



Tonji A. Lewis

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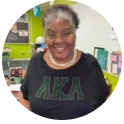
Reflections of a Beautiful Life

Tonji Alicia Wheatfall Lewis was born June 10, 1971, to her doting parents Alvin and Shirley Wheatfall in Austin, Texas. She spent her early years in Round Rock, Texas, and moved with her family to Arlington, Texas during the summer of 1980. Tonji attended Arlington public schools, graduating from James Martin High School in 1989. At Martin High Tonji excelled academically with honors, was a member of the Track team, and was the Trainer for the Volleyball Team.

Tonji attended Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, where She was initiated into Eta Line, Xi Psi Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated in 1991. After earning her Degree in Journalism in 1993, she began her career in Education with Fort Worth ISD, and later began working with Arlington ISD at her Alma Mater James Martin High School where she worked until her passing. Tonji was a dedicated Educator committed to each child who crossed her path. Her excellence as an educator was recognized by several honors. A few of her most treasured accomplishments were being nominated for James Martin High School teacher of the year 2 times and as a multiple recipient of the STAR award in which students in the top 2% of their class choose their most impactful teacher. She was also selected to be a participant in a leadership program through The Holdsworth Center. She loved her students.

She was enthusiastic about helping others. Quick to offer a word of encouragement to anyone who sought her out and someone you could count on to be there in the time of trouble. Love was the central component of her existence. She loved freely and completely.

Tonji married the love of her life, Jonathan Lewis on August 6, 1994. She and Jonathan are the proud parents of one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Lewis. She was devoted to her family and cherished and cared for them diligently. She was a faithful member of Cornerstone Baptist Church, where she was involved in the following ministries: Sunday School Women's D, Women of Influence, Children's Ministry, and the Finance Ministry.

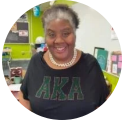


Obituary

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Tonji transitioned from this life on the afternoon of November 26, 2021. She was preceded in death by her father Alvin Wheatfall. She is survived by her beloved husband Jonathan, daughter Sarah Elizabeth, mother Shirley Ross Wheatfall, brothers; Cedric Wheatfall (LaTunya) and Charles Ray Hester. She is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, and her sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Inc.



Events

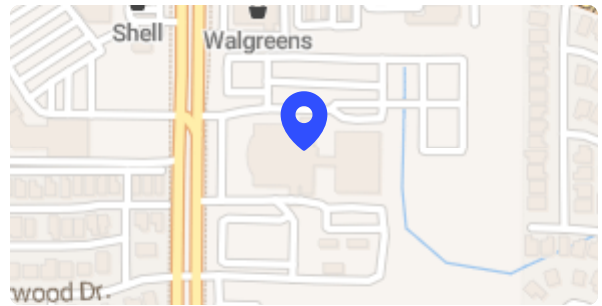
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Wake Service

 **Thursday**, December 2, 2021


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT


 **Cornerstone Baptist Church**
5415 Matlock Rd, Arlington TX 76018

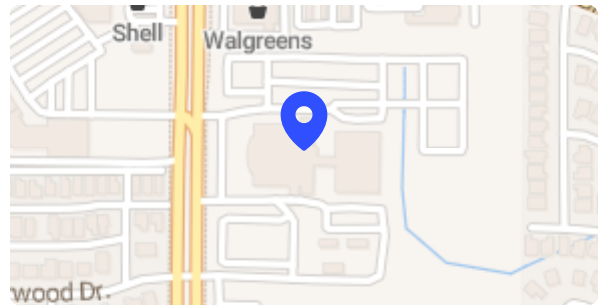


Celebration of Life


 **Friday**, December 3, 2021

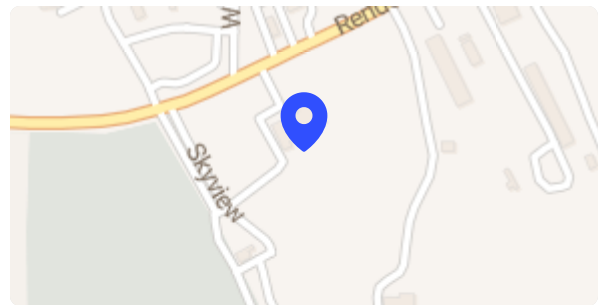
 11:00 AM CT

 **Cornerstone Baptist Church**
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Cemetery Details

 **Skyvue Memorial Gardens**
7220 Rendon Bloodworth Rd., Mansfield TX
76063





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Dr. Nannette Glenn posted:

Such a wonderful and kind person with a gentile spirit and heart for others. Fond family memories. You will be missed!Nannette Glenn

December 3 at 3:45 PM



Kimber Murray posted:

Tonji was the sweetest person I've ever met, she always had a smile on her face walking through the halls at Martin High School, these halls will never be the sameKimber Murray

December 3 at 6:33 AM



Sonya Hicks posted:

Tonja,You have always been one of the sweetest people I have ever met. You were not only a friend, neighbor, but, my soror. It is so hard to believe I just saw you 6 months ago with your beautiful smile. Although, you are gone from the earth far too soon. You have truly left a legacy of love, accomplishments, and positive sentiments in others. I will truly miss our FB messages that we shared referencing Sarah and Lance. Sara, your mother would light up through text messages telling me about all of your accomplishments and goals. Rest well in Heaven. Hug Mr. Alvin, my mom and dad for me.Love you always,Sonya Hicks- Houston, Texas

December 3 at 5:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Lewis family.

December 2 at 9:06 AM



Your Stem Academy Family sent a Pretty Please to the Lewis family.

December 2 at 7:37 AM





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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Lewis family.

December 2 at 4:34 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Lewis family.

December 2 at 4:07 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Lewis family.

December 2 at 4:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lewis family.

December 2 at 2:03 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Lewis family.

December 1 at 12:26 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Lewis family.

December 1 at 10:21 AM





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Martin H.S. English Family sent an Arrive in Style to the Lewis family.



December 1 at 5:51 AM



Karmen Taylor posted:

Jonathan, Sarah, and family, I am so sorry for your loss, as I reflect back on my time at A&M with Tonji I'm reminded of what a positive influence she had on me, she only put positivity in my life. It seems that she carried that forward and brought light to countless others. I pray you are comforted by all the good that Tonji brought to the world during her time here on earth. We will be praying for you all. With love and condolences, Karmen Taylor

December 1 at 2:00 AM



Pamela Thompson posted:

Jonathan, Sarah and family: I'm so sorry for your loss. You should be so proud of the impact Tonji made during her 50 years on earth. She loved you both and you were her pride and joy. Sarah stay strong and finish school. You have so many great experiences ahead of you. If you need anything, please let me know. In love, Pamela Thompson

November 30 at 6:58 PM



Jonathan Tran posted:

You were an amazing teacher, but most of all, a wonderful person to be around. Always there to correct our mistakes and guide us, you never faltered in your kindness and love for us. The time we had with you was too short-lived, and I'll never forget the wisdom, support, and respect you showed us as we matured and grew as people.

November 30 at 6:13 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Lewis family.



November 30 at 4:39 PM



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Karen Wirth posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the family-Mrs Lewis was a wonderful mentor to our daughter at Martin. Gone too soon. Our hearts hurt with you. Prayers for peace and comfort. Kelcie Gaultney family

November 30 at 11:34 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Lewis family.

November 30 at 11:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Lewis family.

November 30 at 9:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Lewis family.

November 30 at 8:34 AM



Brandon, Rachel, Joy & Hrishita sent an Arrive in Style to the Lewis family.

November 30 at 6:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Lewis family.

November 30 at 6:06 AM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lewis family.

November 30 at 3:43 AM



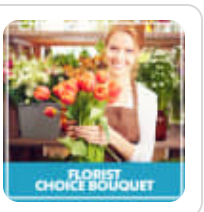
Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Lewis family.

November 29 at 9:38 PM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Lewis family.

November 29 at 7:47 PM



Lynnette posted:

Due to unforeseen circumstances and time we drifted apart and I was not part of your wedding day. I often wondered if you befriended me just to fix me up with your brother, lol. I would giggle when I came to visit and your parents thought I was there to see Cedric. Regardless we did end up married and having two beautiful child. Children you treated and loved as if they were your very own! Love had blessed you with your very own daughter, Sarah. I never wondered why Sarah was the only child born to Jonathan and you. Shoot, my two, your brothers additional two, Joy and God knows how many countless children you adopted on the low, low clearly was not enough. Any normal person would have been settled, not you!!! Your heart was as big as the tallest peak. You touched so many lives and in death continue to touch more. I will miss you my bestie, sister, and angel in heaven. I know AI has already told you not to take any wooden nickels and welcomes you with his open arms. Never goodbye, until we meet again. Love always, Lynnette

November 29 at 5:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Lewis family.

November 29 at 3:43 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Tonji by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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