



Ms Anita Faye Hammond

April 29, 1948 - December 2, 2022

What can we say about our one and only sister, Anita Faye Hammond? On April 29, 1948, the third child of seven, Faye made her entry into the world, to the late Jack Dempsey and Thelma Lee (McCoy) Hammond. Although, our parents named her Anita Faye, she was affectionately called, Nita, Neet, Faye-Da Mae, Faye, Hamm, Fashion Diva, The Boss and Sassy Faye, just to name a few. She really “lived into” those last two!

Faye was a Lover. She loved life. She loved her family. She loved her friends and she loved her church community. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age, at Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church, Menifee, Arkansas. She found joy singing in the Children’s, Youth and Young Adult Choirs, and serving as the church musician and choir director. Every church Faye joined you would always find her singing and holding down the soprano section.

Although Faye never married nor had kids, she was a “Surrogate Mother” to many of us, especially Kirby, Llewellyn and me, (Kenneth), during our mother’s illness. Several nephews and nieces found their way to Faye’s home as their safe harbor during their college and formative years. She was a “Big Sister” to many of her colleagues and friends, giving them a safe harbor to land, as well. She loved to travel, shop and dine out at her favorite restaurants. Faye loved her “Pas”, Pastor Ralph D. and Serita West and her

church, The Church Without Walls. Faye found her place with the music ministry where, again, she helped hold down the soprano section. Through this ministry Faye was able to find forgiveness, healing and peace.

Faye was an Educator. Faye attended Conway County Training School, CCTS, in Menifee, Arkansas and graduated with honors in 1966. While in high school, Faye was selected to travel to Langston University in Oklahoma to represent our school at a Home Economics event. She attended college and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from AM&N College, (UAPB), in 1970. She found joy serving as the Secretary of the Student Government Association and the campus newspaper, "The Arkansawyer", and being a part of the yearbook staff. Even to this day Faye remained close with many of her college friends and colleagues until the very end. Later, she received her Master in Education degree from State Teachers College, (UCA), in Conway, Arkansas. After a stint in Social Services, Faye decided to follow our Mother's footsteps and became an Educator. I believe her teaching career began with the Little Rock School District, where she taught Special Education at Pulaski Heights Middle School and eventually Central High School. She decided to move to better opportunities and continued her teaching career with the Aldine Independent School District, where she remained teaching for the majority of her career until her retirement.

Faye was a Giver. During our mother's final years, Faye showed us the epitome of giving. She left her career and life in Houston to take care of our mother. She also made sure we ALWAYS had Christmas gifts under the tree when we were younger. She cared for and gave to many, including nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and others who were in need.

Faye was a Fighter. Facing racial challenges and opposition, Faye was one of the first African-American students to attend and graduate from the

graduate program at State Teacher's College.

Faye faced many health challenges for the later part of her adult life. Many times Faye was hospitalized for various illnesses and surgeries, and she always fought her way back. She jokingly earned the nickname as the "Bounce Back Queen", and we were all praying she had one more "Bounce Back" in her.

On Friday, December 2, 2022, at 4:21pm, Faye made her transition to Eternal rest, joining our parents, Jack D. and Thelma L. Hammond in glory. Faye, we all: Jackie, Tyrone and Jonia, Larry and Mary, Kirby, Llewellyn and Katherine, Kenneth, Juanita Mitchell, our surrogate mother, Aunt Geraldine Hammond, our only living aunt, ALL of your many nephews and nieces, cousins and friends, will miss you dearly.

Faye, although you are no longer with us, we will never forget your loving, giving and fighting spirit. Rest on, Faye, rest on; til we meet again.

Cemetery Details

Menifee Community Cemetery

Menifee , AR

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church Without Walls
5725 Queenston Blvd
Houston, TX 77084

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors - December 08, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Ms Anita Faye Hammond*



Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors - December 09, 2022 at 12:16 PM

MF

“ *To Tyrone, Jonia and the Hammond Family:
Sorry to hear about Anita's Homegoing. May God be with all you as you try to find peace with her passing. May God Bless All of You!*

Mary Rolfe French - December 11, 2022 at 10:08 AM

DG

“ *Anita was such a beautiful soul. I was so blessed to have her as my cousin and friend. I am eternally grateful to God for her. God bless you family my prayers are with you*

Dee Greenlaw - December 10, 2022 at 02:06 AM

DD

Cousin Anita Faye was a very beautiful person. She always made us feel welcomed. There was never a dull moment when you were in her presence. She was quite comical. We admire her for her strength and courage. She will be greatly missed. Love and prayers are extended to our family.

Deirdre Daniels - December 10, 2022 at 04:28 PM

GL

“ *When Kenny was stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Faye and other family members visited him in Hampton Virginia. My family and I got close to her during her visits. We eventually made our way of Menifee, Arkansas and met other family member and friends. Nita Faye was a good conversationalist and could hold her own. I loved spending time with her. She was a very caring person. Rest in peace my friend we will miss you!*
Gloria Savage-Early and family

Gloria - December 09, 2022 at 08:06 AM



“ *Mouthwatering Meat and Cheese Gift Tower was purchased for the family of Ms Anita Faye Hammond.*



December 08, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms Anita Faye Hammond.*



December 07, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms Anita Faye Hammond.*



December 07, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ *Praying God’s peace that surpasses all understanding to all of the Hammond Family”*

To my dear friend, Nita Faye:

I will forever be thankful and grateful to God for your wonderful friendship. You were the first person that I met coming to Little Rock from Akron, Ohio. When I started my new job at Pulaski Heights Middle School, you came up to me and introduced yourself and instantly we became “sister friends.” We would do things together and you would “check on me” regularly even when I did not have sense enough to “check on you.” You have been this way throughout our 46 years and even through some of your most difficult days but that is just the kind of person you are. I will be missing you, but I know that I will see you again. Jesus has seen to that!

