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The family of Anita Miller would like to acknowledge each act of kindness and love displayed during this time. We sincerely appreciate the calls, texts, expression of condolences and most of all the prayers. May God continue to bless, strengthen, and comfort you.



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THE LIFE STORY OF

ANITA MILLER

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Anita Viola Hicks was born in Shelby, North Carolina on February 3, 1953, to the late Donald and Julia Hicks. She departed this life on Monday, September 1, 2025.

The family relocated from North Carolina to New Jersey, where Anita grew up within a loving, closely-knitted extended family unit.

Anita was baptized at Shiloh Baptist church at an early age and educated within the Newark Public School District. In 1972, she graduated from Barringer High School and then attended Bloomfield College. While in college, Anita worked security, was employed at the campus library and was also an active participant in the Black Student Union (BSU) and history organization. She graduated from Bloomfield earning a bachelor of arts degree in History.

Anita met the love of her life, James Alfred Miller and they were united in holy matrimony on October 6, 1979. Anita and James were together for nearly 30 years, before James' demise. To this union, two children were born, Tennille and James Jr. (JJ).

Anita was employed at East Orange General Hospital for over 35 years as a billing clerk. During her time at East Orange General, she was a steady presence within the patient accounts department. Before retiring in August of 2020, Anita was recognized for her years of dedication and many accolades, receiving titles such as: employee of the month. During her retirement years, Anita loved to care for her dog Lucy, whom she affectionately referred to as her "fur-grandbaby."

In the family, Anita is remembered for being caring, spending time with her family and she was always willing to babysit her younger cousins. Furthermore, Anita is best known for her quick wit and humor. She also enjoyed having a meticulously clean environment and made sure to have an orderly household, which she inherited from her mother, Julia.

Anita Miller was preceded in death by her late husband, James Miller, Sr., her parents, Donald and Julia Hicks, and one brother Nowenski Hicks.

She is left to cherish her memory, her daughter Tennille and son-in-law, Jordan Sterling. Her son James Miller, Jr. and his fiancée, Andrea Bryant.

Anita is survived by her three brothers: Marshall (Minnie) Hicks of East Orange, NJ. Trustee Gregory (Tressie) Hicks of Roselle, NJ. Winfred Hicks of Mount Pocono, PA. and her one "and only sister" Bonnie Hicks Harris (Herb) of West Orange, NJ.

She also leaves behind her nephews: Cherod, Marcus, Patrick, Charles and Frankie. And nieces: Jeanine, Sirena, Devona, Shanice, Chante, Jasmine, Zaria, Aria, and Avis.

A host of cousins, relatives and friends. As well as her dog Lucy.

ORDER OF Service

Thursday, September 11, 2025

11:00 AM

Agape Family Worship Center

501 East Hazelwood Ave., Rahway, NJ 07065

Bishop Anthony Gilyard, Host Pastor

MUSICAL SELECTION

PRAYER OF COMFORT
Minister Jessica Greene

SCRIPTURE READING
Old and New Testament

MUSICAL SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & OBITUARY

Tressie Hicks

REFLECTIONS
(2minutes)

Reggie Miller, Loretta Boone, Christine Harris, Bonnie Harris and
Jordan Sterling

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