

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Celebrating the life of



“*Joyce*”

Vernita Anthony

Heaven Sent
May 8th, 1938

Heaven Bound
January 19th, 2024

January 25th, 2024 at 11 am.

Adams Funeral Home
10 Stephenson Ave
Savannah, Georgia
Pastor Fields Officiating

Her Legacy

Celebrating the life and legacy of Vernita "Joyce" Anthony
Vernita "Joyce" Anthony was born on May 8, 1938. She was born in Estill, SC. She was the second child of five children. Joyce relocated with her mother, the late Sadie Golden Wilson, to Savannah, GA.

On February 28, 1954, Joyce married her soulmate and life partner, the late SFC. Albert Anthony retired from The United States Army. To this union, six children were born, and they traveled through 49 States and all over the world. Albert and Joyce remained happily married for over 49 years until they were separated by Albert's death in 2002. Joyce retired from Georgia Regional Hospital and helped run the family business.

Joyce's school record is replete with diligent work and a passion for learning. Joyce was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church for over 50 years. She served as the Mother, Church's Treasurer, and Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator.

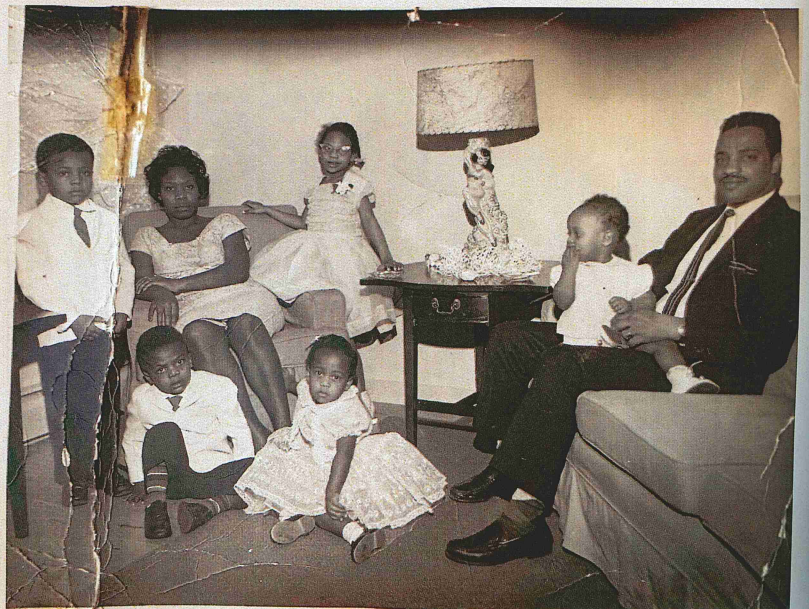
Joyce loved arts and crafts and painting ceramics. She was well-known for her Word Cures, which always involved scriptures and artistic expressions. This labor of love was given to church members, family, friends, and everywhere she visited.

Joyce was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, mother-in-law, aunt, cousin, and friend. Her integrity, dedication, and unselfish service impacted so many lives.

Joyce was called home on January 19, 2024. Those who preceded her in death were: Mother, Sadie Golden Wilson; Husband, SFC. Albert Anthony; two Sons, Andrew, and Alan Anthony; Sister, Loustine "Doll Baby" Wilson; and Brother, Phillip Wilson, Sr.

She leaves to cherish two loyal siblings. Eugene "Candi" Wilson, and Charles Wilson of Savannah, GA; Four devoted children. Loustane "Lois" Anthony of Savannah, GA, Albert (Judy) Anthony Jr of Savannah, GA. Lorraine (John) McMillion of Atlanta, Ga. Loretta (George) Thomas of Macon, GA.

Five Grandchildren: Leon (Terri) Crumley, Tina Crawford, Jamaal McMillion, Jasmine (Damien) Horn, and George (Martia) Thomas Jr.



Order Of Service

Presiding Reverend Michael Fields

Musical Selection: James Green & Choir

Invocation

Old Testament: Deacon Samuel Hordges

New Testament: Elder William Harris

Solo: James Green & Choir



Reflections (Two minutes, please):

Beverly Francis

Friends and Family

Silent reading of Obituary

Resolution: Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

Acknowledgments: Julia Eady

Selection: Minister Georgette Dempsey

Words of Comfort: Minister Phillip Wilson Jr

Recessional

Interment:

Sand Hill Cemetery

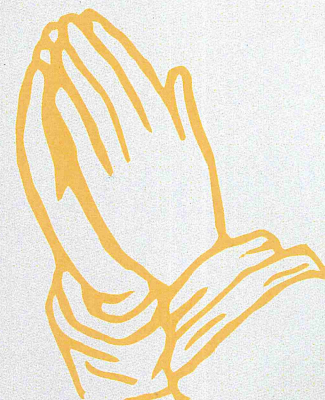
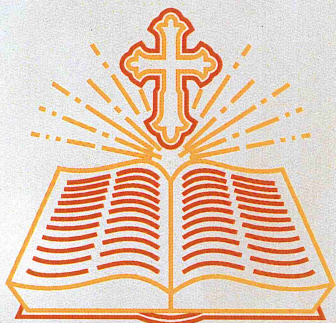
Garnett, SC

Committal Service

Repast:

1712 Staley Avenue

Savannah, GA 31405



My Dearest Sister (Joyce)

*As I sit here thinking of you, and all we've been through, I feel that
you're still with me, Even though you are not here.*

*As siblings, we knew each other as we always were,
We knew each other's hearts, we shared family griefs and joys.*

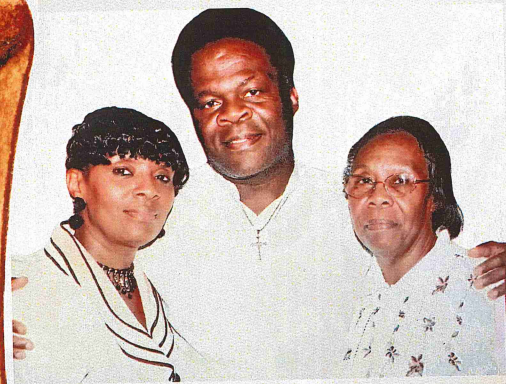
*As siblings, we were there to help each other,
To be strong when we were weak, To be fearless when we were scared.*

To always love and cherish each other.

You were my rock, my confidant, and my inspiration.

*Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure.
And just know you are loved beyond words, And will be missed
beyond measure...*

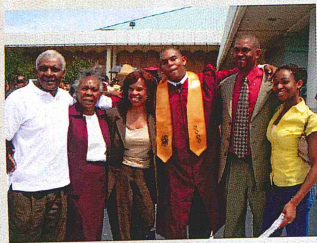
Love, Candi



John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so,

I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”



A Mother's Love-I Miss you mama

There's no word to describe this feeling
There's no match for the thoughts in me
Yet all i can do is wish and imagine
Because your so far away.

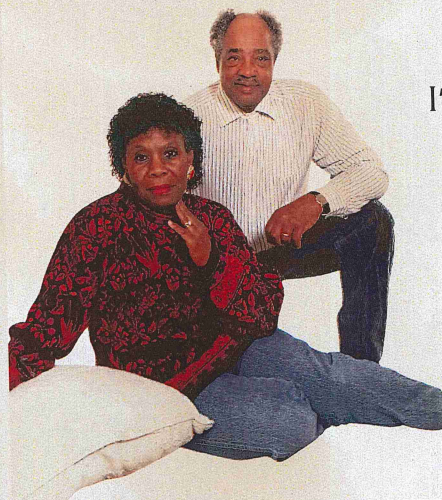
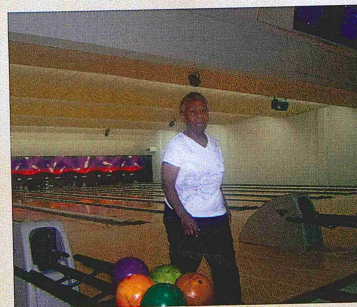
I miss you, Mother
No one could ever compare to you
Your love to me is indeed golden
Your affection and care, eternal

I wish i could hold the clock
From ticking away so fast
I wish you were here with me
Right beside me everyday

Everyday i think about you
Your undisputed love and attention
Too many people have tried being you
But they can only try

You will never know how much
How much i long to see you soon
Only time i have to wait upon
Before I'm right by your side soon

I love you Mama
-Gold Tybes

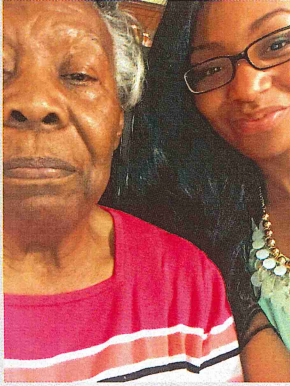


I'm there inside your heart
Right now I'm in a different place
And though we seem apart
I'm closer than I ever was,
I'm there inside your heart.

I'm with you when you greet each day
And while the sun shines bright
I'm there to share the sunsets, too
I'm with you every night.

I'm with you when the times are good
To share a laugh or two,
And if a tear should start to fall
I'll still be there for you.
And when that day arrives
That we no longer are apart,
I'll smile and hold you close to me,
Forever in my heart.

When I Have Gone



You can shed tears because I've gone, or you can smile because I have lived.

You can close your eyes and pray I will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that I have left with you.

