

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Donnie Nickelson Barrett*

**Sunrise**  
February 14, 1952

**Sunset**  
May 14, 2020



*Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

## Reflections of Life

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1952, Donnie Marie Nickelson was born on Valentine's Day. She was the first born daughter to William and Viola Nickelson. Their second daughter, Gloria Jean, would soon follow in 1953.

Born and raised in Tampa, Florida the two girls formed a tight sisterly bond. Not only were they close in age, they had similar personalities that were full of life and very bright. No matter the distance, they always made time to reconnect and stay in touch over the years.

Donnie moved to Newark, New Jersey in the late 70's. She would later relocate to Orange, New Jersey where she purchased her first home. She's resided in New Jersey for 45 years.

She was a proud mom of three beautiful children Gregory, Vaughn and Vyandra. She was a loving wife to her husband of fifteen years Michael Barrett. She was a beloved and devoted member of Shiloh Baptist Church where she served as a Deaconess. She worked for the Essex County Prosecutor's Office as a clerk Typist for thirty-three years. Sadly, she passed away on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2020.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Barrett; her children, Vaughn and Vyandra Anderson; her sister, Gloria Jean; niece and nephew, Dawn and Darryl Martin; and her aunt, Clairra. Furthermore, her friends, collages and church family will mourn her passing and cherish her memory.

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