

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The entire family of Anika Laurice Woods sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Anika Laurice Woods may be made to the following:

*Joseph H. Cherry Scholarship Fund
From the Heart Church Ministries
4949 Allentown Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746*

For online giving to the Joseph H. Cherry Scholarship Fund, you may go on: www.fthcm.org

Services Entrusted To:
*Johnson and Jenkins Funeral Home
Washington, DC*

A Celebration of Life for Anika Laurice Woods

June 23, 1971 – October 14, 2020



Monday, October 26, 2020

**Family Hour: 10:00 a.m.
Service: 11:00 a.m.**

***From the Heart Church Ministries®
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road
Suitland, MD 20746
Bishop John A. Cherry, II – Pastor***

Obituary



Anika Laurice Woods was born on June 23, 1971, at Columbia Hospital for Women in Washington, D.C., to the late Shalar Lorenzo Woods, Jr., and Arvida Lee Woods. She was the oldest of four children.

In 1989, Anika graduated from Paint Branch High School and Edison Career Center in Maryland. She furthered her education at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, majoring in business administration and subsequently earning a Bachelor of Science in 1993. In January 2000, she received a Master of Health Services Administration with a focus on acute care and ambulatory care management from The George Washington University.

Anika worked in the private sector for a number of years before accepting a position as a hospital administrative resident with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in December 1998. Her final position with that agency was a program analysis officer. She possessed good work ethics, and was promoted several times throughout the course of her career with the federal government. Additionally, she liked to share her wisdom at work; and was known as a workaholic—she truly enjoyed serving those who served others.

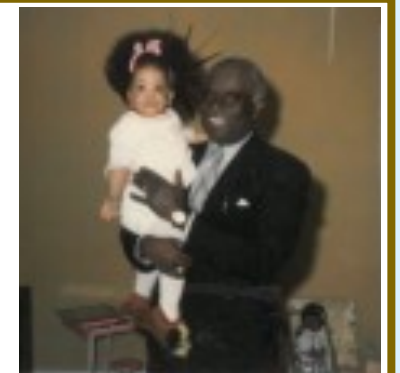
Anika was a member of several professional, civic, and service organizations including the American College of Healthcare Executives, