



Theressa "Regina" Bolen Barnes

July 31, 1961 - March 23, 2022

Theodore R. Bolen and Lillie Mae S. Bolen welcomed the birth of identical twin daughters, Theressa Regina and Thelisa Renee, on July 31, 1961. Theressa, affectionately known as "Regina", grew up in Apopka, Florida where she attended Apopka area primary and secondary schools, and ultimately graduated from Jones High School in Orlando, Florida, as a graduate of the class of 1979. She was a star student and active in many clubs and organizations, shining in home economics, earning statewide honors and awards for her sewing and cooking projects in 4H, FHA, and State Fair competitions. Her wonderful cooking skills stayed with her throughout her life. Her way of showing affection to family and friends, was often displayed by pouring her love into the food that she prepared for them. Regina lived in communities in Apopka, Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, and Savannah, Georgia. Wherever she resided, she immersed herself into the community, meeting people and making plenty of friends. She never met a stranger and had a gift of drawing people to her. She made them feel like family and ALWAYS made them feel like they were welcome! She always created a circle of friends that she would ultimately turn into her surrogate family. Anyone that truly knew her, knew that she had a big heart. Regina also had an affinity for the elderly. She had a soft spot in her heart for them and their gentle nature. Although she never had any biological children, Regina had many "children" that she nurtured with her warm, mothering heart and loving spirit. She had many "play children" across the communities she called home. Regina's smile

and laughter could fill a room. She loved to be outside in nature, and found her greatest joy sitting outside, joking, laughing, and surrounded by her circle of friends. They can all take comfort in knowing that she is now at peace, surrounded by light and is with those whom she loved and missed dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents: Theodore R. and Lillie Mae S. Bolen, her beloved maternal grandmother, Lillian Iverson, her best friend from childhood, Ronnie Marie "Poopie" Anderson, her brother, Trent Bolen, and her identical twin sister, Renee Bolen. Regina's final time with us was spent battling illness, against which she fought a brave fight. She was fortunate to be supported by a group of loving family members and a tight knit group of friends, including: two devoted cousins: Sheila Orr and Annette O. McFadden, both of Apopka, Florida; the entire extended Orr Family of Apopka, Florida and beyond; two close and especially devoted friends: Andrea Bridges Brinson and Barbara Williams, both of Apopka, Florida; two godchildren: Mahalia A. Jackson of Lithonia (Atlanta), Georgia, and Dante Anderson of Apopka, Florida; and a host of cousins, other relatives, "play children", classmates, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
927 South Central Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall



“ *Theressa "Regina" Bolen Barnes*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Ive been trying to find you and today learned you left us 10 months ago. I am broken hearted. RIP Ma. I love you. In Loving Memory from Curl, BJ & Glen.*



Curl Gonzalez - January 24, 2023 at 08:28 PM



“ *Gina, I'm going to miss you ma!! You were "good people's"! It's not easy to know that you're gone, but I truly hope that you are resting in true peace now. The struggle for you is over now, and I'll take comfort in knowing that. I'm going to miss your love and your laughter and your delicious cooking! I will always remember and cherish the many memories that we made, all the fun our lil group had and the lessons that I learned. Just know that you will be missed greatly. I guess I won't get to hear you call my name (like only you could 🤔) anymore or hear you telling me you love me... I'm gonna miss you Gil 🕊️*



Kim Howard - April 05, 2022 at 08:13 PM

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“ Kim Howard sent a virtual gift in memory of
Theressa "Regina" Bolen Barnes



Kim Howard - April 05, 2022 at 08:00 PM

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“ Kim Howard lit a candle in memory of
Theressa "Regina" Bolen Barnes



Kim Howard - April 05, 2022 at 07:59 PM

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“ Remembering the awesome times that we
spent together all the laughter all the times
when you held me while I cried. I will always
miss you And love you Sister. I know God has
received an Angel In The Name Of Jesus
Amen 🙏🙏🙏



Vivian "Von" Baker - March 30, 2022 at 12:55 PM