

Some people come into your life and quietly and quickly go away. Others come and go as the seasons change, exerting a varying effect on you and your life choices. There are a few who enter your life and leave footprints on your heart that touch you in a warm, caring, and comforting way. Those few who do touch you in such a way are true gifts from God; and He has allowed us to experience and enjoy for what may seem, like a moment in time! However, we have been blessed to have Lisben in our lives, whether for a moment, a day, for weeks, or for many years.

Sunday, March 4, 1956, will forever be a marvelous day. This day marks the birth of Lisben Antiqua. She was born in Jeanerette, Louisiana. Her parents, Bishop Charles Joe Linzer Sr. and Rosemary Payton Linzer, had no idea of who their precious baby girl, would grow up to be. She was a welcome addition to her family being surrounded with a powerful circle of great love. This circle nurtured her closely, teaching her Christian principles, the golden rules of life, self-discipline, and the value of arduous work. The importance of family was instilled in her at a young age and this principle stayed with her throughout her life.

Lisben was given the sobriquet "Tea", and she was called this by her family and friends. She was taught the love of Christ while still youthful and she remained a Christian until the Lord called her home. She was baptized at her family's church, Church of Gospel Ministry. Psalm 23:1 was her favorite scripture, and this scripture would carry her during good times and strengthen her during trying times.

Lisben's formative and secondary years of education were through Jeanerette Public Schools. It was during this season of her life that she would bond and grow with her classmates and school friends. She left her beautiful hallmark of kindness by putting others first and being a light on a cloudy day. In 1974, she concluded her high school education at Jeanerette High School.

She matured into a smart, steadfast young woman, ready to change the world with her love and compassion for others. A new chapter in life unfolded as Lisben embarked on her college journey at Delta College where she enrolled in the vocational nursing program and received her license to become an LVN. Having a strong work ethic and integrity, Lisben's professional career as a nurse expanded over several decades with her final assignment being at Courtyard Nursing where her compassion and care for her patients was unmatched. She gave valuable service as she lived up to her motto "The High Call of Caring".

Lisben had a special zeal for life and lived life vibrantly. She loved to play the piano and keyboard, using her melodious voice to sing. She was comical and enjoyed making people laugh, in her spare time she would be in the game room or working on one of her famous puzzles.

She will be remembered as a remarkable, noble woman with a luminous smile and heart of Gold. Her love and kind words of uplift for her family and friends will be etched in our hearts forever. We will cherish every memory made.

After fighting the good fight of faith, on Monday, April 7, 2025, Lisben Antiqua Batiste moved from the body that could no longer hold her soul and entered eternal reward. With joy and jubilant smiles, she was welcomed home by her beloved family that preceded her, her beloved parents, and other loved ones.

Lisben's legacy of love will remain in the hearts of her family, her daughters, LaSondra Jones, and Opal Randle; her grandchildren, Joseph Jones III, Karen Jones, Breanna Shannon, Brittany Bookman, Braylin Mitchell, Crystal Linzer, and Tavarious Linzer; her 10 great-grandchildren; her siblings, Patricia Linzer, Jefferson Linzer, Viola Holmes, Janet Raymond, Cassandra Wiltz, Sylvinia James, Damon Linzer, James Linzer, Rowena Linzer, and Charles Linzer; a dear friend and companion, Leander Molizone; her generation of nieces, and nephews; her aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The Celebratory Vervice

