

### *Beside Your Bedside*

As we sat at your bedside,  
Our hearts were crushed and sore.  
She knew that she was loved tremendously,  
And we'd always love her forever more.

In tears and sadness,  
We watched as she fought hard not to fade away.  
And though our hearts were breaking,  
We knew that you could not stay.

You fought so hard to stay,  
Because you did not want to miss a thing.  
But the pain and suffering are now over,  
And Praise God, you are with our King!  
Mama, it was an honor and privilege to love you out loud.  
Grandma/Nana, rest easy,  
And know that we will continue to make you proud.

# VERSEAL PINCKNEY

## *Flower Attendants*

Family and Friends

## *Repast*

Premier Event Center  
2403 Dunn Ave, Suite 20  
Jacksonville, Florida 32218  
1pm - 4pm

## *Acknowledgements*

We sincerely thank everyone for your love, support, and prayers during this time. Your kindness and compassion have brought us comfort and strength. We are truly grateful for every gesture of love. Special thanks to those who assisted in her care including Ka'Niah, Lauren, Sandra and LaToya.

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HOMEGOING  
CELEBRATION  
FOR



# VERSEAL PINCKNEY

SUNRISE  
DECEMBER 9, 1950

SUNSET  
MARCH 12, 2025

Saturday | March 22, 2025 | 11:00AM

Q. L. Douglas Funeral Home  
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2403 Edison Avenue | Jacksonville, Florida 32204  
Reverend Marvin Johnson, Officiating



# Life Story

Verseal Pinckney entered this world fighting and she left it the same way—with strength, resilience, and unshakable faith.

Born on Saturday December 9, 1950, in Walterboro, South Carolina, to the late Reverend Abraham and Lucile Pinckney, Verseal’s life began with both triumph and sorrow. Her mother passed away shortly after childbirth, yet even as a newborn, she fought her way through.

After her mother’s passing, she was raised by her father and loving family members until, at the age of thirteen, she relocated to Miami, Florida, where her sisters, Emmie and Susan, continued to guide and nurture her. Life presented many challenges, but Verseal faced each one with determination, knowing that God had a plan for her.

She began her education in the Colleton County Public School System in South Carolina before continuing at Allapattah Middle School and later graduating from Carol City Senior High School in Miami, Florida.

In 1971, Verseal met Harry Stokes, the man who would become her partner, protector and a father to and of her children. Together, they built a home rooted in faith, raising their family while attending New St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Silas Pinckney. Verseal served in many capacities at the church, but her favorite role was welcoming new visitors, always greeting them with a smile that could light up any room.

From the moment they met, Harry stood by her side, fighting life’s battles with her. Together, they raised their three children, Lakisha, Bridgette, and Kevin who were taught to be fighters as well. She taught them to pray, push through and never give up. Verseal and Harry’s love endured for forty-nine years until he unexpectedly departed, leaving her to fight on without him.

But she was never truly alone. Her children—Kisha, Bridgette, and Kevin—stepped in, holding her up just as she had always done for them.

After losing her beloved husband, Verseal faced many health struggles, but in true fashion, she fought through each one. She overcame setback after setback, always pulling through—until her final battle. This time, however, she won.

Those who knew Verseal knew that she deeply loved three things: The Lord, her family, and a good meal. She also had a passion for travel, exploring new places whenever she could. However, in her later years, her journeys slowed due to health challenges. Yet, through it all, she continued to fight.

On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, Verseal fought her final fight and found victory over sickness, pain, loneliness, and sorrow. She is now at peace, having conquered the struggles of this world.

Verseal was preceded in death by her beloved parents: Reverend Abraham and Lucile Pinckney; her devoted husband: Harry Stokes; brothers: Reverend William "BeBe" Pinckney, Allen Pinckney, John Henry Pinckney and Abraham "Jr." Pinckney and sister: Emmie Pinckney Delany.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, strength and faith through her children: Lakisha Johnson (Jonas), Bridgette Jones (Patrick) and Kevin Stokes, Sr. (Shantrelle); honorary son and daughter: Kevin Moore and Cherese Bowe; grandchildren: Ashton Jones, Ka’Niah Stokes, Kevin (KJ) Stokes, Jr., Ka’Mari Stokes, Kendra Auguste-Vincent (Alvin) and Ke’Anna Postell; five great-grandchildren; sisters: Susan C. Pinckney McClain and Ellen Pinckney Jolliff and a host of nieces, nephews, grand and great-grandnieces and nephews including dedicated friends who were more like family: Ms. Shavawn, Ms. Jerry, Ms. Ruby, Ms. Martha, Ms. Barbara-Ann, Ms. Ernestine and Ms. Betty.



# Order of Service

Pastor Roderick Pinckney, Presiding

Processional/Viewing

Solo

Lakisha Johnson

Scriptures  
Old Testament: Psalm 73:26  
New Testament: Philippians 4:13

Invocation

Terry Walker

Selection

Well Done by Deitrick Haddon

Reflections (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)  
As a Friend Ms. Jerry  
Grandchildren Grandchildren  
Nieces May Frances and Evella

Acknowledgements and Resolutions Q. L. Douglas Funeral Home Staff

Selection

No Charge by Shirley Caesar

Eulogy

Reverend Marvin Johnson

Final Viewing

Recessional