



*Celebrating The Life  
of*

*Anna M. Taliafero*

*August 28, 1937 - August 10, 2017*

*Tuesday, August 22, 2017 - 11:00 AM*

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF ENGLEWOOD

224 First St., Englewood, NJ 07631

Rev. Dr. Lester Taylor, Jr., Pastor

## *Reflections of Life*

**Anna Makomis Taliaferro** was called to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at the age of 79 in Norfolk, Virginia. She was born and raised on August 28, 1937 in Mount Vernon and the Bronx, NY to the late Samuel N. Gillian, Sr. and Alma Lee Gillian.

She was best known as Mother T, Ma T, Dr. T, Lady T, Ms. T, Anna T, Nana, Nana Banana, and Grandma/Granny. She was loved and respected Nationally, Statewide and Locally by so many for her passion of children, education and her community, which was shown through her dedication and commitment to serving those who sought her expertise/advise and moreover her compassion and being the Queen of the Village.

Anna began her career in 1964, as a Follow Thru Parent, Title III, Title I and Concerned Parents for Head Start and thus becoming the 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Coordinator in the State of New Jersey for the Paterson Public School Title III Program, ultimately beginning her lifelong era of fighting for Education.

She was the recipient of many awards, citations and plaques to name a few, specifically the “Phenomenal Woman” award. The Howard Seeley Queen Mother Award, “Woman of the Year” award, Queen of the Village Award, and recognition for 30 years of Outstanding Service to Education as well as an award for New Jersey Association for Parent Coordinators, Inc. for Leadership and Dedication in addition to receiving the “Fannie Lou Hamer” Award. Anna retired with 37 years of Service.

Anna leaves to cherish her most precious and memorable legacy to Russell B. Taliaferro, Sr., Thomas R. Taliaferro, Jr. both of Virginia Beach, VA., Felicia D. Taliaferro, of Plainfield, NJ., Deanna M. Garris (Douglas, Sr.) of Paterson, NJ, and Audra Gordon of Clifton, NJ; Fifteen grandchildren, Dorian Hall of Plainfield, NJ., Dexter Gregory of Paterson, NJ, Jacquiem Taliaferro of Atlanta, GA., Jordan Taliaferro of VA., Stephen Young of MD., Russell Taliaferro, Jr. of VA., Douglas Garris, Jr. of PA., Tianna Taliaferro of VA., Thomas Taliaferro, III of MD., Tony Jordan, Nikki Jordan and Diamond Taliaferro of Paterson, NJ., Three great grandchildren, Connor, Amari and Madison; two sisters, Marie Shearn (Joseph, Sr.) of NJ, Jean Gillian of SC., four brothers, James Gillian (deceased) of NY; Samuel N. Gillian (deceased) (Bernice) of NY, Charles Gillian (Francine) of NY, and Alan Gillian of VA., and a host of nieces, nephews, community sons/daughters and friends.

*“The lesson you teach today is not confined to the walls of your classroom, once it is implanted in the heart and mind of a child, it can change the world.”*

# Order of Service

Processional of Family and Final Viewing

Invocation

Opening Hymn/Solo.....Tianna Taliaferro

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Expressions of Condolences

Reflections from Family, Friends and Clergy

Dr. Tyrone Powers

Delacy Davis

Grands

Felicia Taliaferro

Audra L. Gordon

The Reading of the Reflections of Life

Musical Selection/Solo.....Tianna Taliaferro

The Message of Hope.....Rev. Lester Taylor

Closing Hymn

The Benediction

Recessional

## **Interment**

*Tuesday, August 22, 2017 - 1:00 PM*

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road

Paramus, New Jersey



# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Anna M. Taliaferro** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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