



Toni Sarah Thomas

May 14, 1963 - November 17, 2016

Toni Sarah Thomas entered into eternal rest on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at Palmetto Baptist Hospital.

Born in Queens, New York, she was the eldest of two children to the late Nathaniel Lee Clark and Lorraine Lillian Potter and was raised by her maternal grandmother Sally Parker. Toni attended both Julia Richman High School and the High School of Performing Arts in Manhattan. Fond of the arts, yet too shy to consider performing full time, Toni attended Queens College. After marriage and relocation to Columbia, South Carolina, Toni and her husband came to Christ together, worshipping at the Columbia Church of Christ where Toni sang with the “Sisters of Harmony” and the church choir.

The move to Columbia brought a new career direction with Toni working as a medical assistant in the field of dermatology before joining the team at Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina where she was a much beloved and integral part of the team for over thirteen years. Always one to help others, Toni also gave of her time to community building pursuits and awareness campaigns particularly HOPE Worldwide and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Overcoming her shyness, Toni indulged her passion for music by singing and dancing in addition to her other favorite pastimes of reading and travel. Some of her favorite destinations include: Hawaii, the Bahamas, and Florida as well as Myrtle Beach and other local getaways.

Preceded in death by both parents and her grandparents, Toni leaves to cherish precious memories her husband, Darrell Anthony Thomas of the home; two daughters: Shardaë Katrina Thomas and Faith Morgan Thomas, both of Columbia, South Carolina; two sisters: Tamara Clark and Paris (John Parker) Clark; two brothers: Charles (Michelle) Martin and Omar Martin; as well as a host of other relatives and dear friends.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society 107 Westpark Boulevard # 150 Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Previous Events

Family Visitation

NOV **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Public Viewing

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Public Viewing

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Columbia Church of Christ
1049 Harbor Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169

Celebration of Life

NOV 26. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



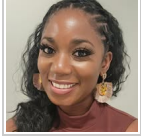
“ *Toni Sarah Thomas*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *It's been 3 years. Though I miss her something fierce, she is still with me. All of the words we shared over the 20+ years in conversations about life, marriage, kids, friendship, and loving God with everything are with me. My favorite phrase will forever be, 'Do right' because it was what motivated her to do right, even when it all felt so wrong. It was her love for God that helped her do it. I am grateful to have had a friend like Toni Sarah (who would be rolling her eyes at me for using Sarah twice!) I miss her laugh. I miss her crazy dances. I miss her big sister tone. And I miss her singing to me. But still, I feel blessed. They say grief is the price one pays for loving another. As long as we love, we will grieve.*

Stephanie L. - November 17, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ Mrs. Toni Thomas was a shining light that had an infectious smile! She loved God and people so deeply. Her strength and faith is amazing and admirable. Although we are sad that you are not here on this earth, we are very happy that you are not in pain and sickness anymore and you are with our Heavenly father. You are where we hope and pray to be one day. You have loved and supported Justin and I and have given me some of the best advice. You loved Ellie so much. I breaks my heart that she won't be able to grow up knowing and loving you. We love you Mrs. Toni, always and forever. I know you are up there dancing and singing and in full health! Knowing that gives us peace. Our hearts go out to the Thomas family. We can't imagine the pain and sadness that you are going though but know we are here for you, whatever you need. You all are our family and we are here to serve you. We love you all so much! Mrs. Toni is truly resting in peace!

Frownieta Grant - November 25, 2016 at 04:26 PM

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Frownieta Grant - November 25, 2016 at 04:25 PM

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“*Mrs. Toni Thomas was a shining light! She had an infectious smile and such a beautiful heart for God and for people. She loved very hard and very true. Although we are very sad that you are not with us on this earth, we are so happy that you are not in anymore pain and you are in the best place that we all dream of being, in Heaven with God! You loved us so much, especially Ellie, and we loved and will always love you greatly! My condolences to the Thomas family. You all ARE our family and I pray that we can be there for you and take care of you in this time of need. We love you all so much and continue to pray for you and your process of grieving. We can't imagine the pain and sadness that you are in but we want to be there with you any way we can. Mrs. Toni will always be in our hearts. We love you!*

*Love,
Justin, Frownieta, and Eliana*

Frownieta Grant - November 25, 2016 at 03:59 PM

DB

“*I remember we were about to have Bibletalk and Darrell dopped Faith off at the house and shared with Prentiss Toni's Cancer was back. She did not want to come to Bibletalk, but just go home. Prentiss went in the house and out came the Bibletalk and he prayed. Toni ends up staying for the Bibletalk. You never have to go through anything alone as long as you have the Body of Christ. We are family! Missing and still loving you.*

...YSIC, Delia Brooks

Delia Brooks - November 25, 2016 at 02:17 PM

JE

“ May the family find comfort in knowing God's promise of a resurrection hope @Daniel 12:2 "And many of those asleep in the dust of the earth will wake up." Amen.

Jeannette - November 23, 2016 at 08:44 AM

VB

“ What a beautiful person. It was a true blessing to have known Toni. Her smile will always be with me. To her family, you are in my prayers.

Virginia Brown

Virginia Brown - November 23, 2016 at 05:47 AM

TA

“ I am thankful that God put us back together again in these last few weeks. I remember meeting you early in my Christian walk and I am honored to have been there with you before you went to glory. We had hoped for a different outcome, but unequivocally trust and surrender to God's outcome knowing that he knows best.

My prayers go out to Darryl, Shardee, and Faith as well as all of Toni's family and friends.

We love you, but God loves you best!

The struggle is over. Claim your reward!

*Love,
Thyra White Austin*

Thyra Austin - November 22, 2016 at 01:47 PM