

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating – Rev. Dr. Mark Crutcher

Senior Pastor – Greater Bethel AME Church, Miami, FL

Music provided by Mt. Olive AME Church

Prelude

Processional – *“The Battle Is The Lord’s”* [As recorded by Yolanda Adams]

Prayer Minister Michael Purcell
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church – Eatonville, FL

Scripture

Old Testament – *Psalm 23* Rev. Fred Pennington

New Testament Bro. Lee Andrews

Solo – *“Order My Steps”* Doneshia Green

Poem – *“Change of Address”* Vanessa Anthony [granddaughter]

Reflections (limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please)

As a Neighbor – Roy Rembert, Jr.

As a Friend & Christian – Rev. Lugenia Pollard Sanchez
Mt. Olive AME Church

As a Stewardess – Matherlyn Smith

As a Grandmother – Shannon Wilson

A Special Tribute Rev. Dr. Mark Crutcher

Resolutions & Acknowledgments Church Clerk

Obituary (read silently to soft music)

Solo – *“There’s a Leak in This Old Building”* Tiara Robinson

Words of Comfort Dr. Roderick D. Peterson, Sr. [nephew]
Pastor, Bethany Missionary Baptist Church – Westland, Michigan

Selection Mt. Olive Mass Choir

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Marcus Green

Recessional – *“Goin’ Up Yonder”* Officiates and Family

A Repast

Immediately following the interment, please join the Family for a Repast at the L. Claudia Allen Senior Center, 1840 Mable Butler Avenue, Orlando, FL 32805.

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Yet we have this assurance:
Those who belong to God
will live; their bodies will
rise again! Those who
sleep in the earth will
rise up and sing for joy!

– Isaiah 26:19
NLT



“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him...wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

– 1 Thessalonians 4:14,18

PALL BEARERS

Destini Jones [friend] • Charles Anthony, Sr. [grandson]

Dekivious Carr [great grandson] • John Littles, Jr. [great grandson]

James Zackery, Jr. [great grandson] • Elijah Jones [great grandson]

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Stewardesses and Friends of the Family

INTERMENT

Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road, Orlando (Gotha), FL 34734

My Children

Someday I will be old, when the time comes, be patient.

If I repeat a story hundreds of times, please don't interrupt me; just listen. I used to tell you the same bedtime story hundreds of times when you were little.

If I don't understand the latest technology; don't make fun of me. I taught you how to eat, how to walk and hopefully how to live a good life.

If I forget something give me time to remember. If I don't remember, that's ok too. All that matters is that we're spending time together.

If my legs are too frail, carry me, help me walk. The same way I helped you with your first steps. And when my time comes to leave you, don't be sad. Help me face my journey with love and patience. I will thank you with a smile and my unending love.

I Love You ALL!

IN APPRECIATION

The Family of Annie Lou Anthony acknowledges with sincere appreciation your expressions of sympathy shown during our time of sorrow.

Your words encouraged our hearts; your cards, telephone calls, texts, e-mails, and every other act of kindness helped to lift our burden. May God bless and keep each of you!

Thank you SOOO much!

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

– The Anthony Family

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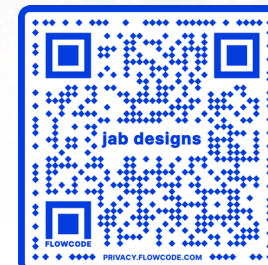
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A Homegoing Celebration

for

Annie Lou
Anthony

“Mom”



SUNRISE

May 17, 1929

SUNSET

January 25, 2023

Saturday, February 4, 2023
11:00 A.M.

Mt. Olive AME Church

2525 W. Church St. – Orlando, FL 32805

Rev. Dr. Marcus Green – Senior Pastor

Officiating

Rev. Dr. Mark Crutcher

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And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

— Revelation 21:4

Annie Lou Anthony “Mami”

Annie Anthony was the baby of six children born to the late Esau and Sindy Pough in Bullock County, Bullock, AL. She accepted Christ at an early age while attending New Bethel AME Church in Midway, Alabama.

It was in Alabama that she met Tommie Lee Anthony, and they were married on January 7, 1948. To this union six children were born.

Annie and Tommie had moved to Orlando in 1948 shortly after they were married. They joined Mt. Olive AME Church, where Annie served faithfully as a Stewardess until her health failed.

Annie loved her husband, and never argued with him, as they were both very soft-spoken. Tommie Lee “Pops” drove her everywhere she needed to go, but not because she didn’t know how to drive. They simply enjoyed their time together. Annie was the sweetest mother ever – she never complained. She was a great listener, and gave great wisdom.

As a child, Annie mastered the art of cooking, and she later made it her career. She enjoyed cooking collard greens, jalapeño cornbread, cabbage, and peach cobbler, which were some of her specialties.

Annie became a widow in 1991, but she continued to love her family, and as a grandmother she was their best buddy...AND their baby sitter! She would laugh at all of their jokes, and she loved family gatherings. She had many pet names, given to her by

her children and grandchildren, like “Grannie Annie,” “Annie Lou,” “Boo,” “Lady Bug,” and “DraMA.”

Annie truly loved the Lord and was always giving Him praise and calling on Him – “Lord have mercy!” she’d often say. She was very endearing, and her words meant a lot. Even though she was not a woman of many words, yet she’d be quick to say “I love you back!”

Annie’s favorite Scripture was Psalm 23, and her favorite songs were “*Order My Steps*” and “*I Won’t Complain*.”

Annie Anthony transitioned to be with the Lord for Eternal Rest on January 25, 2023 in the comfort of her home, surrounded by family.

She was preceded in death by her devoted **husband** – Tommie Lee “Pops,” **parents** – Esau and Sindy, all her **siblings** – Richard, Rev. George, Jake, Charlie, and Addie, and all her **sisters-** and **brothers-in-law**.

She is survived by her six **children**: her **sons** – Tommie Jr. (Dessie) Anthony, and Charlie, both of Orlando, James Anthony, from Inkster, Michigan, and her **daughters** – Annie Wilson, Diane Williams (Edgar) and Gloria Anthony all of Orlando; eighteen **grandchildren**, thirty-five **great grandchildren**, and six **great-great grandchildren**; and a host of other relatives, and close friends.

