



Anita Lashelle Flowers

October 17, 1967 - November 16, 2022

Anita Lashelle Franklin was born in Panama City, Florida at Tyndall Airforce Base on October 17, 1967 to Mayola Watson and Howard Franklin, Jr. She was the second born of three siblings, between Jacqueline and Howard, Jr., II. Anita was born with the sweet personality and beautiful smile that she become known for throughout her life.

She attended public schools in Panama City, Florida, graduating from Rutherford High School in 1985. Anita attended Gulf Coast Junior College in Panama City, and then matriculated to Fayetteville State University where she was a member of the Army ROTC. After graduating from college, she joined the United States Army in 1990, ready to proudly serve her country, showing the strength and determination that characterized her. She returned from Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and was then stationed in an Army Reserve Unit in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Anita met and married Terry Wolfe in 1992, and they later divorced. To their union, Jasmyne was born in Tacoma, Washington. Anita was Jasmyne's best friend, and she could lean on her mother whenever needed, knowing her mom would answer her phone call no matter the time. Jasmyne would talk to her about anything, she was her confidant, her supporter, her rock, her counselor; her mom was her everything, and the most supportive person in her life. Anita poured her wisdom and knowledge into Jasmyne, guiding her away from

crazy, rash decisions, and keeping her on track. Jasmyne loved her mom and always wanted to be next to her.

Anita moved to Longwood, Florida in 1997. She joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 2001. In 2002, Anita and Willie became platonic roommates and served together in the same United States Army Reserve Unit. Their friendship later blossomed and on May 24, 2008, Anita and Willie married, becoming soulmates. They shared a genuine love and respect for each other. Their relationship started similar to any other couple in love, but they grew to become inseparable, enjoying many of the same hobbies, especially things they could do together, as they cherished each other's company. They remained inseparable until she departed this world.

Anita worked at CHEP as a Data Analyst for 20 years, retiring a few years ago. During her time with CHEP, she was passionate about volunteering to build homes with Habitat for Humanity to help families in the community. She was a valued team member, very dedicated to her work, and had many fond memories of her coworkers.

Anita enjoyed traveling, fishing, camping, was serious about bid whist, and she loved sports; especially football. Her favorite NFL team was the Washington Redskins (now Commanders) and the Wildcats of Bethune Cookman University. She was a season ticket holder for the Wildcats and really enjoyed attending their games, especially the road trips. Most of all, Anita loved being with family and friends, attending family reunions or any occasion everyone got together. She was quick with lending a helping hand and always ensuring everyone was good. Her unmistakable laugh would rang out, and her beautiful dazzling smile brightened every setting. She was a friend to all. She never gave a second thought to hitting the road to Panama City to see her mother or spend time with her sister, Jackie, with whom she shared a special and close bond. This was especially evident in the loving

care Jackie provided Anita in her final months.

Anita was a breast cancer survivor, and fought valiantly. Unfortunately, she suffered another setback with pancreatic cancer. She was strong - strong in character, strong in faith, strong in spirit - and fought a good fight until God called her home.

On Wednesday morning at 9:07a.m., Anita Flowers entered into sweet rest with the Saints in Heaven. Her departure is a deep and personal loss to her family and she will be deeply missed.

Anita was preceded in death by her Nephew, Jemail Franklin; Aunts: Lillie Porter and Ethel Ford; Uncle, L. W. Watson.

Anita leaves to cherish her memory: a loving, devoted and supportive Husband of 14 years, Willie Flowers of Orlando, FL; Daughter, Jasmyne Wolfe of Tampa, FL; Stepson, Dante Flowers (Carmen) of St. Louis, MO ; loving Mother, Mayola Watson of Panama City, FL; Father, Howard Franklin, Jr. (Lurna) of Longwood, FL; Brother, Howard Franklin, Jr., II (Latanya) of Orlando, FL; Sister, Jacqueline Griffin (David) of Panama City, FL; Nephews: Michael and Miles Franklin, both of Orlando, FL; Sisters - in-law: Veronica Willis of Atlanta, GA, Sandra Brooks (Byron) of Orlando, FL; Brother-in-law, Spencer Bridges (Sara) of Orlando, FL; Aunts: Dorothy Donar of Panama City, FL, Hattie Ramseure (Warren), and Purla Doster (Willie), all of Bowie, MD, Betty Jean Jinkins of Killeen, TX, and Vera Lee Banks of Panama City, FL; Uncles: James Watson of Sacramento, CA, Jimmy Lee Scott of Eatonville, FL, James H. Franklin (Sakinah) of Orlando, FL, and Milton H. Franklin (Cynthia) of Enola, PA; and a host of wonderful cousins, other loving relatives and sorrowing friends.

To view the service via livestream please use the link below:

<https://youtu.be/Na-8SOEIRrg>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
412 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Eatonville, FL 32751

Service

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Darryl Rutland lit a candle in memory of Anita Lashelle Flowers*



Darryl Rutland - January 02, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ *Anita Lashelle Flowers*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Anita Lashelle Flowers*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - December 13, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *What a beautiful spirit indeed. Many people have been blessed to have your light shine in their life. We love you too. And may the memories of your bright light shine in the life of your family and friends. Cousin Al Franklin and Family (Shay and Hayden) Atlanta, Georgia*

Al Franklin - November 26, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Anita Lashelle Flowers.*



November 26, 2022 at 09:04 AM



“ *Deborah Nelson lit a candle in memory of Anita Lashelle Flowers*



Deborah Nelson - November 26, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *Whenever I hear Anita Baker's song Sweet Love or You Bring Me Joy I always think of Anita's beautiful voice singing her renditions. I wouldn't have made it through some of the toughest times in my life if it wasn't for Anita's friendship. You will always remember how it felt to be loved by Anita. The lessons she taught, the love she gave, the way she cared for people...all those good things live on in you.
Love Jennifer & OG Ceville*



JenniferLynn Cee - November 26, 2022 at 08:47 AM



“ *Whenever I saw that face it always had that beautiful smile.*

Erroll Scott - November 25, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anita Lashelle Flowers.*



November 25, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Anita Lashelle Flowers.*



November 25, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Anita Lashelle Flowers.*



November 25, 2022 at 08:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anita Lashelle Flowers.*



November 23, 2022 at 09:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anita Lashelle Flowers.*



November 23, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anita Lashelle Flowers.*



November 18, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ *To Our Family,
I love you all so much. My Niece as
younstered shared so much fun times when
her Mom would let them visit. She lo éd to
watch the original cartoon " Twetty Bird" so I
nicknamed her that.... Thank You God for our good times. I am
saddened you had to go away and I will miss you. You made loving
you so easy❤️*



Aunt VV - November 18, 2022 at 11:09 AM

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“ Anita had a smile and laugh that was undeniable. She was the friend that you could always count on. She truly loved her family and was so proud of Jazzy. I will truly miss her.❤️



Charlene - November 18, 2022 at 10:20 AM

TB

“ To the family (Spreak) we extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences. We will forever cherish Anita's memory. Tangela & Grady Brown

Tangla Bellamy-Brown - November 18, 2022 at 10:01 AM

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“ Tangla Bellamy-Brown lit a candle in memory of Anita Lashelle Flowers



Tangla Bellamy-Brown - November 18, 2022 at 09:58 AM