A portrait of Sister Sandra D. Payne, a woman with dark hair wearing a white headband and a red top, smiling. The background of the portrait is a soft, glowing light. The overall background of the page is a deep purple with a bokeh effect of light spots.

*Celebrating
A Life
Well Lived*

Sister Sandra D. Payne

August 19, 1950 ~ October 12, 2023

Saturday, October 28, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM

Winn's Memorial Baptist Church

605 Madison Street
Elgin, Texas 78621

Reverend D. W. Townsend, Pastor

Reverend Ronnie Carter, Officiant

Gone But Never Forgotten

*She is clothed in strength and dignity and
laughs without fear of the future*

Proverbs 31:25

The epitome of elegance and steadfast faith, with her family at her bedside, Sister Sandra Diana Waldon Payne entered Eternal rest on October 12, 2023, at the age of seventy-three.

A blessed event took place on August 19, 1950, in the community of Austin, Texas, when John Townsend and Pearlie Carrington Townsend gave birth to a beautiful bouncing baby girl, Sandra Diana Townsend.

Sandra attended the public schools of Austun Independent School District and graduated in 1968 from Johnston High School. Furthering her education, she obtained an Associate degree and worked for the City of Austin as a benefit specialist for a number of years before retiring.

Sandra became an active member of the Winn's Memorial Baptist Church in Elgin, Texas under the pastoral leadership of her brother, the Reverend D. W. Townsend. Her extreme hospitality and friendship were felt among the members of the church and the surrounding community. She counted it a joy to come full circle in her faith under his leadership. Sister Payne was a loving, and spiritual woman, one that feared the Lord but loved him dearly. She participant with Sunday School, Women Ministry and served on the Trustee Board.

Sandra loved shopping and enjoyed cooking for her family. Her favorite '*me time*' was internet shopping especially the Papparazzi Jewelry, which she had enough of sets to open her own store. Sandra was a fan of the old black and white western shows, watching them over and over. Her home became "*Grammy Cheese*" for her grandchildren because her home was their special place. Sandra and her BFFs spent their quantity time together, eating out.

Awaiting her arrival in Glory are her biological father, John Townsend, her mother Pearlie Davis; her *Dad*, L. D. Davis, her grandparents, Elo Johnson, and Annie Carrington Cozine; her brother, Larry Davis; three aunts, Mary Jane Reed, Viola Gilstrap and Dorothy Mae Monroe; and seven uncles, A. J. Carrington, James B. Carrington, Floyd Carrington, Willie Carrington, Obi Carrington, Ernest Carrington, and Harvey G. Johnson; and two nieces, Pearl Townsend, and Tomika Ross.

Sister Sandra D. Payne's beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her husband, Brian David Payne; three daughters, Carla Clark, Tiana and her husband, Deacon Henry Bills, and Valerie Payne; six grandchildren, Dae'Quan Alexander, Tae'Ja Harrison, Miariah Peaches, Jakobe Johnson, Curtis Wilson, III, and Kiana Payne; three sisters, Joyce and husband, Stephen Campbell, Barbara Townsend, and Stella and husband, Julian Jasmin; two brothers, John Townsend and wife, Beauty and Reverend David Townsend and wife, Rose, her best friends, Cynthia Priest, Ruby Montgomery, and Pamela Scott; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives; including the Winn's Memorial Church family.



...gone but never forgotten...

~ Order Of Service ~



Now her work is ended, and she is laid to rest,
I seem to hear her whisper, O' Lord I've done my best!
Well done my faithful servant I know you've struggled hard.
That's why I thought to call you
From labor to rest...

Melodic Reminiscence

Brother Devin Defreeze

Processional

Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family

Sealing of the Casket

A Song For Mama by Boyz 2 Men

Scripture Readings

Old Testament:

Reverend Terrance Green

New Testament:

Reverend L. R. Wilson, Sr.

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Ronnie Carter

Celebration Song

Break Every Chain

Sister Quesha Townsend

Church Tribute (Resolutions)

Winn's Baptist Church

Sister Ramona McFarlin

BFF'S Tribute

Sister Ruby Montgomery

Expression of Love

Sister ~ Stella Jasmin

Granddaughter ~ Taeja Harrison

Friend ~ Sister Pamela Scott

Family Friend ~ Sister NiShonda Clark

Inspirational Song

God's Grace

Winn's Memorial Choir

Celebration Message

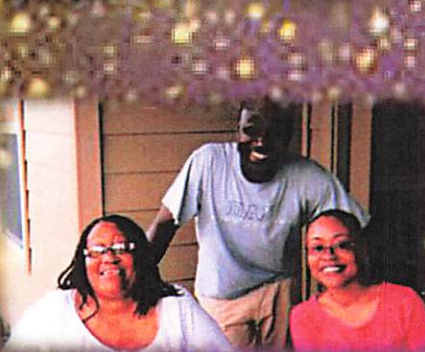
Pastor D. W. Townsend

Recessional

Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family



A View Into A Bless Life....



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To My Precious Wife...

