



LaTanya Renell Townsend

May 27, 1980 - September 29, 2025

LaTanya Renell Townsend, 45, of Chattanooga, passed away Monday, September 29, 2025, in a local hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. She was born May 27, 1980 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. LaTanya was self-employed as a hair stylist.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Mary Townsend; grandfathers, Eddie Townsend and Jessie Henderson; aunt, Elaine Hunter; and uncle, Rickey Johnson.

Survivors include her mother, Ruby Lee Taylor; father, Laveris Townsend, Sr.; grandmother, Jearlean Henderson, all of Chattanooga; brothers, Frank (Laticia) Morgan, Laveris Townsend, Jr., both of Fayetteville, AR, and Terrell Townsend of Chattanooga; sister, Joyce M. Russell of TX; uncles, Lovell (Brenda) Johnson, Henry Johnson, and Roy Lee Townsend, all of Chattanooga; aunts, Dorothy Robinson of Chattanooga, Carolyn Diane (James) Stewart of TX, Linda Junior, Evangeline Townsend, both of Detroit, MI, and Vivian J. Townsend of Chattanooga; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends; special friend, Vickie Tipton.

LaTanya will lie-in-state on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 10 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. in the Chapel with Pastor Frankie Bates as the Eulogist.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

OCT 11. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

OCT 11. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *LaTanya made me smile every day with her presence. Her love, kindness, faithfulness, loyalty, dedication and humbleness brought smiles to so many...*

Shirley B. - October 29, 2025 at 09:56 PM

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“ *A day I'll never forget with Tanya is EVERYDAY. I will never forget our talks, her smile, her kind words, our laughs, NOTHING will ever be forgotten...*

Shirley B. - October 29, 2025 at 09:53 PM

S

“ *There is so much kindness that Tanya had to pick one is hard. I guess the one thing to me was her loving heart. She was always willing to show you how much she loved you and her heart was pure Gold..*

Shirley B. - October 29, 2025 at 09:51 PM

S

“ *A lesson that I learned from Tanya is No matter how others perceive you or thinks of you God is always in control...*

Shirley B. - October 29, 2025 at 09:49 PM

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“ *My fondest memory of Tanya was her kind heart and always willing to help others and the love she had for the one's she loved*

Shirley B. - October 29, 2025 at 09:45 PM

S

“ Tanya, One month ago today you gained your Heavenly Wings. It feels like eternity to me. I love and miss you so much. I cry every day sometimes several times a day. I know you are watching over me and I see you face in the quietest places. I see your smile as bright as a light. You definitely are missed. I Thank God that I had the opportunity to get to know YOU. You are a Precious jewel and MY ANGEL. I love you best friend... I'll see you again. Wait on me .. Ba'

Shirley B. - October 29, 2025 at 09:11 PM

VI

“ Tanya my forever Angel,
I miss you so much. What I would give to see your beautiful smile. I love you beyond words of expression. Ba' I know you were in pain How?? Many days and nights you would call me just to have me on the phone while you was sick N hurting I know you suffering. I seen you struggling to walk, to breath, to just be able to raise up out of the bed to start your days. The talks we had about how sick you was... It breaks my heart into pieces to know that you had to go through that. But God..... He seen you were struggling and in pain and he knew you fought a good fight and you won the race and he said, Come my Precious Child I will give you rest...
I know you're not going through anymore pain and you can breathe so much better and He gave you a new body. I hold on every memory, every talk, cry, laugh that we shared and hold those dear to my heart. I know I will see you again one day. Wait on me at the gates and show me the beauty of Heaven. I love you and miss you so much... Forever
Loved..... Vickie



Vickie - October 25, 2025 at 07:18 PM

VI

“Wow today makes 18 days since you went to be with Jesus. Every day is a struggle for me. I miss you so much. My heart is in shambles. It hurts me so bad from going from 10-12 phone calls a day to none. What am I going to do???

Tanya I know you're not suffering and in so much pain and I know you are free from all of that but I wasn't ready for you to go. Your wings where ready but My heart wasn't. I talk to you everyday and I hear your voice but it's just not the same. I miss you so much and I will love you forever. I'll see you again babygirl just save me a spot and wait for me at the gate. You will have to give me a tour of Paradise. Until then continue to watch over me and walk by my side... I love you... Your bestie forever... Vickie



Vickie - October 17, 2025 at 04:06 PM

TT

“Tenisa Townsend lit a candle in memory of LaTanya Renell Townsend



Tenisa Townsend - October 11, 2025 at 07:04 PM

VI

“Fly high beautiful FRIEND. I'll see you again but Until then I'll keep you alive inside of me and I'll never forget you.

