



Anna Magnolia Pinellas

February 3, 1937 - January 17, 2023

Anna Magnolia Davis Pinellas, was the only child born to Rev. Alfred and Anna Thomas Davis, in Washington, D. C. on Wednesday, February 3, 1937. She was lovingly referred to by many names (“Nolia”, “Anna P.”, “Auntie”, “Momma Anna”, “Grandma Anna”, and “Maggie”) and would affectionately answer to them all.

Anna, a native Washingtonian, was educated in the D.C. Public Schools. She attended Dunbar High School, graduated in 1954 and began studies at American University participating in plays with the Drama Club. Anna was baptized at an early age, first attending her father’s church singing solos sitting on his lap at age five. As a youth she sang with the Royal Echoes and joined Mt. Airy Baptist Church in D.C. She and her mother were active members of Naomi Chapter No. 9, Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated. Anna's competence and dedication awarded her the position of Grand Lecturer.

When Anna was hired immediately because of her excellent clerical skills. While working and studying for the next test for a promotion, her boss told her she would never make it out of the GS-4 Secretarial Pool. Anna did not bite her tongue and told her, “We’ll see about that!” That determination brought Anna a lifetime of success in her endeavors. She worked for The Peace Corps, the Office of Maryland’s Governor Marvin Mandel’s D. C. Office and

other state, county, and city employment opportunities.

Attending a reunion of a friend who had moved to MD from Fort Pierce, Florida, Bob Youman introduced Anna to Louis Pinellas, Sr., who was visiting from Kissimmee. A new chapter began and a Florida to Maryland courtship ensued which culminated in marriage on March 21, 1981. Mrs. Anna M. Pinellas soon gained employment which led to obtaining Federal and State Grants to improve local commercial, residential, and governmental properties in Kissimmee. There was opposition, but Anna faced the challenges and overcame. In the process, she founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Committee in 1990 that resulted in the Annual Events celebrating his birthday with Programs and Banquets. The name was later changed to Osceola Visionaries, Inc., which continues to recognize the accomplishments of local African-American residents, in addition to awarding scholarships to high school graduates.

Anna's faith in God was strong. She became a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and worked there as Secretary. When Louis, Sr. suffered a stroke his recuperation team consisted of his medics and the loving care from his wife, until he passed. As time progressed, Anna joined St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church and worked as a delegate and Church Secretary until she retired, passing the mantle to Sister Judy Anderson.

In 2002, Anna retired as Director of the Housing and Grants Office, Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, Special Assistant to the County Manager. Many first time home buyers benefitted as well as low to moderate income families. Anna continued to be active serving on several Boards of Directors. She also was a Life Member of and was elected President of the Osceola County Branch 5121 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

As the mental and cognitive decline progressed and the rehab stays became more frequent, Anna insisted that she would remain at home and made that quite clear to her Maryland and Florida families and close friends. On January 17, 2023, the day after the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Anna slipped away in her sleep, in her bed, in her home, her way.

Anna was preceded in death also by her aunts: Elizabeth Kelsey, Elma Sykes, Mary Larkin; uncle: Cleotha Thomas; 1st Cousins, Erthea Gains, Dorothy Elaine Turner, 1st cousin-in-law, Alfred R. Turner, Jr., and 2nd cousin-in-law, Roland Young, Sr.; Daughter, Janice P. Knox and Husband Albert ; Son, Dr. Xavier Pinellas.

Those whom Anna leaves to cherish her fond memory are: 1st Cousins, Bernice Pitts(Herbert); Loretta Lee; Paul Sykes, Diane Kelsey, Eddie Kelsey, Darlene Sawyer (Mike), Ruby Maria Henderson(Hal); Floretta Caudle; 2nd cousins-Brian Pitts; Otis White, Jr.; Maria White-Young; Ron White(Zhanna); Penny White-Jacks, Hassan Turner(Taquila); Harold Shepherd, Juanita Brown, David Shepherd. The Kissimmee Family: Granddaughter Dr. Telva Miller and her husband Mark Miller, devoted daily caregivers; Daughters- Paula E. Pinellas King, Wendell Pinellas; Sons-Louis C. Pinellas, Jr.(Annie), Dwight Pinellas, Stanley Pinellas, and Octavious Pinellas; Grandson, Tito Paul(Tamara)-Ohio; Granddaughters, Dorthea Hardee, Janice Sharon (Shawn), Renita King, Patrice Childs; Two Godsons-Bill Ellison, Robert "Bebop" Tyler; Two special 60+year Sister-Friendships-Rev. Dr. Arlene H. Churn and Dr. Ann Y. Tyler; a host of step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, other relatives, friends and colleagues.

