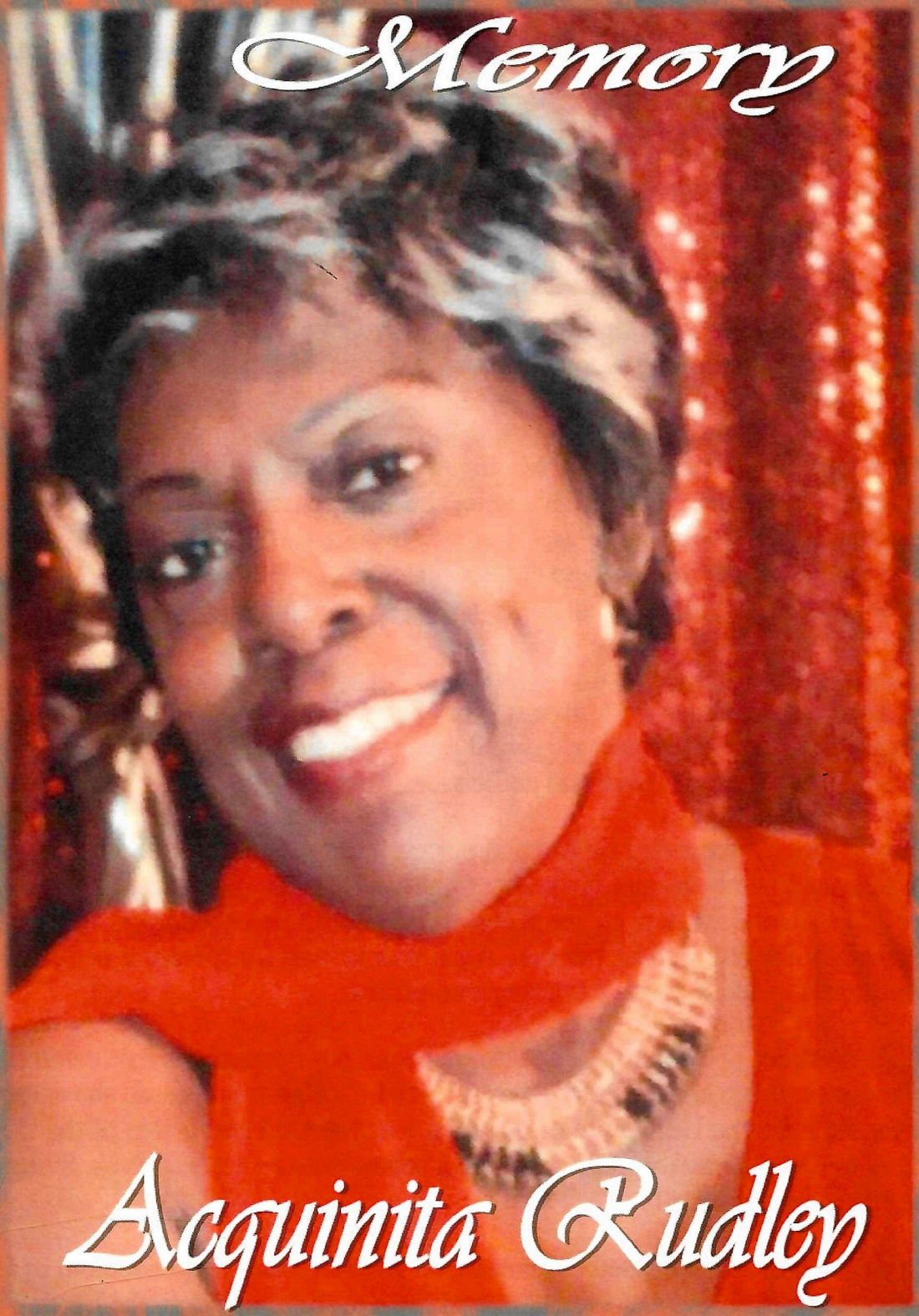
In loving Memory



Acquinita Rudley

Sunrise
Oct. 4, 1957

Sunset
Jan. 12, 2026

A Spiritual Tribute to the Life of Acquinita Rudley

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant." – Matthew 25:21

Aqua Henderson was born on October 4, 1957, in Watervliet, Michigan, to Herbert and Florence Henderson. She was raised and educated in Benton Harbor, Michigan, where she learned early the values of faith, hard work, and caring for others.

At the age of 12, Aqua accepted the Lord as her personal Savior at Bethlehem Temple Church in Benton Harbor, under the leadership of Pastor Hunter. From that moment forward, her life was guided by her faith and by a deep belief that God places each of us exactly where we are for a purpose.

Following in the footsteps of her grandparents, Converst and Florence Jackson, Aqua entered the field of real estate as a young woman. Her entrepreneurial spirit and independence were evident early, as she was never content to remain idle when God had more work for her to do.

