



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

TERESA DENISE GRAHAM

SUNRISE

October 22, 1963

SUNSET

May 31, 2025



SERVICES HONORING HER LEGACY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

Viewing 2:00PM | Service 4:00PM

THE ARCHES

600 E. Chestnut Street, Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Eulogist: Rev. Rashad D. Grove, MDiv, MA | Ceremony Leader: Jon A. White, Jr.

A Matriarch's Journey



In the quiet moments between breaths,

She knows love is both the beginning and the end.
A matriarch, a keeper of stories,
Her love pours into every corner of our lives,
Filling the spaces between our hearts with light,
Binding us through the ebb and flow of time.

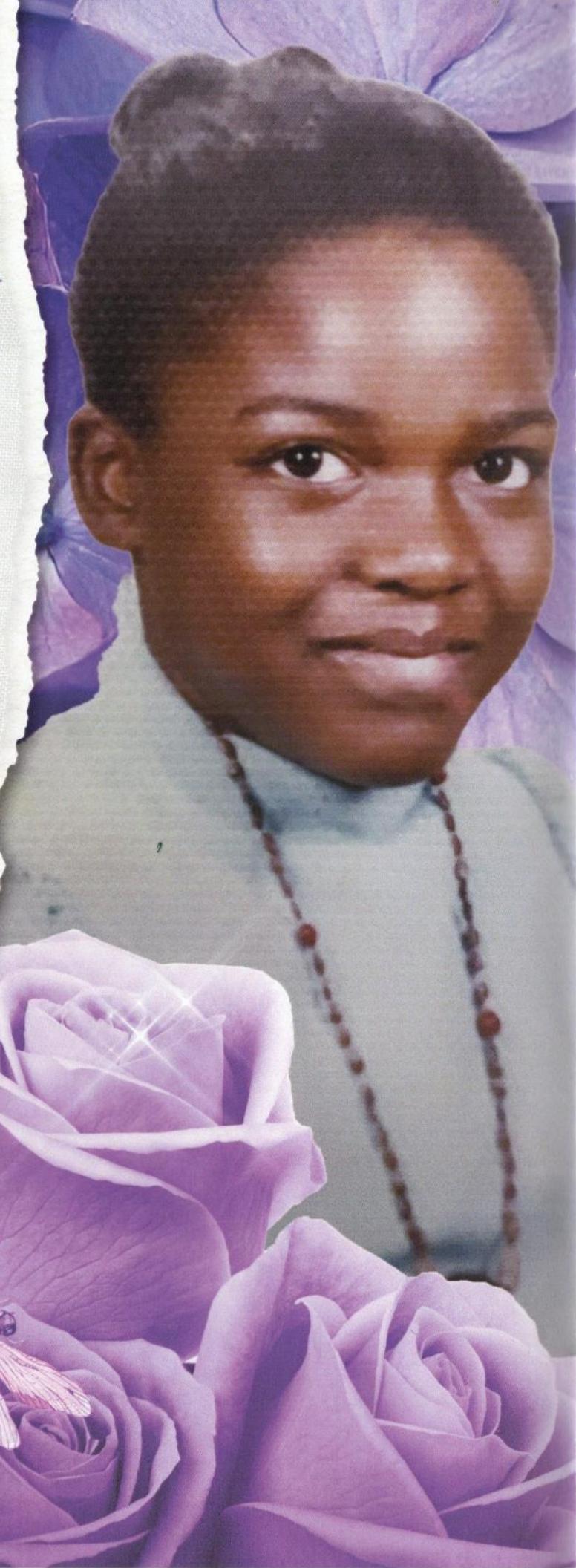
She teaches us that love and loss are not strangers,
But two sides of the same eternal coin.
Each step in this journey, though shadowed by sorrow,
Is but a reminder that love does not die,
It transforms,
Evolving into the rhythm of our memories,
The heartbeat of our souls.

Time, as she shows us, is not to be measured
By the ticking of the clock,
But by the moments we hold in the stillness,
The moments we give to one another,
To grieve, to heal, to love again.

For death is not an end, but a doorway,
Where we shed what no longer serves
And are reborn into the arms of forever.
Her legacy, like the sun's eternal rise and fall,
Is a cycle-
A cycle of love and loss,
Of remembrance and letting go,
Forever imprinted in the heartbeats of those she loved.

Her spirit lingers in the space between time-
A matriarch's love,
A mother's embrace,
A guide through grief,
A bridge between worlds,
A light that will never fade.