Cemetery Details

Osceola Memory Gardens

1717 Old Boggy Creek Road
Kissimmee, FL 34744

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
400 East Columbia Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34744

Service

FEB 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Anna Magnolia Pinellas*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Ogechee And Russell Koffler lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas*



Ogechee and Russell Koffler - February 27, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ *Willie Coleman-Smith lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas*



Willie Coleman-Smith - February 03, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anna Magnolia Pinellas.*



February 03, 2023 at 11:06 AM

MK

“ *THE FAMILY IS IN MY PRAYERS*



Mamie Long Kelly - February 02, 2023 at 07:31 PM

EH

“ *To the family and friends of "Nolia" in Kissimmee . We moved next door to Anna's family in Washington DC in the early 1950's. There were seven siblings in our family and Nolia an only child. Mother's and father's in each household formed an immediate bond. And the seven of us felt as if we had gained another sister. This bond has continued as a sister. Nolia has earned her rest and she will be sorely missed. We are thankful for the many fine memories. Much love to her Florida family. The Holmes family in the DC area.*

Eugene Holmes - February 02, 2023 at 05:55 PM

MK

“ *MAMIE LONG KELLY sent a virtual gift in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas*



MAMIE LONG KELLY - February 01, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Anna Magnolia Pinellas.*



February 01, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Judith Anderson lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas*



Judith Anderson - February 01, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ *Paula Liska lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas*



Paula Liska - February 01, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Sendind my deepest condolences to you all.*
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Erica Simmons - January 31, 2023 at 06:27 PM

KP

“ 1 file added to the album Photos



Katreina Phillips - January 31, 2023 at 10:24 AM

KP

The Anna I knew and loved.

Katreina Phillips - January 31, 2023 at 07:25 PM

RT

“ Rosa Thomas lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas



Rosa Thomas - January 31, 2023 at 08:52 AM

JP

“ Jennifer Paul lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas



Jennifer Paul - January 31, 2023 at 05:01 AM

RA

“ *Rubin Anderson lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas*



Rubin Anderson - January 29, 2023 at 08:24 PM

VW

“ *Vivienne Williams lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas*



Vivienne Williams - January 29, 2023 at 04:47 PM

RV

“ *Rev. Dr. Henry & Alice Vernon lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas*



Rev. Dr. Henry & Alice Vernon - January 27, 2023 at 01:22 PM

DT

“ *Dr. Sandra Nixon Tynes lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas*



Dr. Sandra Nixon Tynes - January 25, 2023 at 07:45 PM

NS

“ Ms Anna we will miss you, your kind heart, and that beautiful smile. So thankful for your friendship over many years. You touched so many lives in our community and never expected anything in return. Kissimmee has lost the best of the best. You will always remain in our hearts.
Danny and Nancy Sexton❤️❤️❤️

Nancy Adkins Sexton - January 25, 2023 at 01:29 PM

WC

“ Willie Coleman-Smith lit a candle in memory of Anna Magnolia Pinellas



Willie coleman-Smith - January 24, 2023 at 09:49 PM

RC

“ Grandma Anna was front and center at my military graduation as I marched down Hilton Field at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, which was one of my greatest memories of her. And being able to spend time with my grandmother during her last days as she shared a very memorable quote and grabbed my hand what so is known to do. She will be dearly missed. Love you



Renita Childs - January 24, 2023 at 09:14 PM

DT

I am so very blessed to be able to call Mrs. Anna M. Pinellas my friend. There are very few people that you meet along this precious journey called life in which you cherish the moment of your first meeting. I have almost 23 years of memories with Anna which include a trip to Canada and a cruise, and countless holidays with my family. Queen Anna...a truly phenomenal Woman of God, a regal lover of purple 💜, and my beloved Friend.

Dr. Sandra Nixon Tynes

Dr. Sandra Nixon Tynes - January 25, 2023 at 10:30 AM

VW

Mrs. Anna will be greatly missed. She was such an inspiration to everyone who knew her. Her charm and sophistication was admirable. She loved her family and of course her special little dog Roxy. Heaven has gained a sweet soul. May she rest in peace and may God comfort her family and friends.

Vivienne Williams former nurse and friend.

Vivienne Williams - January 29, 2023 at 09:02 PM

PL

Farewell my dear friend. Oh, the memories I have of this incredible woman. Had it not been for Anna, I would not have had my career with the City of Kissimmee. How the friendship grew from there. RIP "Anna Bear".

Paula Liska - February 01, 2023 at 10:05 AM

EH

To the family and friends of "Nolia" in Kissimmee. We moved next door to Nolias family in the early 1950's. There were seven siblings in our family and Nolia an only child. Mother's and father's of both families formed an immediate bond, and the Holmes children felt that they had gained another sister. This bond has remained til this day. Nolia will be sorely missed . Nolia you have earned your rest . Much love for the many cherished memories. The Holmes family.

Eugene Holmes - February 02, 2023 at 05:00 PM

EH

We moved next door to the Davis Family and "Nolia" in the early 1950"s. There were seven children in our family and next door Nolia was an only child. Our mothers and fathers immeditely developed a deep bond, and in a short time the seven of us gained another SISTER. This relationship has lasted through these many years . We were saddened to learn of Annas passing, and she will be sorely missed. She has certanly earned her rewards.

Sincere condolences from her other family , the Holmes in the Washington D C area.

Eugene Holmes - February 02, 2023 at 08:34 PM