In 1979, Aqua moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she continued working while later pursuing cosmetology school. During this time, she worked as a Kmart cashier and later as a cab driver, putting herself through school with perseverance and faith. After completing her training, Aqua began doing hair and eventually rented space at Madison Square, where she styled hair for over ten years. Her gentle spirit, gifted hands, and genuine care for people earned her the name "Aqua's Touch."

Though she tried several times to step away from hairstyling, her loyal clients, many of whom became family, would not allow her to quit. She later transitioned to doing hair from her home, continuing to serve others with love and dedication.

Aqua's heart for service extended far beyond her profession. She worked with the elderly, individuals with special needs, and opened her home as a foster care parent. She also worked as a bus driver and cafeteria worker for the Kenowa Hills and Comstock Park, where she was especially loved by the children on her bus. Aqua was known for speaking words of encouragement and wisdom, always pouring into others.

In 1997, while working in Comstock Park, Aqua began her courageous battle with breast cancer. Even during this trial, her faith never wavered. During this season, she earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix, trusting God every step of the way. Through faith, strength, and perseverance, Aqua became a seven-time cancer survivor, living proof that God still had purpose for her life.

Aqua was a devoted member of Bethel Pentecostal Church under the leadership of Bishop Abney, where she joyfully sang in the choir, making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Entrepreneurial and obedient to God's calling, Aqua also owned and operated a trucking company, Florence Nightingales. She often said, "God got me here for a reason—not to just sit and look." Those words were not only something she believed, but something she lived.

Before traveling to California, Aqua worked in transportation, continuing her pattern of service and independence. In 2013, during one of her visits to California to visit her father, Aqua spent time in an area her father loved to fish—Bombay Beach. She would say, "Everybody out here always think this is a forgotten land —but God says it's not forgotten."

Moved by that belief, Aqua used her Social Security income to open a small convenience store called the Chow Market, providing food and necessities to people who were unable to leave their homes. She viewed this not as a business, but as a ministry.

While going through her own struggles, Aqua always thought about others. Though her dream was to serve aboard the Mercy Ship, she faithfully supported that mission by donating to Mercy Ships, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Shriners Children's Hospital, and City of Hope Hospital. Giving was an expression of her faith and compassion, rooted in her belief that God had placed her where she was to serve.

Aqua was a devoted wife to her husband, Richard Rudley; an honored mother of seven children; a blessed nanny to fourteen grandchildren; and a guardian angel to three great-grandchildren. Her family was one of her greatest joys and her most treasured ministry.

Even in her final days, Aqua never focused on her own suffering. Her heart remained fixed on service, and she continued to dream of helping others. Until the moment God called her home, she found peace listening to prayer and sermons—especially those of Billy Graham, whom she deeply admired.

Aqua was truly a Proverbs 31 woman, faithful, strong, compassionate, and obedient to God's call. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-mother, sister, family member, and friend, and she will be greatly missed by every life she touched.

Order of service

Opening Prayer and reading of Psalm 139

PASTOR BRUCE MCCOY

Poems/Cards

LAKISHA HENDERSON

Musical selection

1ST LADY SHIRLEY MCCOY

Reading of Obituary

MINISTRY FELICE CHAFFIN -PEACOCK

Eulogy

PASTOR ROSEMARY DAVIS

Musical selection

DOUGLAS MILLER (My Soul Anchor)

Remarks Family/friends 3min or less

Closing Prayer

SUPERINTENDENT THOMPSON

(SAN MARCOS TEXAS)


WORLD
CHA GERS
NO
SILBINGS

My first home, my forever angel. My greatest blessing, my forever love.

Sheresse

The most qualified Mother God could have given me. Many teachings were given, however the most vital teaching that triumphs all teachings was sharing Christ The Messiah. And for that I will praise the Lord all my life, celebrating the love of God our Mother shared.

Jazymne

Your the only reason I am what I am. I'm forever grateful to be your baby boy.

Jamal

Hey Momma, My Queen, with unwavering faith in the lord. You are

Superwomen. You showed me so much throughout my life. I talk about it

whenever the world asks. I just tell them my Mom taught me. You were my first and strongest supporter in everything I aspired to do. No matter how crazy it would sound. Mom, you were a blessing in my life and to countless others. I'm truly going to miss showing up randomly and unannounced, surprising you, and hugging, smiling, and talking for hours—on or off the phone. But most of all, I'll miss the simple enjoyment of just saying, "Hi Momma... Hi Momma... Hi Momma," and hearing you say "Hi" back while at the foot of the bed or next to your presence. Mom I love you.

Kyle

Excited to see ya momma .

Tavon

Missing you mama. Thank you for everything .