- Portia Nichelle



LIFE STORY

Teresa Denise Graham, 61, of Coatesville, PA, transitioned suddenly on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Chester County Hospital in West Chester, PA. Teresa was born on October 22, 1963, at Coatesville Hospital, the fifth of six children born to the late Rev. Dr. Joshua Grove II and Margaret Grove (nee Harris).

With a career spanning over 35 years in the therapy and counseling industry, Teresa was dedicated to empowering individuals and families through support, guidance, and healing. Her work touched countless lives, from providing addiction recovery counseling to advocating for at-risk youth to supporting those in transition from incarceration. Teresa's professional journey was marked by a deep commitment to service, utilizing her skills and compassionate nature to foster growth, resilience, and transformation in every individual she encountered. Her work was a reflection of her belief in second chances, personal growth, and the power of community.

Teresa's academic career was just as remarkable as her professional one. She was a proud graduate of Coatesville Area Senior High School, Class of 1981, where she laid the foundation for her lifelong commitment to learning. Teresa furthered her education, earning an Associate of Science in Human Services from Lincoln University, where she began her path of service to others. She continued her academic journey, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Health from Alvernia University in 2014. Along with her formal education, Teresa earned numerous certifications throughout her career, strengthening her expertise in various fields of counseling, therapy, and holistic care.

In addition to her work in counseling, Teresa had a lifelong passion for cooking. What started as a love for preparing meals for her family blossomed into a professional pursuit when she became a certified Sous Chef through the Chester County Food Bank. Her culinary skills were put to good use as she worked at Wegmans as a Line Prep Sous Chef, where she brought her creative and nurturing spirit into the kitchen. Cooking was one of Teresa's greatest joys, and she loved sharing her passion for food with those around her.

Beyond her professional work, Teresa was deeply committed to volunteering. She served with AseraCare Hospice, offering comfort and care to hospice residents until her last day. Teresa's compassion and desire to help others navigate life's most difficult transitions reflected her heart of service.

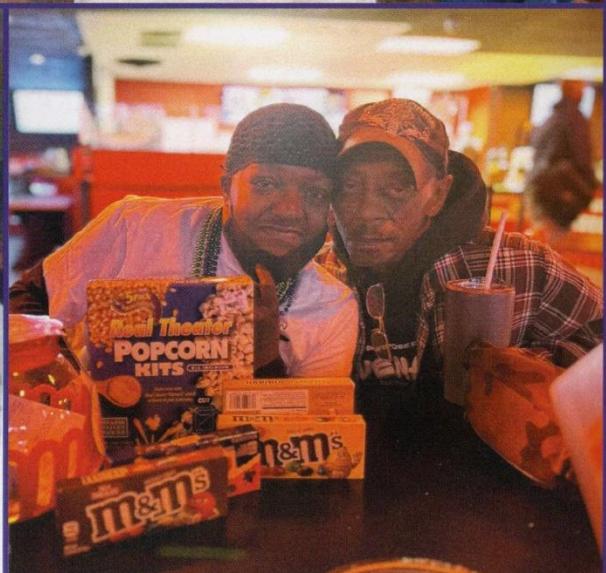
In October 2020, Teresa and her husband, Wayne, took on the responsibility of caring for and preserving the Evergreen Colored Cemetery Project in Valley Township (Hayti), honoring the rich history of their community.

