

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Wakenna Bailey

Sunrise
May 21, 1950

Sunset
March 18, 2022



Celebration Of Life Services

Saturday, April 9, 2022

Visitation: 11:00 a.m.

Ceremony: 12:00 p.m.

Christ Temple Baptist Church

36-38 Hopper Street • Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Weldon McWilliams IV, Pastor

Tribute to Wakenna Bailey

Wakenna was born May 21, 1950, in Orangeburg, SC, and raised in Paterson, NJ. While attending Central High School in 1964, Wakenna met the love of her life Nathaniel Bailey, a sophomore at the time, and started a courtship with him. Nathaniel and Wakenna were married in August 1968, following her graduation from John F. Kennedy High School in June. She worked for the United States Postal Service for 38 years as a postal clerk and in her spare time also enjoyed running track, sewing, baking, cooking, and crafting.

Wakenna was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She loved family and friends, but most of all she loved the Lord. A beautiful spirit, full of life and laughter, caring, loving, and loyal. With her smile, Wakenna could easily light up a room; therefore, to know her was to love her. Her influence touched so many lives and left behind memories that will last a lifetime. No matter what obstacle was thrown in her path she was a natural-born fighter whose strength was unmeasurable.

Wakenna Bailey is survived by her devoted husband, Nathaniel Bailey; three daughters, Kim Lashae' Simon, Kenia "Nia" J. Bailey, and Krystle M. Bailey; three grandchildren, Be' Lei S. Anderson (Kim), Jaeda M. Perez Bailey, and Tru Nathaniel Lee Hunt Bailey (Krystle); three siblings, Willie "Jack" Jenkins, Charlotte A. Dixon, JoAnn "Linda" Moore; two nephews and two nieces, LaKisha M. Sloss, Curtis A. Moore, Jr., Traves M. Moore, and Ashley F. Moore (Linda) and a host of great-nieces and nephews; (Mother-in-Law) Bishop Dr. Mary F. Bailey and Douglas Walker (Brother-in-Law) and a host of loved ones and friends. Wakenna is predeceased by Florence R. Wimberly (mother), Merritt Wimberly, Sr. (stepfather), Lewis "Frank" Jenkins (brother), and Linda D. Bailey-Walker (sister-in-law).

Today, we celebrate the life and legacy of our beloved Wakenna Bailey, for she is in her final resting place rejoicing with her loved ones and watching over each and every one of us.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Dr. Weldon M. McWilliams IV, Senior Pastor

Scripture

Matthew 11: 28-30 - Ashley F. Moore (*Niece*)

Hymn

"Order My Steps In Your Word" - GMWA Women of Worship

Poem Angel

"Angel in Me" by Camille Pierce
Kim Lashae' Simon (*Daughter*)

Keyboard Selection

Jaeda M. Perez Bailey (*Granddaughter*)

Scripture

Psalm 23

Marie Catoe & Shakeim Catoe (*Close Friend & Godson*)

Poem

"One True Friend" - by Genie Graveline
Anita Bundick (*Close Friend*)

Remarks

Rev. Kenneth Darryl Clayton (*St. Luke Baptist Church*)

Obituary

Solo Selection

Eulogy

Dr. Weldon M. McWilliams IV, Senior Pastor

Benediction

Dr. Weldon M. McWilliams IV, Senior Pastor

Repast

St. Luke Baptist Church
139 Carroll St., Paterson, NJ 07501

*With Special Thanks From
The Bailey Family*

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all of the love and support we have received during this difficult time. We are eternally grateful to God for giving the Bailey family comfort through family, friends, and loved ones both near and far.

We also would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Weldon M. McWilliams IV and Christ Temple Baptist Church, Rev. Kenneth Darryl Ray Clayton (St. Luke Baptist Church), A Rose's Petal Floral, and Bragg Funeral Home for their professional services, gracious spirit, and acts of kindness during our time of need.

Thank you all for your condolences and for continuing to keep our family in your thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
The Bailey Family*

*“Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure.
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.”*

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