



Tanya Rene Hammonds

December 28, 1956 - March 15, 2025

Tanya Rene Hammonds, a dedicated, faithful witness of Jehovah for 50 years, as of March 10th of this year, was born December 28, 1956, in Davidson County, Nashville, Tennessee to the late Dora Yvonne Green and Johnny Newsome. She peacefully fell asleep in death at home surrounded by loved ones on March 15, 2025.

Tanya moved to Chattanooga in the early 80's, where she met and married the love of her life, Alphonza Hammonds, Sr., on August 6, 1983. They were happily married for almost 35 years. As the oldest child and devoted sister, she had a role in raising her siblings, so it made it easy for her to not only embrace him but also wholeheartedly welcomed his six children. She became their friend, confidant, and devoted mother, offering unwavering love and support. Her heart grew even fuller with the addition of two daughters of her own, making their family complete.

Tanya received her education in the Nashville Public Schools. She worked over 20 years for Hamilton County Schools as an Educational Assistant in the Pre K Program. Her Pre K babies, as she lovingly called them, always had a special place in her heart.

Tanya was very dainty and graceful but also very determined and spirited. She cherished spending time with friends and, most of all, her family—whether it was enjoying picnics with her girls, shopping with and for her nieces, letting

her grandbabies loose in their favorite store or visiting her annoying younger brother and his lovely wife and other family in Nashville. She had a deep passion for music, dancing and cooking, and was well known for her hot water cornbread and chess pie.

One of her greatest joys was our family vacations, a tradition that held some of her fondest memories and one she very much wanted her family to continue. She was also an avid walker and treasured her peaceful strolls with her husband and best friend, which became a treasured part of her daily routine.

Tanya was also full of wisdom and great advice to share, giving valuable life lessons rooted in God's Word, the Bible. Her warmth, advice, laughter and energetic playful manner, that not everyone got the opportunity to see and her unwavering love for Jehovah left a lasting impact on everyone who knew her.

Tanya is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Alphonza Hammonds, Sr.; her parents, Dora Yvonne Walker and Johnny Newsome, Sr.; one sister, Pamela Pitts; and a brother, Johnny Newsome, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory: eight children, LaTanya (Greg) Rogers, Tiffany Hammonds, Alana Joye (CJ) Hammonds, Reginald Hammonds, Alquintin (Donna) Hammonds, Altres Hammonds, Alphonza (Mona) Hammonds, and Carla (Tracy) Blake, all of Chattanooga, TN; four brothers, Randall (Linda) Green, Anthony Green, Timothy (Felicia) Hawkins, and Thymus (Sharon) Ferby; three sisters, Sharon Debardeleben, Phyllis Bradley, and Adonis (Keith) Perry; and an array of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tanya will be deeply missed by her children; grandchildren; siblings; nieces; and nephews; and a host of extended family; friends; and spiritual brothers and sisters. Her family finds great comfort in the resurrection hope, knowing

they will see her again in Jehovah's new world.

A Memorial Service for Tanya will be Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 4 p.m. at the Avondale Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with Brother Charles Williams giving the Discourse. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **22**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Avondale Kingdom Hall
2121 Glass Street
Chattanooga, TN 37406-2416

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *May her precious angel wings flutter high above as she watches those she left behind. Rest in peace, sweet Angel.*

With Heartfelt Sympathy!

Ashton T Jordan (Pre-K Student and Regina Patten Hickman-RN School Nurse OKES) p



Regina Patten Hickman - March 24, 2025 at 03:39 AM

VH

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May your favorite memories, that show up as tears on your cheeks today, soon warm your hearts. Memories of your loved one will live on through all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Thoughts today. Memories forever.*

With Sympathy,

Van E and Regina Patten Hickman



Van E Hickman - March 24, 2025 at 03:33 AM

LR

“ *LaKeva Rutledge lit a candle in memory of Tanya Rene Hammonds*



LaKeva Rutledge - March 22, 2025 at 01:19 PM

BC

“ Brandon & Chrishelle Crouch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tanya Rene Hammonds.

Brandon & Chrishelle Crouch - March 22, 2025 at 08:22 AM

BC

“ Brandon & Chrishelle Crouch purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tanya Rene Hammonds.



Brandon & Chrishelle Crouch - March 22, 2025 at 08:22 AM

NH

“ Nena Hayden lit a candle in memory of Tanya Rene Hammonds



Nena Hayden - March 22, 2025 at 12:21 AM

JM

“ Johnetta Miller lit a candle in memory of Tanya Rene Hammonds



Johnetta Miller - March 21, 2025 at 08:56 PM

BG

“ *Bridget Gregory and Havis Gregory purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tanya Rene Hammonds.*



Bridget Gregory and Havis Gregory - March 21, 2025 at 03:25 PM

BP

“ *May God Bless all of the Hammonds children with love during this difficult time. Barbara and Anthony Patton.*



Barbara Patton - March 21, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tanya Rene Hammonds.*



March 21, 2025 at 10:46 AM

CM

“ *Catrina Meadows lit a candle in memory of Tanya Rene Hammonds*



Catrina Meadows - March 21, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LS

“ Tonya was a proud and beautiful person, embodying strength and grace. I’ve known this family for over 45 years. When my daughter was in pre-K, Tonya and Kath Anne were the only ones who could calm LaDarriha down when she was at her most energetic. Their gentle presence meant I could focus on work without worry.



Her love for her husband and family was profound; they were her everything. I’m sending prayers for comfort and heartfelt condolences to her family and friends during this difficult time.

Lois Latrese Slay-Luster - March 20, 2025 at 03:24 PM

LS

Actually I’ve known the family for over 52 years. Man I’m getting old.

Lois Latrese Slay-Luster - March 20, 2025 at 03:27 PM

VS

May the love of God give you all a peace of mind knowing that Tonya had a kind and gentle spirit and love by all that she met. Rest little angel in the Lord's hands. Please accept my condolences.

Vanessa Sewell - March 24, 2025 at 04:58 PM

MF

“ Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and Family. purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Tanya Rene Hammonds.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and Family. - March 19, 2025 at 09:36 PM