Your heart can be empty because you cannot see me,

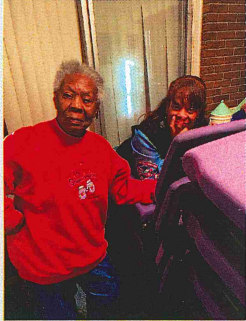
or you can be full of the love we have shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,

or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

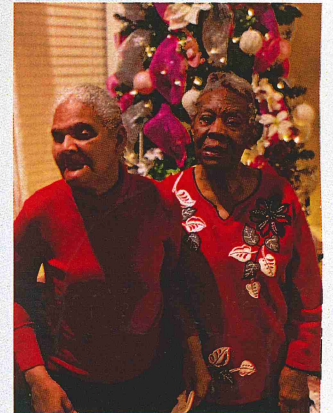
You can remember only that I have gone, or you can cherish my memory and let it live on inside of you.

You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what I would want and smile, open your heart, and love each other.



Personalized by Vernita Joyce Anthony

Happy Mother's Day to the Rock of our family. If it wasn't for you none of us would be here. And thanks to you, the world has truly been changed for the good, with the special human beings you have brought into this world. And on top of that the most special person being you.
Love you Grandma. I hope you enjoy your day.



A Letter From An Angel

Just because you cannot see me, does not mean I'm not there.

I'm the kiss hidden in the rain drop that lands on your cheek.

I'm the beauty in a butterfly that flies graciously along your path.

I'm the brightness in the sky at night to guide you in the dark.

I'm the purity in the water you drink that helps give you life.

I'm in the leaves within the trees that gives you shade when your feeling to hot.

I'm in the sunrise in the mornings that gives you happiness of another day.

I'm the hope you feel when you wish upon the stars.

I'm the strength that lifts your head when sadness brings it down.

I'm the courage that runs through your veins when you hold close your favorite memory.

I'm faith when all you feel is fear.

I am that of a dreamcatcher that protects you from your nightmares.

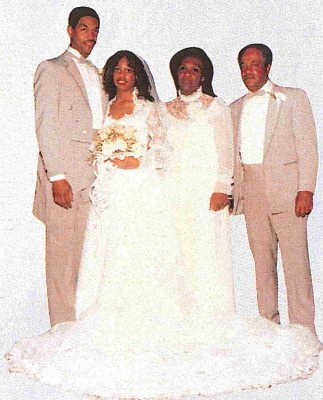
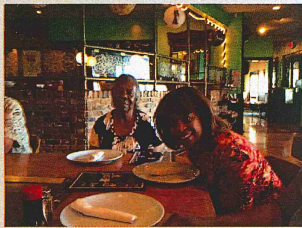
I'm within the wind that echo's through the world, letting you know I love you.

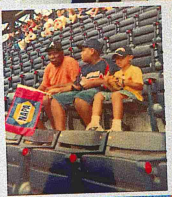
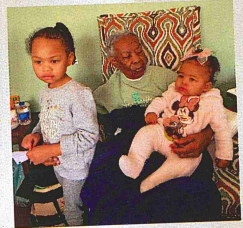
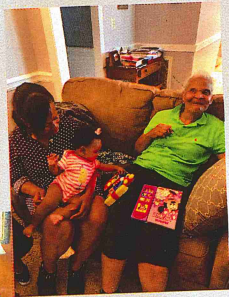
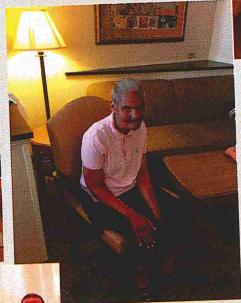
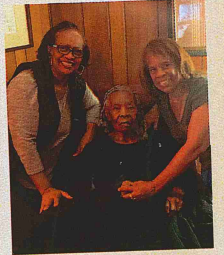
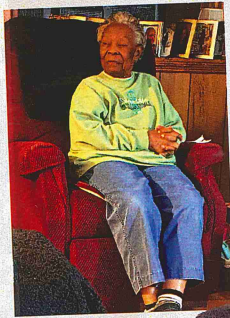
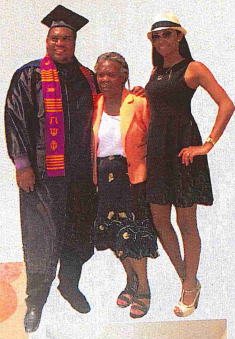
For you see I'm never gone nor far. I'm always around just not in site. There will be a day when we'll meet again, but only when the time is right.

When the day comes and its time for you to step out from the darkness.

I'll be there to greet you standing in the light.

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Active Pallbearers

George Thomas
George Thomas Jr.
Damien Horn
John McMillion Jr
Jamaal McMillion
Arkee Jones

Honorary Pallbearers

Albert Anthony Jr
Curtis Edy.

Acknowledgements

The family of Vernita "Joyce" Anthony would like to extend their thanks and appreciation for your kind expressions of sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. We are grateful for each of you and your presence here today to share in the celebration of her life. Your phone calls, flowers, and many other acts of kindness mean more to us than we can ever express in words. Joyce was a pillar Of our family, and her presence will forever live through us all. Your thoughts and prayers are truly appreciated during this difficult time. May God continue to bless each of you.

-The Anthony Family

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