

THE DAY
God
TOOK YOU
Home

*You never said, "I'm leaving."
You never said, "Good-bye."
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.
A million times I needed you;
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life, I loved you dearly;
In death, I love you still.
In my heart, you hold a place
That no one could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
Part of me went with you
The day God took you home.*

Honorary Pallbearers

Walter Harvey, Jr. Oscar J. Hodge
James L. Griffin Micheal Lovett
Dwayne Donaldson

Active Pallbearers

Samuel Turner Lionel Hinson
Matthew Lovett Darius Kirlew
Terrell Donaldson Liness St. Vil

Flower Bearers

Friends and Classmates

Repast

Samson Masonic Lodge
120 Avenue R Northwest
Winter Haven, Florida 33881

Acknowledgement

*The family of Anthony Antwon Donaldson would like to
thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls,
visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly
during our time of bereavement.
May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.*

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Anthony Antwon
DONALDSON

Alpha
May 3, 1984

Omega
June 29, 2026

Saturday, July 18, 2026
11:00 AM

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
200 Avenue R NW
Winter Haven, Florida 33881

Reverend Clifton E. Dollison, Pastor/Teacher

LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Anthony Antwon Donaldson

Anthony Antwon Donaldson was born on May 3, 1984, in Winter Haven, Florida. He was raised in Winter Haven by his devoted mother, Christine Smith, whose love and guidance helped shape the man he became.

Anthony graduated from Lake Region High School in 2003, where he built lifelong friendships and became known for his vibrant personality and involvement in school and community activities. As a young man, he participated in the community band and enjoyed being part of a dance and step team, expressing his love for music, creativity, and bringing joy to others.

Throughout his life, Anthony worked a variety of jobs, but what truly defined him was his ability to bring people together. Whether organizing gatherings, supporting community events, or simply creating opportunities for friends and family to connect, Anthony had a gift for making people feel welcome. He lived life with an easygoing spirit, always choosing to “go with the flow” and embracing each day with warmth, laughter, and humor.

Anthony built much of career as an entrepreneur and became well known throughout the community for sharing his passion for food and hospitality by selling homemade baked goods, food, and refreshing drinks at local events. Beyond his entrepreneurial spirit, he had a genuine heart for serving others. He actively participated in community service projects and often prepared and distributed care packages to individuals experiencing homelessness. His compassion, generosity, and willingness to give back reflected the kind of person he was and left a lasting impact on those whose lives he touched.

On June 29, 2026, God called one of his angels home from this earthly life into his heavenly kingdom. There, Anthony was reunited with beloved family members who had gone before him.

Anthony was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Christine Smith; grandfather and grandmother, Frank and Idella Donaldson; aunts, Barbara Jean Spann and Myrtis Houston; uncle, Lewis Washington, Sr. (Bettie Hill); and brother, Quontae Howard.

He leaves to cherish his warmest memories with a loving family: his sisters, Anne Griffin (Quinton), Nicole Smith, and Markeya Smith, all of Winter Haven, FL; brother, James Griffin of Graceville, FL; siblings, Terelle and Dawayne Donaldson, Shanita Howard, and Meeka Richardson; Aunt, Betty Lovett; earthly mother, Darlene Donaldson; godmother, Veltzi Ford; special friends, Val Johnson and Lionel “Partner” Hinson; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other extended family members, and sorrowing friends who loved him dearly.

Anthony’s legacy is one of love, laughter, community, service, and togetherness. He will be remembered for his ability to unite people, his compassionate heart, his generosity toward others, and the joy he brought wherever he went. Though he will be deeply missed, his memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

“Those we love don’t go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear.”



Order of Celebration

Processional.....	Ministers and Family
The Farewell Glance	
Invocation.....	“The Lords’s Prayer” Psalm 23 Chassidee Anderson
An Uplifting Selection.....	Choir
Scripture Readings:	
Old Testament	Reverend Franklin Jackson
New Testament	Reverend Franklin Jakscon
An Inspirational Solo	Gabbie Thompson
As We Knew Him	Two Minutes, Please
As a Friend.....	Val Johnson
As a Classmate/Friend	Lionel “Partner” Hinson
As an Uncle	Arteshia, Arekelia, Chassidee, Samuel
As a Brother	Anne, Nicole, Markeya
As a Godmother.....	Veltzi Ford
Choir Selection	
Resolutions	Church Clerk
An Inspirational Solo	Crystal Robinson
The Message of Hope & Comfort	Reverend C.E. Dollison
Recessional	Choir