



Tonya E. Betts

November 17, 1967 - April 8, 2021

Those who walk uprightly enter into peace: they find rest as they lie in death.
Isaiah 57:2

Tonya Elaine Betts, 53, of Richmond, Virginia was born the daughter of Brenda E. Dozier and Felix L. Johnson Jr. on November 17, 1967 in Baltimore, Maryland. Sadly she gained her wings on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Tonya received her formal education and graduated from Edmondson Senior High School in Baltimore, Maryland. She then later went on to further her education at Fortis College in Richmond, Virginia.

Tonya accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age and was united with St. James Memorial UMC in Baltimore, Maryland where she served as an Usher and a member of the choir.

Tonya Johnson was united in holy matrimony with Thomas C. Betts on June 12, 1990 in Richmond, Virginia. Their union was blessed with two adored and wonderful children.

In 1990, she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) leaving her disabled physically, but not mentally or spiritually. She was a true warrior as she battled MS for the next 30 years.

In her leisure time, she enjoyed spending time with her family, socializing, trying new foods, watching her Lifetime movies, Jerry Springer and Swamp People. Tonya was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend although many may remember her as Tangerine “Tangy”, the beautiful charismatic, quick thinker, whom was always kind with her deliverance, but yet blunt and to the point. Tangy was always matching your energy, and unapologetically being herself. Her sassy soul, bright smile, and joyous charm will remain in our hearts forever.

She is preceded in death by her father Felix L. Johnson Jr.; father-in-law Mervin L. Warner; aunts Mable Hodge, Mama Jessie Kearson, Gloria Kearson, Alverta Bartley, and Delores Pittman; uncles Alphonso Woodson and Daddy Buster Kearson; brothers-in-law, Wayne Betts and Patrice “TC” Warner, and sister-in-law Altovese Warner.

She leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Thomas C. Betts; daughter and son, Amber Betts (Darryl) and Thomas J. Betts (Brittney); granddaughter, Trenity Bynum; mother, Brenda Dozier; siblings, Felix Johnson III and Micheal Johnson; aunts, Hattie D. Woodson and Bonnie-Faye Moore (Prentiss); extended aunts, The Kearson Sisters; uncle, Franklin Dozier (Alice); extended uncles, Aaron Kearson and Thomas Kearson; mother-in-law, Catherine Betts-Lopez (Bede); In-laws, James Warner (Traci), Amy Betts, Betty Lopez and Lt. Col. (Ret.) Bede “BJ” Lopez, Jr.; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and sibling/cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

APR **23**. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life with live streaming

APR **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Tonya E. Betts, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - April 21, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Tonya E. Betts*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sending peace and blessings. Love you. Your sister Gwen..*

Gwen Camp - April 24, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *My most sincere condolences to the family. I know Ms. Tonya will be greatly missed. I am honored to have known her. My prayers are with Amber and the entire family. Love and Blessing to all.*

Pamela Gray

Pamela Gray - April 23, 2021 at 05:07 PM

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“ *From the Combs, Gray and Ingram Families. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tonya E. Betts.*



From the Combs, Gray and Ingram Families. - April 21, 2021
at 08:43 AM



“ *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 - April 19, 2021 at 02:10 PM