

**MOMMY THIS WASN'T
SUPPOSE TO BE GOODBYE**

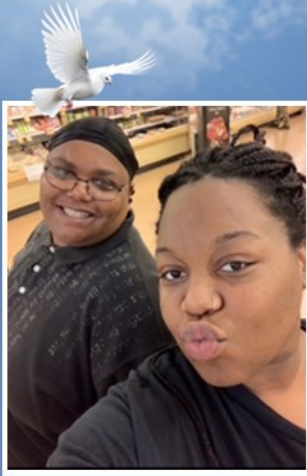
April first came dressed so light,
A day for laughter, jokes, and bright—
But none could match the pain it gave,
The day I lost my mom,
my safe haven, my love.

I wished, I prayed, "It's just a lie,"
A foolish joke, not a goodbye
But time stood still, the truth cut through,
And took away my heart—my you.

Oh Mommy, the things I wish I said,
The time I wish we still had ahead,
One more hug, one more call,
One more moment that's all.

April Fools was meant for play,
Not tears that never fade away,
Not losing you, my guiding light,
My comfort, love, my home, my right.

In all I am, in all I do,
I'll laugh, I'll love the way you taught
Because of you... I'm all I've got.



SIS... here I go again.

Just days ago we were together,
laughing, talking, sharing time—
never knowing those moments
would become our last.

Tuesday night was our final call.
Your voice was full of life,
your spirit so strong...
I didn't know goodbye
would mean forever.

Though my heart is heavy,
I find comfort knowing
you're reunited with your mom,
your brother, your father,
and now all your boys.

If you see Ray-Dog,
tell him I said, "What's up."

Down here,
we've got Damone and Ro-Ro.

Sis, your love lives on
in every memory
and every heart you touched.

Until we meet again.

Love always,
Angel & your Stanton Terrace family 4 Life ❤️

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Lakiya

JULINA JOANEM

JUNE 29, 1977 | APRIL 1, 2026

Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Viewing: 10AM | Celebration of Life: 11AM

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F O R E V E R I N O U R H E A R T S

REMEMBERING BOOKIYA

Lakiya Julina Joanem, affectionately known as "Bookiya," was born in Washington, DC, on June 29, 1977, to her dearly departed mother, Ethel Mae Williams, and father, Joanem. She was raised in Southeast Washington, DC, where she built lifelong connections and cherished many fond memories. She received her education through the DC Public School System and later relocated to Maryland.

Bookiya loved her daughter very much and was extremely excited while awaiting her arrival—it was love at first sight. She was also overjoyed to become a grandmother. She loved her family and friends deeply and enjoyed spending time with them, whether bowling, hosting cookouts, or having house gatherings.

To know Bookiya was to experience joy. She had a radiant spirit and a wonderful sense of humor that could brighten any room. She always carried a warm smile and a loving heart. She loved to sing, dance, listen to music, laugh, and entertain those around her. She loved football, especially the NFL and the Patriots, and made sure everybody knew it. She would fuss, yell at the TV, and talk her trash during every game. Watching football with her meant laughter—it was loud, real, and all her.

She was a devoted and resilient woman. After the passing of her mother, she continued to grow, persevere, and accomplish much. Though she faced challenges, she overcame them with strength and determination. Through her work in transportation, she met many people and spread love and kindness wherever she went.

On Wednesday, April 1, 2026, Lakiya (Bookiya) gained her wings unexpectedly, leaving a profound void in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