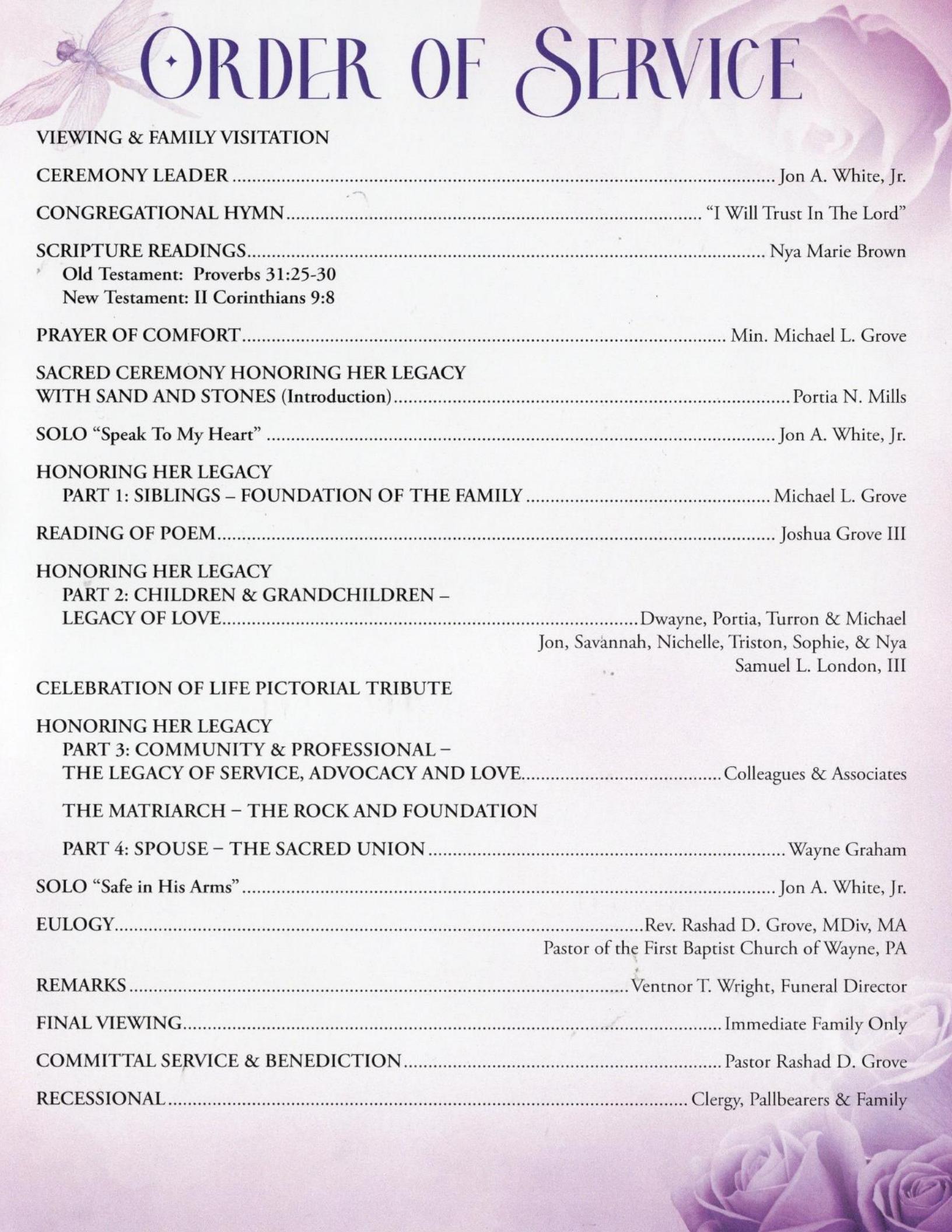
Teresa was also passionate about her family's heritage. She spent countless hours researching her maternal family's history, compiling records and photos that will be cherished for generations. Her love for her family, nature, and holistic health guided her every action. She enjoyed shopping, cooking, and spending time in the outdoors.

Teresa was a devoted wife to Wayne Graham, celebrating 44 years of marriage on May 23, 2025. She was the loving mother of Dwayne A. Graham, Portia Nichelle Graham-Mills (Jamar), Turron A. Graham, and Michael S. Graham (Trina). Teresa was preceded in death by her father, Rev. Dr. Joshua Grove II; brother, Stanley Roosevelt Grove; sister, Carmen M. Figueroa; maternal grandparents, Jiles and Alice Harris (nee Irving); paternal grandparents, Rev. Josh Grove Sr. and Mamie Grove (nee Robinson); and two grandsons, Desmond Ant'ione Graham-Smith and Legend Airy Graham (infants).

Teresa is survived by her mother, Margaret Harris-Grove; siblings, Michael L. Grove, Margaret D. Hines (Anthony), and Joshua Grove III; grandchildren, Jon Anthony White Jr., Savannah Gabriela Graham, Nya Marie Brown, Nichelle Denise Maelani Graham-Mahuka, Triston D'Sean Graham-Legree and Sophie C. Graham; three nephews, Samuel Louis London III (Stephanie), Michael Stowers; two nieces, Martina D.L. Ozvald (Dorijan), and Christiane Grove; three great-nephews, Samuel L. London IV, Joshua D. London, and Neo V. Ozvald; three great-nieces, Michelle Igelhaut, Lara Igelhaut, and Mathilda Grove; one uncle, Rev. James Grove Sr. (Mary); two aunts, Doretha Grove and Mattie Grove, and many loving relatives and friends.