You are a beautiful Angel and I know you're present will live in side of my heart forever.

Spread your wings and light up the world with your shine.... Love you forever... Vickie



Vickie - October 11, 2025 at 05:38 PM

“ Jealous of the Angels

*I didn't know today would be our last
Or that I'd have to say I'll see you again to you so fast
I'm so numb, I can't feel anymore
Prayin' you'd just walk back through that door
And tell me that I was only dreamin'
You're not really gone as long as I believe
There will be another angel
Around the throne tonight*

*Your love lives on inside of me
And I will hold on tight
It's not my place to question
Only God knows why
I'm just jealous of the angels
Around the throne tonight*

*You always made my troubles feel so small
And you were always there to catch me when I'd fall
In a world where heroes come and go
Well God just took the only one I know
So I'll hold you as close as I can
Longing for the day, when I see your face again
But until then
God must need another angel
Around the throne tonight
See upcoming pop shows
Get tickets for your favorite artists*

*Your love lives on inside of me
And I will hold on tight
It's not my place to question
Only God knows why
I'm just jealous of the angels
Around the throne tonight*

*Singin' hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
I'm just jealous of the angels
Around the throne tonight*

*TANYA I LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH ...
THIS SONG IS TO YOU AND I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN .
I'LL KEEP MY EYES OPEN FOR YOU AND I KNOW THAT
WE WILL TALK EVERYDAY JUST AS WE ALWAYS DO.
FLY HIGH MY BEAUTIFUL FRIEND AND I LOVE YOU..*

*LOVE,
VICKIE (YOUR BESTIE)*

VICKIE - October 11, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ *We will miss you until we meet in heaven*



Andrea Miles - October 11, 2025 at 01:26 PM



You will be missed make some people happy smile and do some hair

Andrea Miles - October 11, 2025 at 01:28 PM

AH

“ It was a pleasure meeting you and giving you the opportunity to get to know your nephew Terrill Jr. you have always been nothing but genuine and loving the whole time you were here with us. Rest easy and you were the definition of a true fighter 💜💜💜 until we meet again!!! 🕊️

appiffany hollins - October 11, 2025 at 09:08 AM

SL

“ My condolences and prayers for all of the family. May God be with you all. 🙏🙏🙏

Sharron Baine Langford



Sharron Baine Langford - October 10, 2025 at 09:49 PM

TT

“ Rest In Peace cousin. I pray you made peace with God and He welcomed you with open arms. I remember as little girls we were inseparable and you were like a big sister to me. It's funny I'm reading these memories and I can tell you didn't change much lol. As kids she was me and my little sister's protector. Love ❤️ you and see you on the other side

Tiffany TOWNSEND - October 09, 2025 at 09:26 PM

JF

“ *Joyce Fears lit a candle in memory of LaTanya Renell Townsend*



Joyce Fears - October 06, 2025 at 10:56 AM

EB

“ *Thank u for being my friend. I thank u for just being beautiful inside and out. You will always be loved and u will always be remembered*

Erika Bunkley-Perry - October 06, 2025 at 12:15 AM

JP

Tanya you are such a beautiful spirit! You will be missed dearly! Fly high sweet lady & rest in peace!

Jessica Parks - October 07, 2025 at 02:07 PM

CC

“ *I'll miss you. Always a good friend and I'm sorry u was so sick. Praying for you and your family.*

Christy Campbell - October 05, 2025 at 07:34 AM



“ *She will surely be missed by many for she knew no stranger and she helped many. My condolences to her family and all her friends! Rest baby and see you again one day.*

Skyla Ruiz - October 05, 2025 at 05:29 AM

GS

“ Blessings to all of the family and friends. I extend my deepest condolences and you all are in my prayers.

Oh, my had some times with and her smart mouth at MLCC. One day we were sitting in the gym Coach said Tanya wants to talk to. For what? Evelyn Mosier had words with her. She encouraged me to listen to God stop being mad foolish and hardheaded. I returned 2 more times. She said see I told you something, you asked God and won't stop being God. I will never forget her kind words. I forgave, I am healing and dealing T!!! I am allowing God to use me daily.

You never know who God will use to get His message across. Being I saw a person didn't like them that person dropped a nugget that I will forever hold near to my heart. Just know as you watch over you will have a chapter in my book.

Rest Easy friend. Until we meet again so long never goodbye.

Ginger (Osborne) Wells Smith - October 04, 2025 at 03:00 PM

VI

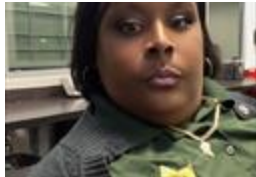
“ RIP Tanya



Vickie - October 04, 2025 at 09:02 AM

HO

“ Tonya was a beautiful soul she will most definitely be missed. she took care of me at TPFW, MLCC until we meet again Fly High my Friend.