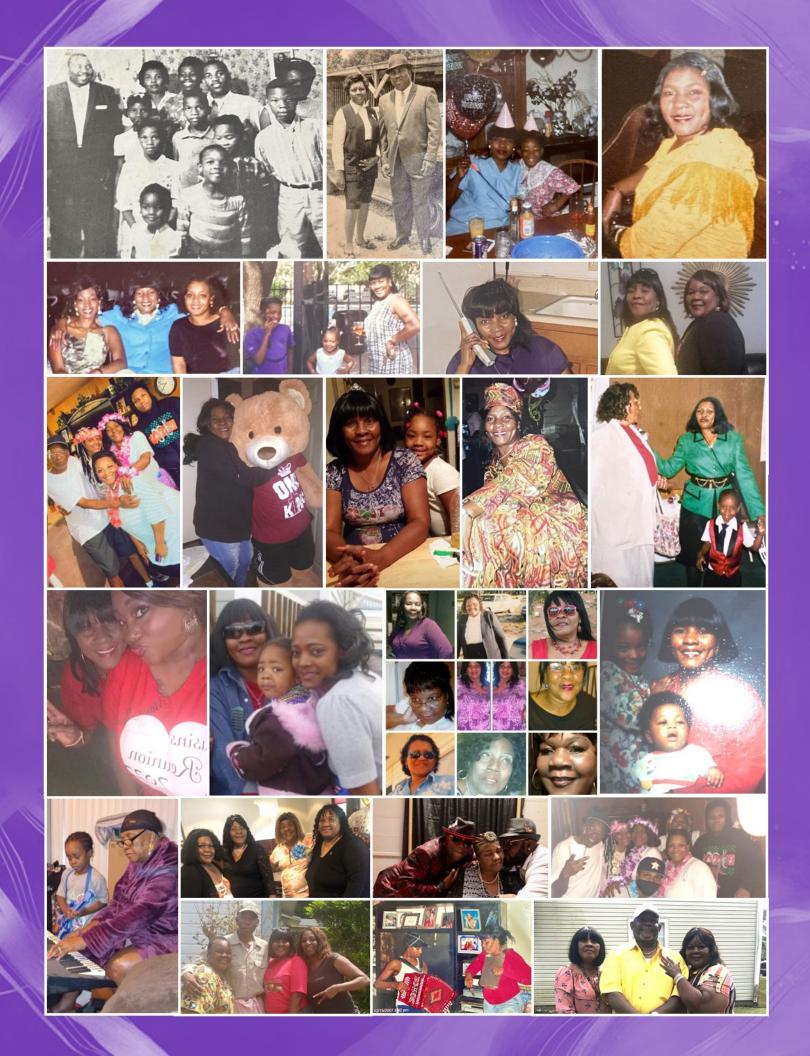
SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025 AT 11:30A.M.
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
411 VEROT SCHOOL RD. | LAFAYETTE, LA 70508
OFFICIATING PASTOR DONALD WRIGHT, JR.
STAR PILGRIMS BAPTIST CHURCH | NEW IBERIA, LA.



Processional
Salutations Opening Prayer Reflections
Song of VictoryPsalmist
Scripture Readings (Old & New Testament)
Reading of the Obituary
Song of Assurance
Expressions of Love
Pictorial Tribute (Video)
Expressions of Love
Song of Surety
Special Expressions
Eulogy and Song
Gospel Message of Hope
Words of GratitudeLaSondra Jones and Opal Randle, Daughters
Committal and Dismissal

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.





Declarations of Love

DEAR MOMA,

I never thought I would be put in a position so soon to have to write this letter to you. Wow!!! Where do I start....

I thought for years I was just the long-lost child in this sinful world. God brought us back together right when I needed you.

I won't forget our morning routine.... Doing us... lol. I'm really going to miss u!!!! I will treasure the memories forever.... I will make sure I collect your forehead kisses from Baloo, I will cuss them churens out for you once a week and of course I will stick to my promise about Lisa. #IAMMYSISTERSKEEPER

I LOVE YOU MOMMY, OPAL F. RANDLE (LU-LU)



MOMA,

"I am forever thankful for the impact you've had on my life. You were my first teacher, my best friend, and my biggest cheerleader. Thank you for always believing in me, even when I didn't believe in myself. You taught me the importance of loyalty, compassion, and never giving up on my dreams. I'll always remember your laughter, your warm hugs, and the way you always knew how to make me feel loved. You were a fierce and loving woman, and I'm so grateful for all the lessons you taught me. Though you're gone, your spirit lives on in my heart and in all the lives you touched. I promise to live my life in a way that would make you proud, and I will always carry your love with me. I love you, Moma, and I'll miss you more than words can say. Rest, knowing you were the best mom a daughter could ask for."

I LOVE YOU, MOMA, LASONDRA JONES (CRE-CRE)



OUR GRANNY,

To the rest of the world, you were a mother, a sister, a friend, a cousin, or an aunt. But to us, you were simply "Granny." And no matter how old we grew, we were always "Granny's baby."

