

FOREVER IN OUR

# Hearts

*Tanecia Keyes*

April 30, 1991 - April 26, 2024

When the time is right,  
I the Lord will make it happen.  
~ Isaiah 60:22

Saturday, May 4, 2024

12:00 p.m.

Community Mission Center

Bay Springs, MS

Pastor Theodore Cole,

Officiating





*My name is Tanecia Keyes*

*I am a mother of three beautiful children. Life has been a blessing to us even through the hard times. I am deciding to make a plan to change our lives. Through this journey, it has not been easy but thank family, friends, my children, and God. He definitely first and foremost the reason I am who I am at this moment. At the right time, God's will be done in your life if you believe. Allow his grace and mercy to flow through us as we set sail for the journey ahead! I have all the power that I need to be all that I am!*

*When God shows up, he shows out, what better way to show him you appreciate him than a testimony! I have one!*

*Don't Cry For Me*

*Don't cry for me. I will be okay.  
Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.*

*Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong.  
I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.*

*Don't cry for me. It was just my time,  
but I will see you someday on the other side.*

*Don't cry for me. I am not alone.  
The angels are with me to welcome me home.*

*Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.*

*Don't cry for me. This is not the end.  
I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again.*

*Love Always,  
Tanecia Keyes*



## *Order of Service*

Mistress of Ceremony.....	Sister Synthia Lindsey
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Selection.....	Pilgrim Choir
Scripture Reading.....	Old Testament Psalms 34:18
	New Testament Hebrews 4:12
Prayer.....	Pastor Rena Dawkins
Words of Expressions.....	Pastor Joe Keyes
Song.....	Pastor Jeremy Gavin
Words of Expressions.....	Minister Chris Jones
Words of Encouragment.....	Mr. Tremayne Wheaton, Jr
Song.....	Greater Faith Choir
Reflections from Class of 2009.....	Mr. Robert Ross, Jr.

(Acknowledgements and Resolution)

Obituary.....	Read Silently (Soft Music)
Eulogy.....	Pastor Theodore Cole
Recessional.....	Funeral Home in Charge
Interment.....	Baxter Community Cemetery Cemetery
Montrose, MS	

## *Remembering Tanecia*

As one part of a bundle of joy brought to loving parents, Tanecia Kasha Keyes was born April 30, 1991.

She graduated from Bay Springs High School as a member of class of 2009. She received her certificate for Medical Billing and Coding. She worked as a Certified Nurse Assistant. Her last employer was Peco Foods where she had many co-workers and friends who loved her.

Tanecia began to love Christ as a child and was baptized. She was a member of Pilgrim Rest United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir.

She is the loving mother of three beautiful children: Penelope Beal, Phelyx Keyes, and Emerald Sheldwood.

Tanecia Kasha Keyes departed this life to receive eternal rest on April 26, 2024. at Ochsner Laird Hospital. She was preceded in death by her grandparents: Virgie Mae Jones, Verdell Bender, and Joe Calvin Keyes. Left to love her always are her parents: Jean(Tremayne) Wheaton and Pastor Curtis(Zandra) Keyes. Cherishing her memories are her sibliings: Kendra Barnes, Kanecia(Javier) Keyes, Tremayne Wheaton, Jr., Davion Jones, Kudarius Keyes, Cortez Keyes, and Allison Evans. Holding her in their hearts are grandparents: Dessie Wheaton, Jerry and Janet Wheaton. She will be missed by her God-Dad, Monroe Wilson and God-Mom, Diane Newell. Missing her greatly is her best friend, Ashley Rucker. Many loving aunts, uncles, relatives, and friends will keep her memory alive.



# *Tributes of Love*

## **To Our Mom In Heaven**

I love you very much and we will always feel loved by you. Even though you are not by me and your family. I will always know that you are watching over us in Heaven. I wish you were here for your birthday and ours, but you know a lot of people came to celebrate you and Tete. Even though, you weren't there. I wanted to grant your wishes because sometimes things were kind of rough, so I will grant your wishes even though you are not here. I love you very much! I will never let them spend a holiday without you. Every time I need comfort I will come to your grave.  
Love Penelope

"We love you Mommy"  
Love Phylex and Emmy





## To Our Daughter

Faithfulness and unconditional love are two of the many things that keeps us united as a family. Words can not describe how we feel right now. Although we have heavy hearts, teary eyes, and moments of grief, we continue to remember your joyful spirit and the light you brought to our family. We are grateful and thankful for the memories we made together, and we will forever remember and cherish them with all our heart. You left us with three beautiful children that we will love, care for, and support just as you did. There's so much more we could say about your time here on earth, but we know God welcomed you home with open arms. We miss you, and we love you