*I Love You!
Matty Cooksey*

See you later sis!

Matty Cooksey - December 06, 2022 at 09:44 PM

JH

Prayers and condolences to Anita Hammond's immediate family. From cousin John (Linda) Hammond.

John (Linda) Hammond - December 07, 2022 at 11:12 PM

KM

“ *My condolences to the Hammond family. Nita was loved by many, and she will be greatly missed. I will personally miss her genuine kindness and sense of humor. Kevin Ann (Antoinette)*

K, A. Montgomery - December 06, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ms Anita Faye Hammond.*



December 06, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ *Only a handful of family check on me while I'm out working, Aunt Faye was one of them. She's always had my back no matter what. If your did wrong she'd let you know if your were doing right, she'd let you know. A second mother to many for sure. I love you more Aunt Faye*

Damien Hammond - December 05, 2022 at 03:46 PM

LA

Anita was my closest demographic friend. We established that bond 56 yrs ago as college roommates. Life took us to different areas at one time but after relocating to the south we found each other again and stayed intouch. I loved her like a sister, I will miss our frequent conversations and our planned visits which was to be this spring but God knew she needed the rest and he always know best. I feel safe in saying her name is written in the Lambs book of Life. Love you my girl.

Lynda Brown Austin - December 06, 2022 at 08:50 AM

DE

“ *Sometimes in life we are blessed to have someone that truly loves us and truly wants good for us. She was an aunt, 2ND mother, mentor, Saint and savior to my life. I know The Most High God (in Jesus Name) must really care about me cause he gave me Aunt Faye. Words will never be enough to express the love I have for this angel that was on this earth. Thank you for always coming for me. Thank you for caring enough to want me to be right and be blessed. Thank you for taking your valuable time and using it to shape and mode me. A part of my heart will be empty for the rest of my life. But my life is filled with so much love I have for you. I miss you. Thank you for being there when I needed you. May God greet and hug you so tight and let you see how much of a blessing you were on this earth. I love you for eternity Aunt Faye....*
Your Nephew and Son Decarlos.

DeCarlos - December 05, 2022 at 03:26 PM

SR

“ *Condolences to the entire family.... She will definitely be remembered.* ❤️

Stephanie L Robinson - December 04, 2022 at 04:23 PM

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“ To all the Hammond Family and Friends of Anita Faye, the Word of God remind us that Death is for certain but love is the greatest.. Please know that my Family is lifting you up in prayer and it is our hope that you have comfort as God strengthen you during this difficult time. May the fond memories of your loved one remain in your hearts and minds forever.

Deborah Faye Rhodes (Little) - December 04, 2022 at 07:16 AM

HS

It was not that long ago we shared fb post. Me laughing at some you posted and others were words of encouragement and reminding us to give thanks and that God keep watch over our families. You were always with prayer in mind for others and yourself. The Lord heard you and answered. He will never leave nor forsake any of us who call on Him. I am sure you are resting in peace within His presence. Rest on Sister Anita Faye Hammond. All of your labours in this world are finished. 🙏 RIP. Prayers for the family and friends of this wonderful Woman of God.

Heidi Swan - December 04, 2022 at 12:16 PM

DE

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DeCarlos - December 05, 2022 at 03:19 PM

HS

“ Prayers for the families. God has gained another angel

Houston & Carolyn McCray Sr - December 04, 2022 at 06:25 AM

DG

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of your lovely sister. It is always difficult to hear that we have lost someone from our home area. Sending love to all of you, especially to my classmate, Larry.

Dr. Dovie "Bea" Wesley Gray - December 04, 2022 at 12:20 AM

JA

Sorry to hear the passing of your Sister. I will always remember the long talk we had. Our love and prayers for all the Hammonds family.

Janice - December 04, 2022 at 12:13 PM

AC

“ My condolences to the Anita Hammond family!
I know Anita will be missed by her brothers. You are in my thoughts and prayers. We are family!💔💔💔☐

Audra Reed Carson - December 03, 2022 at 10:26 PM

VB

“ Will I miss my friend and college mate here in Houston. Our laughs and coverstions were endless. She loved her family especially her brothers, as she was the one and only Sister Queen. God needed an Angel in Heaven to watch over us.🙏🌹❤️

Virginia Burrell - December 03, 2022 at 09:58 PM

TH

“ Aunt Faye was a beautiful person! I remember her and her brothers sitting out in those lawn chairs in my front yard at the family reunion. Laughing and eating, listening to music and having a great time! You'll be forever missed! Me deepest condolences to the family and friends.

Tracie Hammond - December 03, 2022 at 06:58 PM

AC

My thoughts and prayers are with you all doing this difficult time. Anita will be truly missed.

Aneta Criswell - December 03, 2022 at 11:21 PM

EV

Anita Faye, everyone referred to her, Cousin, Mrs. Hammonds, her mother, my Home-Economics Teacher, Jackie, Tyrone so many memories. Losing a loved one, God's Peace to you guys is always difficult.

EVELYN - December 05, 2022 at 05:25 PM

LB

Anita my college roommate and my friend of 56 yrs, I will truly miss the long distant conversations over the years. Loved you my sister. Condolences to the family... the brothers and all those nieces & nephews that she loved and frequently had such good things to say about them.

Lynda Brown-Austin - December 08, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms Anita Faye Hammond.



December 03, 2022 at 06:39 PM