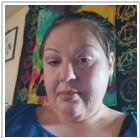


Heather omoigui - October 04, 2025 at 07:49 AM



“ Letanya was a sweet person who spent time teaching some of us how to shine, how to be confident, and how to never let anyone see you sweat. She used to cut my hair and make me look the very best I could in a very limited place. I pray peace for her family in a time where there are no words, no understanding, and no comfort. But know this her purpose in life was fulfilled each time she sent someone on their way looking and feeling as beautiful as the heart inside of Letanyas chest

Nicole Brown - October 04, 2025 at 04:35 AM



“ Stephanie Hudson lit a candle in memory of LaTanya Renell Townsend



Stephanie Hudson - October 03, 2025 at 09:21 PM

C@

“ *Comm.Greg Amd Patbeck12 @icloud.com lit a candle in memory of LaTanya Renell Townsend*



Comm.Greg amd Patbeck12 @icloud.com - October 03, 2025 at 07:21 PM

DS

“ *Denetra Shaw lit a candle in memory of LaTanya Renell Townsend*



Denetra shaw - October 03, 2025 at 02:11 PM

TR

“ *My condolences (Tiffany Mathews) Robinson*

Tiffany Mathews Robinson - October 03, 2025 at 11:24 AM

ET

“ *Deepest Sympathy for the family . No more pain rest easy baby girl you will be miss.*

EVANGELINE TOWNSEND - October 02, 2025 at 10:49 PM

ET

“ *EVANGELINE TOWNSEND lit a candle in memory of LaTanya Renell Townsend*



EVANGELINE TOWNSEND - October 02, 2025 at 10:44 PM

DE

“ *My black beauty is resting she fought a dam good fight but God didn't want to share his beauty anymore and ask her to come with him and she went home. I have all my memories of you from MLCC. And I will hold them in my heart. Rest Tanya*

devin ellis - October 02, 2025 at 06:11 PM

EC

God bless her. Fly high now angel....you are free. 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Elizabeth Allison Cooper - October 02, 2025 at 10:12 PM

GD

“ *Gloria J Daniels lit a candle in memory of LaTanya Renell Townsend*



Gloria J Daniels - October 02, 2025 at 03:04 PM

VI

“ *Rest in paradise my beautiful FRIEND. I love you and I am gonna miss you so much. I'll forever hold you close to my heart* ❤️❤️❤️.



Vickie - October 02, 2025 at 02:26 PM

AM

“ My lady Tanya I'm really going to miss you young lady you came into my life as a young girl into the system we met in a strange way behind bars we had good times we had bad times but none of that stopped our love for one another he was like a daughter to me you had a beautiful heart you were your own person and if a person didn't know you they wouldn't understand but I love you for who you are the person you were the person you became you accomplished a lot and that means a lot you wasn't behind the bars doing nothing you made accomplishments and I love you and I miss you Andrea miles Davis Miss Angie Barry Davis my husband he love you too you always inspired him when he spoke with you you are truly missed

Andrea D Miles - October 02, 2025 at 09:24 AM

TW

Tanya, take your rest sweetie. God needed you more. You will be missed. The Angels needed their hair hooked up. Love you, girl.

Tabatha White - October 02, 2025 at 06:01 PM

SB

“ Latanya was more than my friend she was my sister. We were kids together in a world neither of us was prepared for. I think about chilling with her on a blanket with a boom box and her wearing that crazy bucket sunhat when we were teenagers. Time wasn't always done together but we reconnected several times over the years. Later in life we were blessed to be able to be friends as adults. Her faith was strong and every day she came over and did the Joel Osteen daily affirmations, speaking life over death was important to her. She spoke and prayed her way out of here and back to her Momma. Tan I'll see you when I get there. Love and miss you. Crystal Sturgill



SHELLY BREEDEN-CONNER - October 01, 2025 at 07:11 PM

VI

“ To LaTanya family
May God give each of you peace. You all are in my prayers 🙏🙏.
LaTanya was a beautiful blessing to so many people. I know I
Thank God for him allowing us to cross paths. He sent me a Friend
that I was BLESSED to have. She was a very beautiful woman and
to have her in your life was a blessing. She will be forever missed
and loved by me and so many other people. Fly high beautiful
FRIEND and I love you.... Vickie



Vickie - October 01, 2025 at 07:09 PM



When I seen your picture I knew who you were and your bright smile.
I'm just shocked to learn of this but you are now resting. Sending
condolences to your family!