Teresa's loving spirit, unwavering dedication to her community, and tireless work as a counselor, advocate, and volunteer will never be forgotten. She made a lasting impact on countless lives through her compassion, advocacy, and service. Her legacy of love and selflessness will continue to inspire and guide all who knew her.





ORDER OF SERVICE

VIEWING & FAMILY VISITATION

CEREMONY LEADER Jon A. White, Jr.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "I Will Trust In The Lord"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Nya Marie Brown

Old Testament: Proverbs 31:25-30

New Testament: II Corinthians 9:8

PRAYER OF COMFORT Min. Michael L. Grove

SACRED CEREMONY HONORING HER LEGACY

WITH SAND AND STONES (Introduction) Portia N. Mills

SOLO "Speak To My Heart" Jon A. White, Jr.

HONORING HER LEGACY

PART 1: SIBLINGS – FOUNDATION OF THE FAMILY Michael L. Grove

READING OF POEM Joshua Grove III

HONORING HER LEGACY

PART 2: CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN –

LEGACY OF LOVE Dwayne, Portia, Turron & Michael
Jon, Savannah, Nichelle, Triston, Sophie, & Nya
Samuel L. London, III

CELEBRATION OF LIFE PICTORIAL TRIBUTE

HONORING HER LEGACY

PART 3: COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL –

THE LEGACY OF SERVICE, ADVOCACY AND LOVE Colleagues & Associates

THE MATRIARCH – THE ROCK AND FOUNDATION

PART 4: SPOUSE – THE SACRED UNION Wayne Graham

SOLO "Safe in His Arms" Jon A. White, Jr.

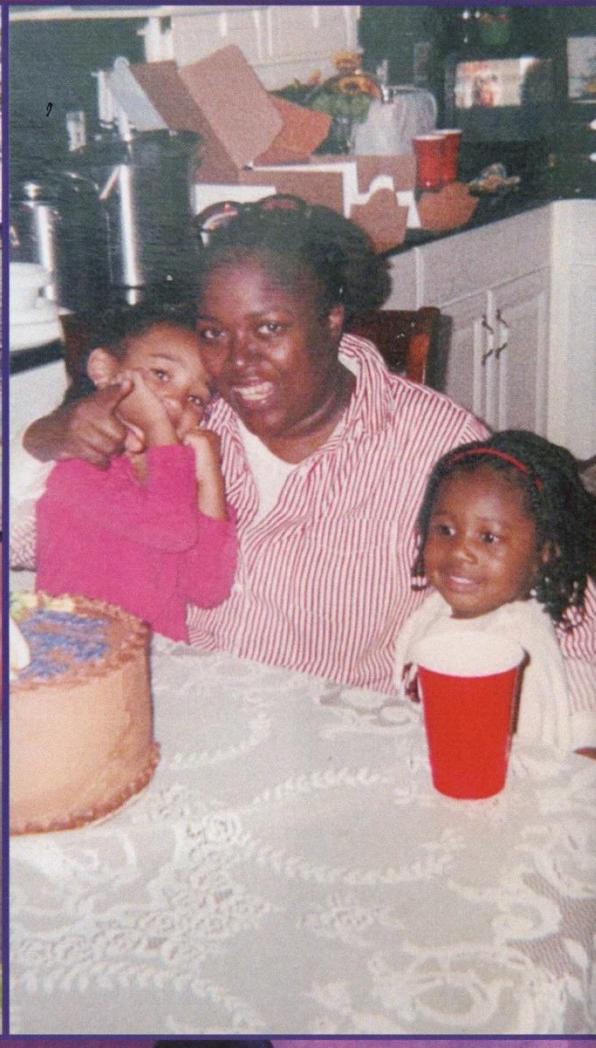
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Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wayne, PA

REMARKS Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director

FINAL VIEWING Immediate Family Only

COMMittal SERVICE & BENEDICTION Pastor Rashad D. Grove

RECESSIONAL Clergy, Pallbearers & Family



PALLBEARERS

Joshua Grove III
Turron A. Graham
Jon A. White, Jr.
Samuel L. London III

Dwayne A. Graham
Michael S. Graham
Triston D. Graham - Legree
Jamar Mills

FLOWER BEARERS

Granddaughters & Nieces

INTERMENT

Private Cremation

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Teresa D. Graham extends our heartfelt appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless you.



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