Those words were more than a nickname, they were a promise. A promise of unconditional love, safety, and belonging. Every time you say them, the world felt a little more right. You had a way of making each of us feel like we were your entire world-and somehow, you had enough love to make each of us believe it.

Your arms were our comfort. Your wisdom, our compass. Your faith, the foundation we still stand on.
You showed us the beauty of kindness, the quiet strength of humility, and the enduring power of love.
Whether through your stories or your prayers, you left pieces of yourself with us-pieces we'll carry forever, along with the legacy of your love, resilience, and grace.

Though we can no longer hear your voice, your words still echo in our hearts.

We will always be-proudly and forever-Granny's babies.

WITH ALL OUR LOVE, YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

Declarations of Love

DEAR TEA,

It's hard to put into words what you meant to us-your brothers and sisters. You had a way of making us feel seen and loved, even in the smallest moments. We'll never forget those early morning texts, just checking in to say hello.

That was you- always thinking of others, always reaching out with love.

Your smile was truly one of a kind. It lit up a room, calmed hearts, and reminded us of the beauty in the everyday.

You carried a warmth that made everyone around you feel safe, and your presence brought joy that we now

miss more than words can say.

You weren't just our sister - you were our friend, our confidant, our heart. Life won't be the same without you, but we carry you with us in everything we do.

WE LOVE YOU FOREVER, TEA
-YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS



MY DEAREST NIECE, TEA,

I will miss you bright spirit, your radiant smile, your infectious laugh, and your beautiful voice that brought joy to so many - I will miss all of it more than words can ever say. From the countless beautiful moments we shared, to us just checking in with each other, you were always a constant source of beauty and warmth in my life.

I watched you grow with such pride - into an incredible woman full of heart, creativity, and strength.

I'll forever hold close the memory of you playing the keyboard for me - those notes, filled with so much soul, brought such comfort and happiness to my heart. In those moments, you were pure magic.

Your kindness, your gentle way of being, and the unwavering love you showed me - these are gifts

I'll carry with me always.

Your spirit, Tea, lives on. In music, in memories, in every act of kindness you inspired. Though you're no longer physically with us, you will never be gone from my heart.

WITH ALL MY LOVE, YOUR AUNT PEARL



I'M IN HEAVEN'S CHOIR

There's someone new in Heaven's choir, she went to sing and play God's Songs, for the Saints who sit around His throne. Too soon, it seems, she left this earth to those who loved her so. But quietly, she was prepared for God had let her know. And now, she sings and plays Zion songs that fill Heaven's air. If you love her singing and playing down here, just wait till you hear her up there! She testified to Godly strength right till the very end.

Her mind was set-with steadfast hope to meet, at last, her Lord and King.



Time for me to go now, this is not goodbye, but I will see you later.

Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.

In the morning sunrise when all the world is covered in dew.

Just look for me and love me, as you know I love you.

Time for me to leave you,
I will not say goodbye.
Look for me in rainbows,
high up in the sky.
In the evening sunset,
when all the world is through.
Just look for me and love me,
and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and we will meet again.

Time for us to part now,
we won't say goodbye.
Look for me in rainbows,
shining in the sky.
Just look for me and love me
as you know I love you.

Qove, Tea

Metive Pallbearers

Leary Jones
Kevin Fusilier
Raymonte Linzer
Jermaine Linzer
Braylin Mitchell
Kelcey James
Geno Johnson

Honorary Pallbearers

Jefferson Linzer Charles Linzer James Linzer Damon Linzer

Our Heartfelt Thanks

There is great comfort in the assurance that we are not alone in our hour of need. God's love was made manifested by our community of church members, family, neighbors, friends, and colleagues. We are grateful for your warm acts of kindness. Your visits and telephone calls of encouragement, food, flowers, plants, resolutions, hugs of love and your presence at the Celebration Services lifted our spirits. Your fervent prayers whispered on our behalf gave us strength to stand. We ask for your continued prayers in the days which are ahead. May our Heavenly Father honor you with continuous blessings. May his unlimited abundance of favor and peace be upon you for illustrating His love with us. Special thanks to The Courtyards At Pasadena for their compassionate care given to our loved one.

Immediately following the Celebration of Life Service in the Christian Life Center 411 Verot School Rd. Lafayette LA, 70508