Skyla Ruiz - October 05, 2025 at 05:26 AM

WP

“ Wilma Poole lit a candle in memory of
LaTanya Renell Townsend



Wilma Poole - October 01, 2025 at 10:15 AM

TS

“ Teresa Songer sent a virtual gift in memory of LaTanya Renell Townsend



Teresa Songer - September 30, 2025 at 10:58 PM

KH

“ My friend Latanya Townsend has passed away. For those that knew her she will be sadly missed. She was a beautiful, smart and strong woman. Her creative mind bled through into her artwork (the Mona Lisa had nothing on her work!). She was also known for her mad skills at being a beautician and could do makeup on point! I know some of the angels were probably already waiting in line!

Rest in peace baby girl. I love you. God decided he needed you more than us. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Love, Karen Howell (WTRC Prison, Henning, TN)

Karen Howell - September 30, 2025 at 10:30 PM

M(

“ My cuzzin you will truly be missed. Going to most definitely miss you get your rest 🙏🙏

Meka Woods (Person) - September 30, 2025 at 09:22 PM

LE

“ To the family from All of the Mark Luttrell women and the West TN Women - We are so sadden and hurt about LaTanya's passig. She was a true blessing to many of us!! The gift of song she had will never be forgotten. We pray for each of you and express our deepest condolences. WE believe God and the HOly Spirit will carry each of you through. Tanya knew her destiny after this earthly journey and we trust she is at great peace in the arms of our Mighty God! She will forever be loved and rememberd for being her and being real. She showed compassion whenever it was needed by coming to the rescue of many. Yes sometimes it seems like she was mean but really she loved and cared about other. She was so helpful caring and trust worthy. WE hurt as we praise our way through and We thank God for her life and impact on our lives. Be encourage and keep the faith. Much LOve with the Love of Christ Jesus. Hold On.
From Sister Linde on behalf of my daughter, and many others who loved and respected LaTanya.

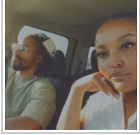
Linde Ellerby - September 30, 2025 at 07:55 PM

TS

“ Teresa Songer lit a candle in memory of
LaTanya Renell Townsend



Teresa Songer - September 30, 2025 at 07:40 PM



“ I just want to share a few words about my friend, my Gemini sister, Latanya. Tanya was more than a friend—she was like that mean big sister who told you how it was, but always had your back. She looked after me, we ate together, she did my hair, and she looked out for me in ways I’ll never forget.

Now, I know some people didn’t always understand Tanya. She had been through a lot, and sometimes folks thought she was tough. But really, she was just about her business. She didn’t play games, and that’s what made her Tanya.

What I’ll miss most is her realness. She didn’t sugarcoat, but you always knew where you stood with her. And under that tough side, she cared so much. She gave, she loved, and she made a difference in my life that I’ll always carry with me.

So today, even though my heart hurts, I choose to remember Tanya with love, laughter, and gratitude. Rest easy, my sister. I will truly miss you.

Britney James - September 30, 2025 at 05:06 PM

LB

“ My friend who ultimately became my family, I am so grateful to have known you! You were the most intelligent, talented and creative person that I have known! From working beside and learning from you at the beauty shop! To being amazed at your drawings, and laughing with you while you cut Bay's Bay's hair! We have weathered some tumultuous seasons, and inspite of the climate; never have I questioned our place with one another! I thank God for meeting you, this is a hard pill to swallow!



I trust you dwell in the secret place of THE MOST HIGH! Get your rest! I love ya chica 💕🌸🕊️

Lia

Lia Bonds - September 30, 2025 at 04:12 PM

VF

This is so true. True friendship turn into family... She definitely was one AMAZING FRIEND... She will be deeply missed 🥹🥹💔 but resting in God's Arms....

Vickie ... Her best friend - September 30, 2025 at 04:26 PM

VF

“ Vickie ... Her Best Friend sent a virtual gift in memory of LaTanya Renell Townsend



Vickie ... Her best friend - September 30, 2025 at 02:33 PM

HV

“ Words can't express the Thankfulness that I have of calling LaTanya my best friend. She was a beautiful person with a heart ❤️❤️ of Gold. I love you LaTanya and will will be forever missed and loved by me. Fly high beautiful and I will see you again. Until then you will be in my ❤️❤️ and walk by my side and ALWAYS MY ANGEL.... I LOVE YOU.... ❤️💔❤️💔

Her Best Friend of 15 years Vickie - September 30, 2025 at 02:02 PM

VF

Rest in peace LaTanya
I love you and you will be missed... Shirley

Vickie ... Her best friend - September 30, 2025 at 02:05 PM