



The butterfly is known as a symbol of transformation, hope, life and spirit. It also symbolizes rebirth. It is first born as a caterpillar and it goes back to a cocoon only to come out beautiful.

Colorful butterflies are indeed beautiful however unfortunately; they live a very short life which also acts as a guide to human life. Butterflies remind us that life is short and thus this life teaches us to be in the moment. The transformation of the butterfly into a caterpillar also teaches us about death. It helps us depart from the physical world only to find our begin again in another dimension where you will live in full awareness and remember how to fly.

Acknowledgements

The family of Vicki "Granny" Adkins wishes to thank the community for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which has been extended during this time. Our special thanks to Pastor Ernest Ellis and the Antioch Baptist Church for accommodating our needs at this time.



Comfort Ministry and After-Life Care Arrangements Entrusted To

J.E. Washington Funeral Services
2234 Glenwood Ave. 📍 Youngstown, OH
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In Loving
Memory Of

Vickie Adkins

4/30/1956-2/1/2024

Calling Hours 2/9/2024 10:00am
Funeral Services 2/9/2024 11:00am

Antioch Baptist Church
110 Funston St.
Youngstown, OH 44510

- *Order of Worship* -



~Pastor Ernest Ellis, Celebrant & Officiant~

Musical Prelude Minister Reggie Smith

Hymn of Assurance "*When We All Get to Heaven*"

Reading of Sacred Text

Old Testament *Psalms 46:1* Pastor Ernest Ellis

New Testament *St. John 14:1-6* Minister Linda Hall

Prayer of Comfort Minister Linda Hall

Music Ministry Alisa Hardin Laney

Acknowledgment of Public Tributes &

The Life & Legacy of Granny

Deaconess Elaine Smith, Church Clerk

Music Ministry Alisa Hardin Laney

Selected Family Tributes & Expressions

TWO MINUTES PLEASE

Music Ministry Antioch Gospel Choir

A Message of Hope Pastor Ernest Ellis

Committal Service

Hymn of Victory "*I'll Fly Away*"

Family & Friends are invited to the repast after the celebration of life services which will be held at the Jaylex Event Center, 2110 Glenwood Avenue



The Life & Legacy of Vicki "Granny" Adkins

Vickie Lynn Adkins, affectionately known as Granny, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2024, at the Hospice House surrounded by her family. She entered this world on April 30, 1956, in Youngstown, from the union of Obie Adkins & Millicent Williams.

Granny was a woman of uncompromised strength & resilience. She graduated from The Rayen School and pursued a career as an assembler in the manufacturing industry, working for High Tec Company in Toledo.

Outside of her family life, Vickie had a deep appreciation for entertainment. She was an avid movie-goer, with a special fondness for films by Tyler Perry, as well as classics like "Five Heartbeats" and "Imitation of Life." Her all-time favorite movie, however, was Alex Haley's epic TV series "Roots," which resonated with her on a profound level. Her preferred mode of transportation was walking; she was extremely independent and strong-willed. Pride was her strength and superpower.

Vickie had a zest for life, finding joy in dancing and attending live concerts. Her love for music and dance brought a smile to her face and inspired those around her to join in the celebration of life's simple pleasures. She was a member of Antioch Baptist Church.

Vickie will be remembered as a strong, compassionate, and vibrant woman. Her legacy lives on through the love she shared, the memories she created, and the impact she had on the lives of those fortunate enough to have known her. Granny could be feisty and unfiltered but always expressed from a place of love and truth.

Family was the cornerstone of Vickie's life. Vickie's dedication and unconditional love was extended to her two daughters Laticia Alexander and Shalanda Adkins, as well as her son Durwin Adkins, along with cherishing her grandchildren and great grandchildren, all the time smothering each of them generously with love, including, Jujuan Adkins, whom she nurtured & reared.

She will be remembered by her sisters Marjorie Brooks, Josephine Williams, Caroline Williams, Lynnette Adkins, Sheila Adkins and Lisa Adkins, brothers Harold Brooks and Dale Hopkins. She also had a special relationship with her god brother Daryl Harvey, god daughter Rashida Williams and a large score of family & friends.

However, Vickie's love was not limited to her immediate family. She embraced the role of Granny to the fullest; opening her home and her heart to many children she cared for over the years. Her nurturing spirit left an indelible mark on those she touched. She could share telling stories, often providing her own narratives which created some awesome memories.

She was welcomed into eternity greeted by her parents, daughter Keishma Adkins, brothers Steven Brooks, Obie Adkins Jr. and Michael Peoples, along with three nephews.

A true embodiment of love and compassion, Vickie touched the lives of many. Her warm smile and authentic nature will always serve as a reminder of the goodness that resides in all of us. She had a knack for finding joy in the simplest of moments, and her infectious laughter brought happiness to those around her. During this time, let us join together to celebrate the vibrant life of Vickie Lynn Adkins.

May her memory continue to inspire us all to live each day with kindness, love, and an unwavering zest for life.

Lovingly shared by the family