*Mom and Chuck*



Time! You can't stop it. You can't control it. It has the proclivity to keep on moving. But, you can capture it for a moment through a picture, a video, or memory. But, I had the privilege to seize it as a father, unforgettable moment spent... Moments we argued, moments we cried, moments we laughed. But, the greatest moment we shared was a few months ago when you called to share the great news of your new found relationship with Christ as your Savior. So, as I sit here today, this moment is bitter/sweet. Experiencing this eulogy with family and friends in your homegoing is bitter, but knowing you are in the immediate presence of Christ is sweet. So, in this moment I have peace. I love you... Dad





## To Our Sister

Tanecia,

I really have no words to express my feelings about you being gone. Thank you for sharing a womb with me for nine months. Thank you for being a built-in best friend since the day we were conceived. Thank you for pushing me to be the best version of myself every single day. Thank you for always having my back in fights with friends and especially mom and dad. Thank you for being willing to try all of my crazy ideas without hesitation. Thank you for sticking up for me when no one else would. Thank you for being the only person I know I can count on every day, hour, minute and second of my life. You make me the person I was destined to be and I would not be where I am today without you. I forgive you for hogging all the room in the womb and sitting on me for nine months. Thank you for getting on my last nerve at least once a day and making me want to fight you, even though I know I will lose every time. Thank you for teaching me how to fight for myself, whether it be through actual fights or encouraging me to be confident in who I am. You have always been my number one fan and my biggest critic, and for that, I cannot thank you enough. You taught me that I am the best I can be and that no one is perfect, and I do not need to be perfect to know my self-worth and self-importance. Thank you for your passion. You put your entire heart and soul into everything that you do. Your motivation inspires me to be the best I can be and to work toward accomplishing all of my dreams. Thank you for being the best shoulder to cry on. You make life fun, a little weird and always adventurous. Thank you for your spontaneity and free spirit, which is infectious because it encourages me to let loose and know how to have a good time. Most importantly, thank you for being my person. From daily FaceTime calls to ugly Snapchats, you allow me to be the most authentic version of myself and let my freak flag fly. You challenge me, motivate me, amaze me and inspire me. You are my best friend and I am the most thankful person to know that I will have you right by my side for the rest of my life.

Thank you for being my twin.(twin sis)





My little sister, I'm going to miss you way too much much, I will cherish the memories and time we had together, although your gone you left three beautiful people with me to remind me of you every day, sister you were a kind, loving, great mother to your kids, I'm so overjoyed of the way you taught them about God and how to love themselves. I will do just what you asked me to do if you was to leave this world, I promise you that. I love you Tanecia.

Big sis Kendra♥(sister kendra)

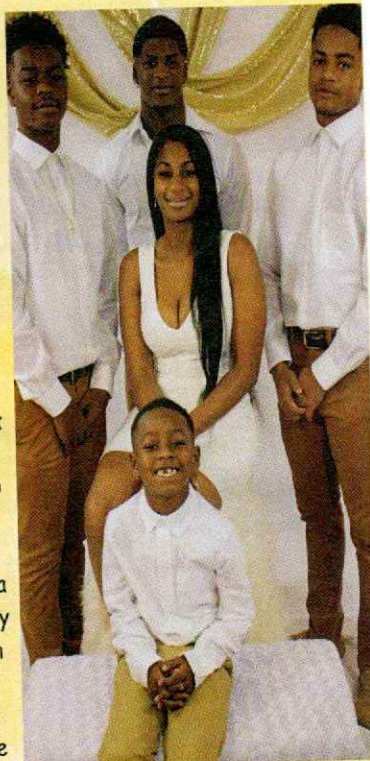
Hey TT, this your oldest nephew Zyon, you really hurt me with this one, once I heard the news I crashed out TT, then it started to seem like as if it was not real. I remembered the time when we talked about getting tore up on yo birthday, I couldn't wait lol. I remembered the times when I got tore up you was there to take care of me even though during those times you was tore up yourself lol. Other thing I can truly say you raised some very strong kids, I can't forget about what Phelix walked up & told me that night when we was standing outside & found out about the news, but I realize all we have to do is stay strong, come together as a family, & number one keep God first. Just know I love you & you will forever have a place in my heart. ♥ (nephew zyon)