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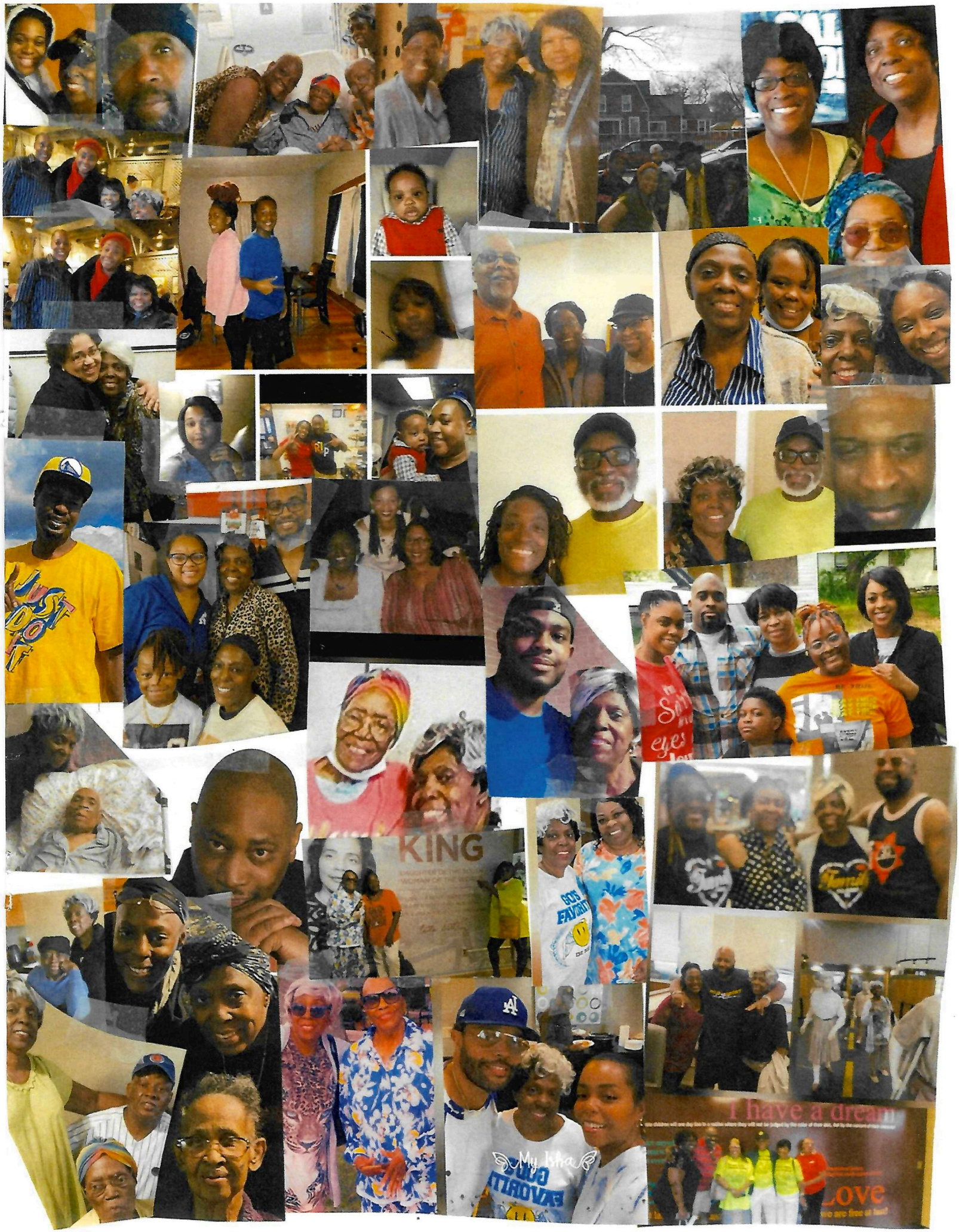
I Got My Wings

Keyona Clark

There's a book of instructions to love and to trust, to get your wings
To be honest, resist temptation and lust, to get your wings
Life of sacrifice, tests and waiting, to get your wings
Shows strength in choices worth creating, to get your wings
Winning, losing, peace and patience, to get your wings
Guides us through life's many situations, to get your wings back
Some people gone before their time, they got their wings
Mom, Dad, BigMomma, BigDaddy, Vottus, Tavon I'm next in line, to get my wings
Cancer lost 9 times before it claimed me, to get my wings
I'm free from pain no longer hurting, I got my wings
Keep your faith in GOD, he'll never steer you wrong, I got my wings
Because with his love you can't go wrong, I got my wings

Love You Nita
Forever In My Heart

Your Sister
(Tecia)


KING
I have a dream
Love


Family Love



I have done My BEST Giving GOD the rest


NOT
ASPIRING
TO BE
HUMBLE.
LOVE YOU NANNY
We
ARE
Blessed

Pallbearers:
Kyle Jackson
Jamal Jackson
Immanuel Clark
Lewi Coleman
Jamie Souels
Moliek Henderson
Ardis Sanders

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On behalf of Acquinita's
Family..We Thank you for coming and showing your love..
May God bless and keep you..
Thank you so much Crystal and Staff for everything...

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