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"TINY"  
GIVENS

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NOVEMBER 19, 1959 - JANUARY 10, 2025

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*Life Celebration Service:*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

FUNERAL: 11:00 A.M.

**TRUE LOVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

1941 H STREET, LAS VEGAS, NV, 89106

# THE LIFE STORY OF

## *Yvonne "Tiny" Givens*

Yvonne "Tiny" Givens, a devoted daughter, loving friend, and pillar in her community, passed away surrounded by the love of her family. Born on November 19, 1959, to the late Alma Givens, Yvonne's life was forever changed when she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age. She was a dedicated member of Victory Missionary Baptist Church, where she shared her gift of song through her work in the church choir. A true Las Vegas native, Yvonne grew up in the city and attended Valley High School, where she developed her passions and interests that would stay with her throughout her life.

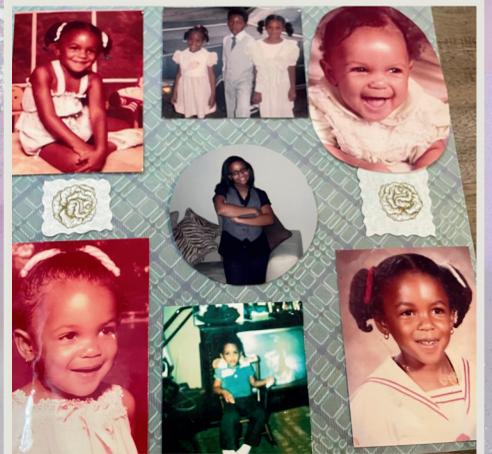
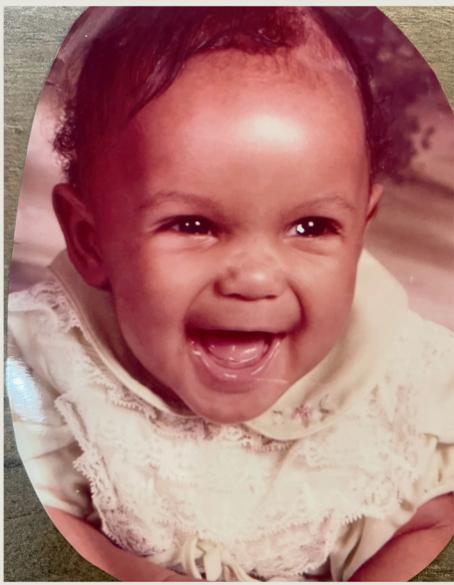
Yvonne's journey through life was marked by countless milestones, but none brought her more joy or purpose than the arrival of her beautiful daughter, Kinika Renee Givens in 1977. Becoming a mother was a defining chapter, one that filled her heart with immeasurable love and gave her life new meaning. Alongside the joys of motherhood, Yvonne found a deep and enduring bond with Ray "Steve" Mims. Together, they nurtured a loving family, raising Kinika and her brother Que with unwavering devotion and care. Their partnership was built on mutual respect and shared values, creating a home filled with love, guidance, and cherished memories.

Her career at Opportunity Village spanned over four decades, from 1978 until her early retirement in 2018. During this time, she made a lasting impact on the lives of those she served and touched the hearts of all who knew her. Tiny's unwavering dedication to her clients at Opportunity Village was nothing short of inspiration. She approached every interaction with genuine care, taking pride in fostering deep, meaningful conversations that nurtured trust and understanding. Her heartfelt guidance in life skills empowered those she worked with, leaving an indelible impact on their personal growth and sense of self-worth. Tiny's passion for helping others was evident in the joy she found in every moment, ensuring each client felt seen, valued, and supported on their journey.

Yvonne's love for life was contagious, and she poured her heart and soul into the activities she loved. Yvonne was a woman of many passions. She was a talented dancer who mastered the art of the 2-step, a skilled bowler who brought home numerous victories, and an avid skater who glided across the ice with ease. Her gift for decorating was unparalleled, transforming spaces into breathtaking works of art that left all who saw them in awe. She had a remarkable ability to transform any space into a stunning masterpiece, turning a simple shack into a palace. Her impeccable fashion sense was legendary, always stepping out looking like a million bucks. Throughout her life, Yvonne's love for her family and friends was unwavering, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Her legacy will live on in the countless lives she touched and the memories she created along the way. Yvonne's radiant spirit, steadfast faith, and the boundless joy she shared with everyone she touched will forever remain in our memories. Her light will continue to illuminate our hearts, inspiring us always.

