHERE YOU BELONG,  
RIGHT UP THERE WITH MILTON, ERMIE, BUTCHIE, NAKA, TOMMY, GRAND, LIL JEREL, AND ODETTE. Y'ALL CAN NOW GOSSIP FOR HOURS WITH NO REGRETS. YES WE ALL KNOW THAT WE NEED TO BE STRONG, BUT THROUGH OUR FAMILY YOUR MEMORY WILL LIVE ON. YOU DON'T NEED TO FIGHT ANYMORE JUST LET GO AND LET GOD, WHILE YOU WERE HERE ON EARTH YOU DID YOUR JOB.  
YOU DID YOUR PART TO KEEP FAMILY TOGETHER,  
THAT'S WHY YOU WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS ALWAYS AND FOREVER.

Love you!

Rest in Paradise Trina

SHAREESE Aunt Joann LOVE YOU

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN Marlo

OH GRANDMA IM GONNA MISS YOU Jazmen

HEAVEN COULDN'T WAIT Charona

Angie love you

Shaniqua

LOVE YOU AUNT JO

THIS A HARD ONE Grandma LATRELLE

We got to Miss You

LOVEYOU PUNCHIE

KANDICE

GRANDMA WE HAD A TIME SHAMAIYA

Melki

PARTY IN HEAVEN

R.I.P. NIQUE

NEVER FOGOTTEN! DeJoune

# Pallbearers

**NEPHEWS**

## *ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS*

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### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO**

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