No words I write could ever say how sad and empty I feel today
The Angels came for you much sooner than we thought
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and I'll try my best to understand.
Sandra, my love, why did you have to go away? Why wasn't it right for you to stay?
In my heart you will always be, I love you dearly, and I know you'll watch over us
What I am suffering seems so unfair, but one thing is for certain
My love for you will always be there
Sandra, my precious wife, you always will be the most important part of my heart's memory.
I will cherish the moments you held me in your arms, and I am sure that if you had stayed longer,
You would have graced me more with your unlimited charm.
A thousand words won't bring you back, I know because I have tried.
Neither will a thousand tears, I know because I have cried.
Now you're up in Heaven, with the Angels up above,
They will take my place for now, and they'll give you all their love.
So, go and rest in peace now, my Love,
For all our love and memories, I will hold **forever near...**

Mother's Hands

– Morian Jones

Hands that rocked the cradle
From the moment of my birth,
Their tender touch remembered
By those still here on Earth.
Soft as silk those hands
That taught me how to pray,
Banishing childhood fears;
They soothed each one away.
When I grew much older
And troubles came my way,
Those hands caressing mine
Did more than words can say.
Mother's hands were gentle,
They're missed so very much,
I'd give the world to feel once more.
Their warm and tender touch,
Those hands were full of comfort
Now they lie at rest,
But memories hold them close
To the ones they served the best.

US your children....

Love Always,

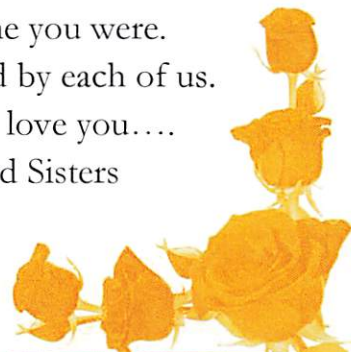
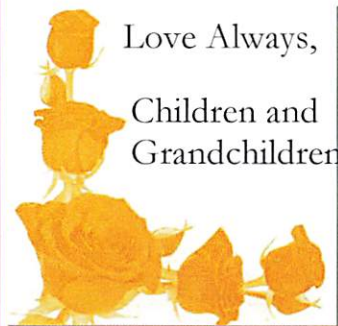
Children and
Grandchildren

*I Love You with all my heart...
Brain*



To Our Sister

Not perfect, she's our Sister.
Rich in love, she's our Sister.
Not heavy, she's our Sister.
You were not here by chance,
but by God's choosing.
His hand formed you and
made you the person you were.
You were definitely one of a kind.
He allowed you to be here at this time in history
to fulfill His special purpose for this generation.
How thankful we are
He allowed us to be here
at the same time you were.
You will be missed by each of us.
We will forever love you....
Brothers and Sisters



Casket Bearers

Deacon Henry Bills
Dae'Quan Alexander
Henry Bills
Curtis Wilson, III
Henry Bills
Jakobe Johnson
Damare Green
Julian Jasmine

Men of Honor

Winn's Memorial Choir
WMBC Women Ministry
Nephews and Nieces
Grandchildren

Our Heartfelt Appreciation

We are Grateful for the richness of her life, the kindness of her heart and the love of her friends. The Payne and Townsend Families would like to express our sincere thanks to all our many friends and family for their kind expression of sympathy shown during our bereavement. Your Prayers and many acts of love will always be remembered, for your kindness was unwavering.

A special 'Thank You' to the doctors, nurses, rehab techs, and nursing assistants that cared for our mother during this difficult time in her life. Just know that you all are appreciated. May God's Blessings be with each of you.

~ Mr. Brian David Payne and

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We are deeply mindful of the confidence you have placed in us and we sincerely hope that our services have been satisfactory and comforting to you.

Most Respectfully,

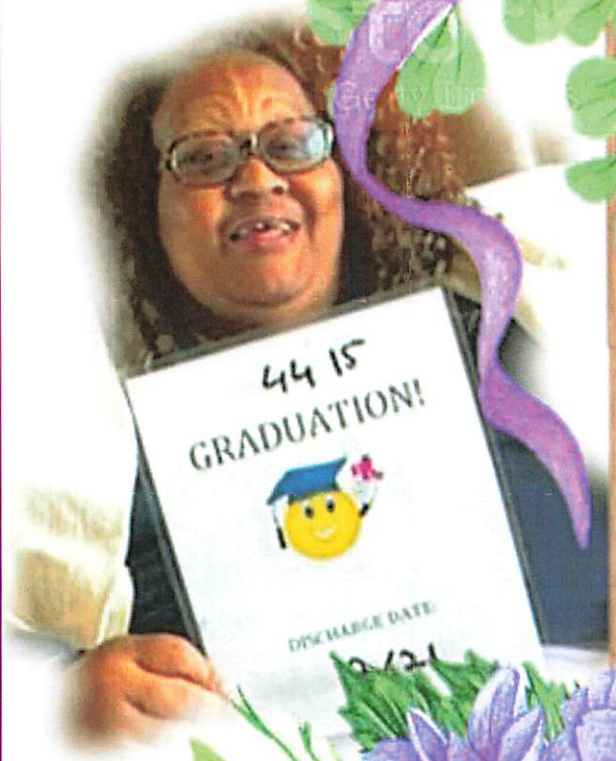
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She Shall Rest

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Austin, Texas



For I know the plans
I have for you,
declares the **LORD**
plans to *prosper* you
and not to harm you
plans to give you
hope and a *future*
Jeremiah 29:11