Dear Aunt Tee,

I miss you so much I miss riding round the block seeing emy phlex running to my car then walking in seeing you hollering to tell them to come back in every since I was young I always thought u was so mean to me ionk why but I got older in understand what u was saying u never wasn't a mean person it just we was so alike in we were the only two that could understand each other no one else ya fuss a lot but I miss fussing with u about anything then here go my mama jumping in we going off on her while we still fussing at each other best tt I ever had strong independent women strong children I promise im going to take care of them for you with all my heart they want never have to worrying bout nothing any more I miss you smiling when u hear some going good for u I miss coming in telling u what happen today even though it was just the little thing but those conversations matter to me the most I just wish I can see u smile one last time I LOVE YOU FOREVER

Love ,A.J (nephew aj)

First off I just wanna say your 3 beautiful kids are being well taken care of like u always have did. I love you so much Tt I wish that that day never happened I wish i could talk to you one more time talking bout miss you so much I can't forget what u said to me at that prom "look at my handsome nephew Nol now nephew looking clean" I miss you so much and I think bout you every night can't even explain how much I cry cuz there so much love in my heart for you tt I loved you as you was my 2 mom last time I saw u u had the biggest smile that could light up the world I didn't even get to say goodbye but Ik u gone be watching over me everything I do know u gone be there but this year football is personal ima do it for you and my mom ima make sure your kids get everything they want Ilove you so much TT you'll always be in my heart get your rest Beautiful ♥ Love, Myles





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**Dear Tanecia,**

We had an unbreakable bond filled with heartfelt moments, holding each other accountable, and unconditional love. From childhood memories of me getting on your nerves to the times we had deep conversations about life, our memories together will forever be held close to my heart. With all the positive vibes and a smile that could brightened our day, you were the light of our family. A piece of my heart felt gone night I lost you. Strength is one of the things I saw in you daily. You always remained a strong and faithful servant, and regardless of what you went through, you persevered and never allowed it to keep you down. With the strength God provides and the strength I saw in you, I will continue to stay strong and persevere through life and this tough time just as you would want me to for our mom, your kids, and the family. It has most definitely been a hard pill to swallow, but because of your faith, I feel at peace knowing God welcomed you into your heavenly home with open arms. Although you're no longer here, you'll always be in my heart. It's so much more I can say, but all I can say is I miss you and I love you more than life itself. Rest peacefully sister..... Love lil bro



Hey Tanecia! Never thought you would leave us so soon, but I'll always cherish the memorable moments we had together. You taught me three life lessons, & that's to Live Life, Never Let Your Problems Consume You, & Just Be Happy In whatever you're doing, & I apply that to my everyday life. Your beautiful smile & powerful energy lives through your kids, so we still have a piece of you with us. I love you sis (Cortez)



They say there's a reason, they say time will heal; our bond was stronger than any diamond or forged steel. As I'm aching this big loss of my big sister, I know God needed you more than we all did and I know you're watching over me and your nieces as you did when you were here. Farewell my dear big sister, WE WILL be together again. I love you so much T. Your baby sister, Allison

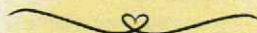


We little knew that morning God was to call your name. In live we loved you dearly, in death we love you the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, You did not go alone. For part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. Love always, Davion





*You have been by my side since I was born and will remain with me in spirit. I'm glad we got to spend time together here with love for one another and see each other smile. You were taken suddenly, but I know you're at peace, resting now. A sister and a friend, I will miss you. Kudarius Keyes*



### ***In Remembrance of My Beloved Friend and Sister***

*Tanecia, you are the sunshine in my darkest days, the rock that anchors me. Our bond went beyond friendship, evolving into a sisterhood that will forever be cherished. Your love and laughter filled my life with joy, and your absence leaves a void that cannot be filled. I take comfort in knowing that you have found peace in the embrace of Heaven. Your spirit will forever soar among the angels, and your radiant light will sister. continue to illuminate our lives. I will hold our treasured memories close to my heart, keeping your spirit alive within me. Rest in eternal peace, my dear.*

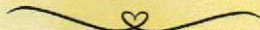
*Love your Best Friend, Ashley Rucker*

## *To Our God Daughter*

*A golden heart stop beating. It broke my heart to see you go. Only God can take the BEST. I will always remember you. You did your best for all of us. They say memories are golden. But we never want memories. We want you. And thou my heart is broken. I know you are resting with God. You have left my life but your beautiful soul will never leave my heart. I believe great souls live forever. You will be missed beyond measures. In the clouds we shall meet again.*