She is preceded in death by her grandfather John E. Stowers, grandmother Bessie L Raspberry (Johnson), her mother Alma Jean (Stowers) Givens, Uncle Morris (Eunice) Stowers of Los Angeles, her special Aunt Josephine (Jo) Stowers Snedecor, Auntie Drucilla Mae Givens, her brothers Frederick Givens and Victor Leray Givens and special cousin Melasand a.k.a. Pokie Stowers, her big brother Melvin A Givens III, her nephew Patrick R, Fleming, long loved cousins Kendrick (Stowers) Coleman and Lavar (Stowers) Coleman. She leaves to cherish in memory her daughter Kinika Givens, her son Que Smith, her grandchildren Isis Renee Jenkins, Dae'Jon Smith, Tatiana Smith and Kamilla Smith. Her loving sisters Roslyn (Derrick) Givens, Jackie Givens, Dionne a.k.a. Ressie (Adam) Watson, Donald (Wenda) Givens, Clyde (Donna) Givens, Alfred (Crystal) Givens, Charles (Jan) Givens, Steve (JoAn) Givens. She was a dedicated sister, mother, aunt, cousin, grandmother and leaves a host of cousins; two special cousins Cassandra a.k.a. Missy (Larry) Williams and Stevie Stowers (Jennifer); two dear friends Sandra Brown and Vicki Wesley and a plethora of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.





# THE LIFE CELEBRATION OF

*Yvonne "Tiny" Givens*

## Order of Service

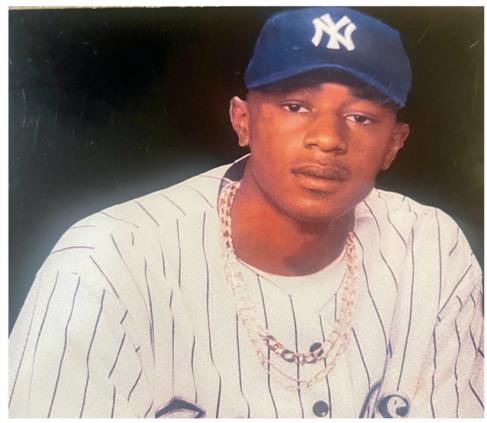
Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Prayer.....	Lamia Richardson
Scripture Reading.....	Lamia Richardson
Old Testament and New Testament.....	
Solo.....	Valerie Smith
Obituary & Acknowledgements.....	Lamia Richardson
Poem.....	Ebony Stowers
Praise Dance.....	Tiscia Cobb/ One Wing
Expressions (2 Minutes Please).....	Family & Friends
Solo.....	Teisha Regan
Memorial Video.....	Giddens Memorial Chapel
Eulogy.....	Pastor Alfred Johnson
Parting View.....	Giddens Memorial Chapel
Recessional.....	Clergy & Family



### *Repast*

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# *Tributes*

## Grandma's Love

*A gentle soul, a loving heart,  
Whose warmth and care will never part.  
Her hands that held us through the years,  
Now rest in peace, beyond our tears.  
Her laughter, like a soothing song,  
Will echo in our hearts lifelong.  
The wisdom in her kind embrace,  
It is etched forever in this space.  
Though she has gone, her love remains,  
A quiet strength through joy and pains.  
In every breeze, in every star,  
She's with us still, no matter how far,  
We'll carry on, though feeling small,  
For in our hearts, she's with us all.  
A grandmother's love, forever true,  
Will guide us on, as we move through.*



## Until We Meet Again

*My Dear Sister-in-Law,  
I will think about you always. You will never be forgotten, and will forever be missed.  
I will hold you in my heart, and there you will remain forever.*

*I can recall the very first time we met. You welcomed me into the family with open arms  
and with that beautiful, infectious smile of yours.  
Your warm and loving spirit lit up every room you entered making it brighter just by your mere presence.*

*I will always remember the family dinners and get togethers that you so thoughtfully planned. I can still hear your  
voice calling me, saying, "Sister Donna, I cooked some mustard greens—come over and get you some." Those  
moments gave us the chance to share laughter, hugs, and great food.  
These memories will forever bring a smile to my face.*

*Family and friends, let us hold on to the countless moments of joy and happiness that my  
Sister in Law so generously gave to each of us. Her love and light touched us all in ways that words can barely  
express.*

*So rest peacefully in His presence, my dear sister-in-law. I love you deeply.  
To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.  
Until we meet again, you will live in my heart and memories.*

*With love and gratitude,  
Sister Donna*



# *Tributes*

## Hey Tiny Girl...

*Hey Tiny girl, Did you know you were born November 19th, 1959?*

*Hey Tiny girl, Did you know that you would cause your mother to smile?*

*Hey Tiny girl, Did you know that you were born a star, a bright shining star?*

*Hey Tiny girl, Did you know that you were a decorative queen?*

*Hey Tiny girl, Did you know you would have a mini version of you?*

*Hey Tiny girl, Did you know she grew to have her own mini me too?*

*Hey Tiny girl, Did you know we will have a great time?*

*Hey Tiny girl, Did you know that you would throw the best parties?*

*Hey Tiny girl did you know that you would leave me?*

*That I would be lonely, very very lonely*

*Hey Tiny girl, did you know that you are free, so truly free?*

*Hey Tiny girl, do you know that I'll make it through, but all the while I'll be missing you?*





## *Pallbearers*

LeGary Stowers  
Aaron Givens  
Melvin Givens IV  
Brian Givens  
Jeremiah Givens  
Trevor Givens

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Clyde Givens  
Alfred Givens  
Donald Givens  
Stevie Stowers  
Derrick Lea Jr.

## *Acknowledgements*

The Family of Yvonne "Tiny" Renee Givens would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude, for your thoughts, outpouring of love, acts of kindness, and prayers we received during this exceedingly difficult time.



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