

## *Acknowledgements*

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Pastor Dr. Robert L. James, the New Mt Sinai COGIC church  
family, and Chad Wilkins.

### *Letter from Heaven*

When tomorrow starts without me,  
and I'm not here to see,  
if the sun should rise and find your  
eyes, filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
the way you did today,  
while thinking of the many things  
we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,  
as much as I love you,  
and each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart.♥

If roses grow in Heaven, Lord  
Please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my Grandma's arms  
And tell her they're from me.  
Tell her that I love and miss her  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
And hold her for a while.  
Because remembering her is easy.  
I do it every day.  
But there's an ache within my  
heart,  
That will never go away.

To offer condolences to The Newton Family,  
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A Celebration of the Life of



January 26, 1953 - April 6, 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Visitation: 1:00pm Memorial Service: 2:00pm

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home

The Chapel of Peace North  
2500 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, OH 43211

## Reflections of Life

Annette (Alexander) Newton was born in Columbus, OH, on January 26, 1953, to Ruth Bell Alexander and John Wesley Alexander Sr. She was the youngest of 5 children and attended Columbus City Schools, namely Windsor Elementary and Linden-McKinley High School.

Annette spent most of her adult years with the love of her life, Dezria "Zale" Newton. After being together for 13 years, they finally married in 1993, spending a total of 43 years together. In addition to spending time with her husband, she enjoyed working many different jobs including Days Inn, where she worked for 10 years. However, her passion was babysitting for family and friends. She absolutely loved children and enjoyed babysitting her niece and nephew, Sarenity and Sencere, when they were little. Annette and Dezria welcomed many children into their home over the years, and had the honor of raising their nephew, Phillip Newton as their own.

Annette was a one-of-a-kind type of person. She had a very explosive personality and had no problem "keeping it real" at all times. If she wasn't in her garden enjoying her flowers and "herbs", out shopping, or in her kitchen doing her "cooking dance", then she was on the phone looking for her next competitor in chess. Annette cherished quality time with family and making memories. She cherished her granddaughter and great-grandchildren. They were her pride and joy.

Annette will be remembered the most for her tell it like it is demeanor, always in the kitchen cooking, ready to feed anyone that walked through her door, as well as her intellectual conversations and spiritual guidance. Annette has taught all of us many life lessons that we can apply to our daily lives in honor of her great memory. She will surely be missed!

Annette is preceded in death by both of her parents, Ruth Bell and John Wesley Alexander Sr.; husband, Dezria Newton; brothers, John Wesley Jr. and Randy Alexander; and sister, Denise Alexander.

Annette leaves to cherish her memory her sister, Brenda (Clarence) Terry; son, Leon Alexander; honorary son, Phillip Newton; granddaughter, Shanequa Burgess; great-grandchildren, Dayon, Kira, and Vira Burgess; honorary great-grandchildren, Paradise and Ryleigh Newton; special niece, Alisa Alexander; as well as a host of other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

## Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE .....	Raymond Hill
SCRIPTURE READING .....	
Old Testament .....	Isaiah 41:10....Elder Michael McCullough
New Testament .	2 Corinthians 12:9..Elder Timothy Williams
PRAYER OF COMFORT.....	Elder Edward Lewis
SELECTION .....	LaQuaill Baker
SELECTION .....	Sis. Kayla Ferguson
OBITUARY .....	Cha'Keyla Burgess
REMARKS .....	(2 Minutes Please).....Family and Friends
SELECTION .....	Chad Wilkins

## The Eulogy

Pastor Dr. Robert L. James

BENEDICTION .....	Pastor Dr. Robert L. James
RECESSIONAL.....	Clergy, Family, and Friends