*Love you!*

*Mrs. Diane Newell*



*To my God daughter*

*You were a very impactful person on everyone's life you encountered. I knew you before you were even born. I still got the scar on my arm to prove it. Now you are no longer here, and you have left a scar on my heart for a lifetime. I love you lil bit.*

*Love Monroe Wilson*

## *Grandma Love*

*"If Roses Grow in Heaven"*

*If Roses grow in Heaven Lord please pick a bunch for me. Place them in my Granddaughter's arms and tell her they're from me! Tell her that I love her and will always 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 will do it every day, but there is an ache within my heart that will never go away.*

*In Loving Memory of my Granddaughter*

*Love Always, Your Grandma Dessie*



## *Aunts and Uncles*

### *"Remembered"*

I don't know why it happened, no reason could suffice but those who've served their purpose, are called to paradise. To us it seems to senseless, but God, he had a plan we will never understand it, for that's the curse of man. It's faith we must hold on to, that's how our spirits grow and even though we miss her, we've got to let her go. She'll always be here with us, no matter where we roam so cherished and remembered, within our hearts she's home. She'd want us to be happy, to live, laugh, and love, she know we won't forget her, she's watching from above. Proudly, we shall speak her name, and sweetly reminisce share stories of her life, then send up a kiss! We Love and will miss

you, Tanecia,

Your Aunts and Uncles

(Keith, Joe, Thomas, Greg, Michelle, Janice, Shonda Lynn, Tasha, Denis, and Cynthia)

### *Family.Friendship. Faith*

The day that Tremayne, Sr. and Jean Wheaton decided to join their lives together, the Wheaton family immediately was blessed with 3-bonus daughters-Kendra, Tanecia, and Kanecia. Over the years, we have watched them grow up from teenagers into beautiful young women and loving others.

Though we didn't share a last name, Tanecia was certainly a part of us- The Wheaton Family. She loved Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton (especially Mrs. Wheaton's cakes and candies), and they loved her. Taneica loved Chuck (her bonus dad), and he loved her right back. Her bonus aunts, uncles, and cousins (especially Aunt Jerlene, Lasha, Stanley, and Bridgett) became not just family but true friends.

We thought that we would have many more years together, but her days with us in the life have come to an end. Our hearts are sad, our eyes are filled with tears, and our minds are still wondering "why" but this family will always stand on Faith. Even as we grieve this tragic loss of young like, we do so confidence that will be reunited into our spiritual family one day.

### *Be encouraged family and friends*

"We do not want to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others, do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died... For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Wheaton Family



We watch you from one day old until 33 years of your life !! You was our niece that was sweet and sour but the sweet outweighed the sour!! You had so much respect for us you never raised your voice at us!! But you was very outspoken but in a nice way you always greeted us with that contagious smile that made us feel loved we going to miss you saying I am just vibing right not or I feel a good vibe!! Get your rest our Angel!! Love your aunties and uncles your mom siblings 🌸🌸🌸

### In Loving Memory of Our Wonderful Cousin

Of all the special gifts in life, however, great or small, to have you as our cousin was the greatest gift of all. May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear "We love and miss you and wish that you were here". Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love and cherish not forget! No more tomorrows we can share but yesterdays are always there. A silent thought, a secret tear keeps your memory ever near in our hearts forever. We love you Tanecia and you will be truly Missed.

Love Always  
Your Cousins

You were there growing up, my first real best friend. Many secrets we did share, you made me laugh till the end. I saw you, the real you. I was there from the start. You will always be in that special, place in my heart.

My Cousin... My Friend... My Beginning... My Forever...





### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Desmond Jones	Dontrell Quince
Javier Rodriguez	Kevin Wheaton
Stanley Wheaton	Thomas Keyes

### *Pallbearers*

Anthony Ross	Zyon Ross
Myles Ross	Adam Jones
Demetrice Roberts	Leroy Jones
Tashaun Piece	Tyrick Roberts

### *Flower Girls*

Cousins

### *Acknowledgement*

We, the families' of Tanecia Kasha Keyes acknowledge the many outpourings of love extended to us during our hours of grief.

Nothing that has been said or done has gone unnoticed. Your welcomed prayers have helped to strengthen us. Our desire is that you help us to keep her love alive. Thank you, and may God bless each of you.

The Family

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