Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

Tonya MACK

JANUARY 12, 1970 ~ JANUARY 11, 2026



FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026
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SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
5501 Silver Hill Road
District Heights, MD 20747

Pastor Wallis C. Baxter, III, PHD

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THE LIFE & LEGACY

Quietly, on January 11, 2026, Tonya Mack departed this life at George Washington University Hospital after a long illness.

Tonya was born on January 12, 1970, in Washington, D,C., to the late Dorothy S. Mack. She attended Malcolm X Elementary School, where she was a member of the Pom Pom squad. She later graduated from Frank W. Ballou High School in Washington, D.C., and continued her education at TESST College of Technology.

At a young age, Tonya was baptized at Greater New Hope Baptist Church, where she served in various ministries, including the Youth Choir. Later she joined Second Baptist Church Southwest, where her desire to become an active member was sadly unfulfilled due to her decline in health.

She began her career as a contracted information technology specialist at Walter Reed before joining the DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) in 1999. While employed with MPD, Tonya served in the Communications Division, as well as at the fourth and third districts where she assisted with training officers when needed. She took great pride in communicating and engaging with all citizens she encountered. Tonya had a special knack for conversing, as well as de-escalating situations and encounters with some of the most difficult subjects in need of special attention. She treated everyone with dignity and respect, regardless of who they were or their situation. Tonya retired in 2024 after serving 25 years of dedicated public service.

Tonya deeply cherished life and demonstrated unwavering love and devotion to her family and friends. She enjoyed gatherings with loved ones, traveling, and listening to music, especially Prince, and she loved the color purple. Kind hearted by nature, Tonya adored her lovable cats, “Bella, and Ruby,” as if they were her children. When she was not cheering for the Washington Commander, she could often be found reading a good suspense novel.

Tonya is survived by her two sons, Eric and James Mack; three siblings, Joyce Greene, Edward Greene, and Donna Greene-Scott; her goddaughter, Jamesa Hall; and a host of other relatives, and loyal lifelong friends.

The Mack and Greene family extend special thanks to Tonya‘s beloved friends, Marcia Cannon-Clark, Cedric Rush, Danielle Vitatoe, Kevin and Senetra Buie, and the Aldridge family, for their tremendous love, support, and kindness throughout her life and during this difficult time.







ORDER OF *Celebration*

Pastor Wallis C. Baxter, III, PHD ~ Presiding

Musical Prelude

Hymn of Praise ~ Blessed Assurance……..……..Choir | Congregation

Scripture Readings
Old Testament ~ Psalms 23……..Deacon Joe N. Smith
New Testament ~ John 14:1-6……..Deacon Ennis Wilson

Prayer of Comfort ……Deacon Wallace Harris

Musical Selection……..……..Kimberly Aldridge

Tributes of Love……..……..……..Marcia Cannon-Clark
Meleatha Calhoun
Cedric Rush

Acknowledgements/Resolutions/Church Paper……...Deaconess Mary H. Smith

Obituary……Read Silently

Musical Selection……..……Kimberly Aldridge

Message of Comfort……..……..……....Pastor Wallis C. Baxter, III, PHD

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

Recessional

A precious one of us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in the home,
Which never can be filled,
But we realize within our hearts,
It was the Master's will.

I Remember

by Cedric Rush

For Tonya

We weren't family by blood—
we were family by choice.
By decades of love.
By your voice every single morning.

"Good morning, pumpkin."
"Grand rising, my brother. Love you."
Every. Single. Day.

I remember your faith—
"God can handle what you can't handle."
You believed that. You lived that.

I remember holding your hand
when you couldn't speak,
and you squeezed back
to tell me you were still here.

I remember when you woke
and whispered,
"How are you doing, Cedric?"
Still thinking of me. Even then.

I remember your last words:
"I love you."
So I say to everyone—
remember the times. Say it now.
Don't wait.
Love doesn't.

Tonya, I will always have you
in my heart.



A LIFE WELL LIVED
A LEGACY *Remembered*


















Tribute to Mom

If roses grow in Heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for us,

Place them in our mother's arms and tell her they're from us.

Tell her we love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile,

Place kisses upon her cheek and hold her for a while.

Because remembering her is easy, we do it every day,

But there is an ache within our hearts that will never go away.




























Sister



If flowers grow in Heaven
On land that's wild and free
Lord, place some in our sister's arms
And tell her they're from us three
Please tell her that we love her
And miss her every day
And tell her they're still so much
That we would like to say
Remembering her is easy
She's in everything we do
We miss her so much every day
But we know she's safe with You
If tears could build a stairway
Made from all the pain
We will walk right up to Heaven
And bring her back again
Lord, please take care of her
And we hope that she will see
That she was such a special person
And a special sister to us three.

Love You Forever



Pallbearers

Kevin Buie | Byron Hope | Chad R. Hambrick
James Mack | William Hamm | Prince Malcolm

Floral Bearers

Second Baptist Beautification Ministry

Acknowledgements

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the love, support and care extended to us during this difficult time. Your countless prayers, cards, calls, text messages of heartfelt condolences and shared memories have provided immense comfort to us. A world of thanks to Pastor Wallis C. Baxter, III, PHD, Second Baptist Bereavement Ministry and the church family; and all the medical professionals who attentively cared for Tonya. Our prayers are that God continues to bless and sustain you for all that you have done during our time of bereavement.







Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you.. Will always be a smile
If only we could have you back .. for just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again –just like we used to do
You always meant so very much and always will too
The fact that you're no longer here will always cause us pain
But you're forever in our hearts..
Until we meet again.

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