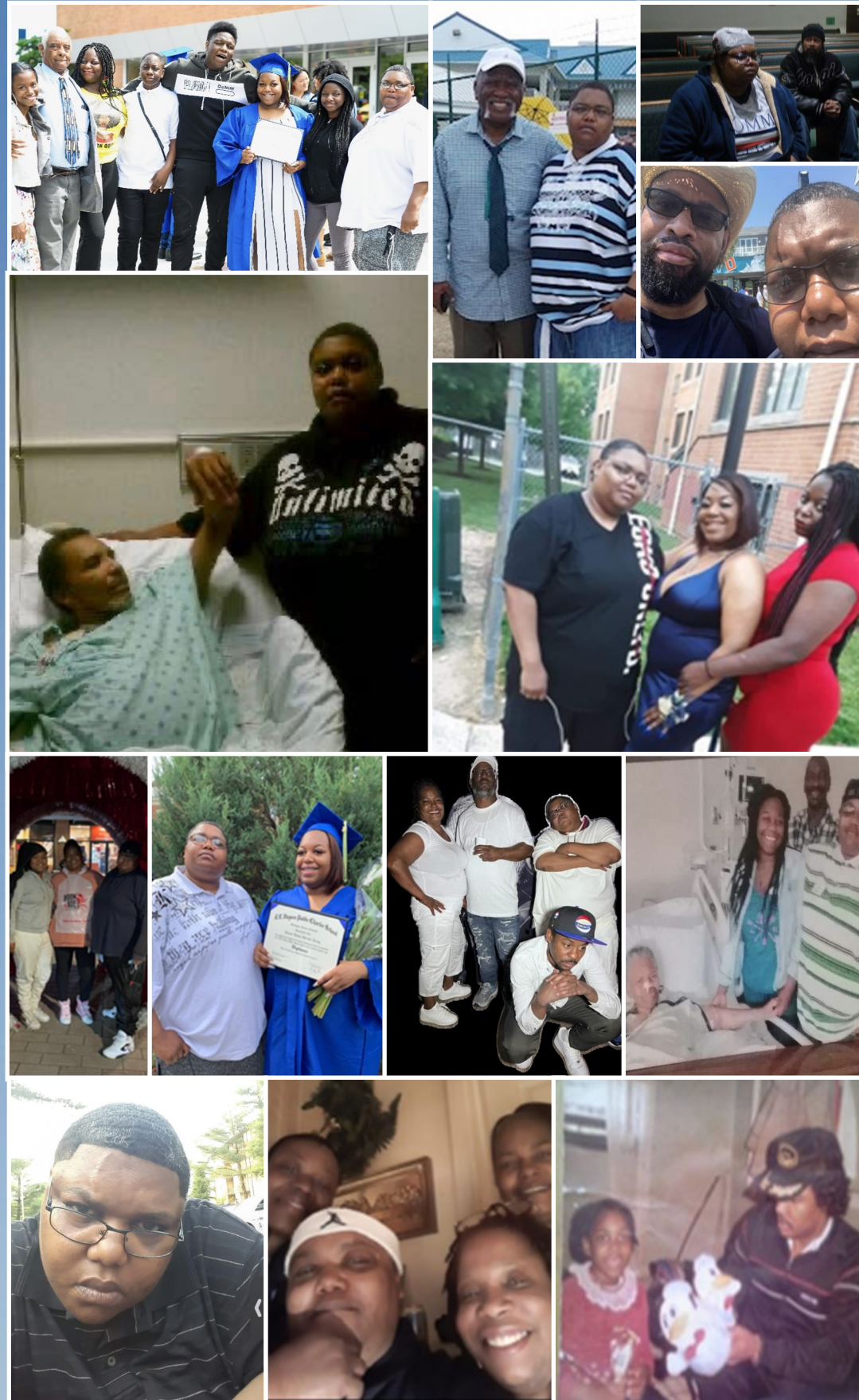
She was preceded in death by her mother, Ethel; her brother, Clinton; and her father, Malherbe.

She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved daughter, Damone Young, and her cherished grandson, Micah Alcorn.

She is also survived by her aunts: Mae H. Ware and Gail Suleman; her uncle: Rev. James T. Williams; and a host of nieces and nephews, including Darwin Jones Jr., her ride or die; nieces Melissa Jones, Meaghan Jones, Madyson Perrin, and Selena Anderson; god sisters Angel Jones, Carletha Jones (Dee-Dee), Denise Jones, Juanita Ellerbe, Latarsha Murphy, Eboni Bowman-

Roseboro, and DeVon Gwyn; god brothers Antonio Jones, Walter Jones, Darnell Murphy, Dennis Jones, and Donald Jones.

Special friend/mother Eboni Washington special Friend Kia Williams. Childhood best friend Jackie Watts, along with a host of family and friends who will deeply miss her.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Invocation
Cedar Hill

Opening Selection

Scripture Reading
Psalm 23 - Old Testament
John 14:1-6 - New Testament

Prayer of Consolation
Pastor Wayne Smith

Selection
Ms. Telia Lawson
"Alabaster Box"

Reading of Obituary

Cards & Acknowledgments

Reflections
Family & Friends
2 MINUTES EACH

Selection
Ms. Telia Lawson
"I Shall Wear A Crown"

Eulogy
Pastor Wayne Smith

Benediction

Recessional
"I am free, praise the Lord"
Ms. Telia Lawson

Interment
Cedar Hill Cemetery