

Order of Service



Presiding Pastor, Reverend David S. Hicks

- Musical Prelude
- Words of Comfort (2 Minutes).....
- Processional.....Clergy & Family
- Family Tribute.....Jeanie Corbin, Niece
Aisha Alexander, Niece
- Closing of Bier.....Immediate Family
- Obituary.....Servant Leader Myrna Drummond
- Hymn of Comfort....."Blessed Assurance"
New Greater Straightway Baptist Church
- Selection.....New Greater Straightway Choir
- Scripture Readings
- Eulogy.....Reverend David S. Hicks, Senior Pastor
New Greater Straightway Baptist Church
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23
Reverend Shelby Frazier
- Benediction.....
- New Testament.....St. John 14:1-6
Deacon Ernest Woods
- Recessional.....Clergy & Family
- Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor David S. Hicks
- Selection.....New Greater Straightway Choir
- Acknowledgements of Condolences.....
Servant Leader, Myrna Drummond

Interment
Mount Peace Cemetery
3111 West Lehigh Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19132

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Our family would like to take this opportunity to extend their sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless and keep each one of you in his tender, loving care.

Acknowledgment

But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All 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

CELEBRATING HER LIFE

Theresa AKINS

APRIL 5, 1952 – JULY 10, 2024

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024

VIEWING: 10:00AM | SERVICE: 11:00AM

New Greater Straightway Baptist Church
3854 PULASKI AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19140

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OUR BELOVED THERESA HER LIFE STORY



Theresa Akins, born on April 5th, 1952, to Annie and Leroy Douglas graduated to glory on July 10th, 2024.

She was affectionately known as Theresa, Resa, Ma, and Kizzie (only by her husband George). She accepted Christ, was baptized at an early age, and fostered her formative Christian growth at Peniel Baptist Church. In her later years she committed herself to New Greater Straightway Baptist Church.

From an early age she proved to be naturally gifted. Theresa sketched, created paintings, knitted, sewed, cooked, and sang until her last days! As a matter of fact, she was known as the Pastor's "songbird".

She loved and cherished family, particularly her husband George. When together, from the very beginning, they were like a couple of teenagers. Theresa especially enjoyed going on shopping, movies, and eating dates. She also enjoyed plants and flowers.

She cherished her church as well. She was a dedicated and committed Deaconess, Choir Member, Trustee and devoted servant of the Lord, always making sure that the light of Christ shined brightly for all to see.

Further proof of her unwavering commitment is the 40 plus years that she spent working at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. She began her career as an Operating Room Technician and gradually elevated herself to the position of Supervisor of Material Management before retiring in 2019.

Theresa is preceded in death by her father Leroy Douglas, mother Annie Douglas-Coles, stepfather Elwood Coles, and sister Helen Givens.

She is survived by her husband Reverend George Akins; son Charlie Lee Douglas; sister Shirlee Douglas-Brown; stepchildren Kyle, Larry, and Bryan Akins; daughter-in-law Carmen Santiago-Douglas; grandson Charieyf Jakil Douglas; granddaughter Imani Santiago; great grand daughters Arielle J. Aragon and Camille J. Douglas; nieces Crystal Lyons, Aisha Alexander, Angela Searles, Jeannine Corbin, Kenyatta Mann-Barnes and Wendy Windfield; nephew David Windfield; brothers-in-laws Walter J. Brown and Bill Givens; and a host of great nieces and nephews.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE,

THE FAMILY

