



Renna C. Small Thornton

May 22, 1949 - March 17, 2019

(NA-NA) was born to the late Ralph and Bessie Small, on Sunday, May 22, 1949, in Baltimore, Maryland. She was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at approximately 6:48PM.

Renna' grew up in the Ashburton neighborhood in Baltimore City. She graduated from Forest Park Senior High School in 1967. After graduation, she attended Coppin State College where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Master's in Special Education.

Renna' accepted her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early age, as a member of Enon Baptist Church. She later became a member of New Psalmist Baptist Church, where she was a faithful servant of the Members of Christian Security (MOCS).

Renna' was joined in Holy Matrimony with Claude on Saturday, August 11, 1973, and from this union, two children were born: Augustus Alexander and Autrese Melissa.

Renna' was devoted to teaching. It was her passion and she loved it! She worked as a public servant for Baltimore City Public Schools for 40 years, retiring in June 2011. She was a committed family woman and missionary in her own way. She really loved helping people and she made numerous friends wherever she went. She modeled herself after Jesus, helping in any way that

she could – loyalty was an understatement – she was a true friend. That made Renna', RENNA'.

Renna' was predeceased by her husband, Claude and brother, Bryant V. Small (Diane). However, she leaves to cherish her memories, her son, Augustus Alexander Thornton of Baltimore, MD; her daughter, Autrese Melissa Thornton of Baltimore, MD; her granddaughter, Cari Autrese-Renna' Harris of Baltimore, MD; her brother, Ralph A. Small Jr. of Baltimore, MD; two nephews: Brian E. Small (Kerri Ann) and Varell S. Small, both of Baltimore, MD; in-laws: Charles and Sheryl Thornton of Bowman, GA; and Doyle and Margaret Thornton of Bowman, GA; Estelle Thornton of Elberton, GA; LaVerne Chandler of Fork Union, VA; her best friend, Selma Curry Harrison of Baltimore, MD; her godson, Christopher C. Curry of Baltimore, MD; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

APR 1. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

New Psalmist Baptist Church
6020 Marian Dr.
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Renna C. Small Thornton*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

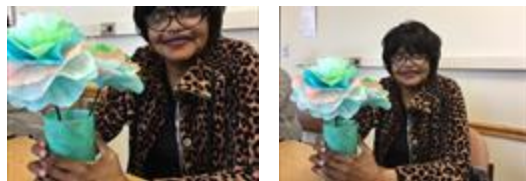


“ *Miss you Renna*

Alexander Thornton - April 23, 2019 at 03:33 AM



“ *Miss you so much!!!!*



Alexander Thornton - April 16, 2019 at 12:13 AM



“ *Alexander Thornton lit a candle in memory of Renna C. Small Thornton*



Alexander Thornton - March 31, 2019 at 10:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Renna C. Small Thornton.* ”



March 29, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Renna C. Small Thornton.* ”



March 29, 2019 at 11:52 AM



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Alexander Thornton - March 28, 2019 at 11:30 PM



“ Mommy I miss you more and more everyday.

*Somewhere in my heart, beneath all my grief and pain,
Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear name.
The precious name Renna' was my world you see,
But now my heart is breaking, cause she's no longer here with me.
God chose you for His angel to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.
The day you had to leave me when your life on earth was through,
God had better plans for you, for this, I surely knew.
When I think of your kind heart and all those loving years,
So many memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears.
Renna' truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in, She
always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.
I want to thank you, MOMMY, for teaching me so well,
And though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell for
now, I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud you'll
see. Thank you, Renna', for all the love you showed me.
Although you've earned your wings,
I know that you are here with me each morning, noon and night.
Hey Lady, I miss you and think of you every day.
I won't say goodbye, but I have to say goodnight for now.
I love you with my whole heart.*

*Love your son,
Alex*

Alexander Thornton - March 28, 2019 at 11:28 PM

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So Beautiful Alex ❤️

Ellen Lane - March 28, 2019 at 11:51 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - March 19, 2019 at 01:17 PM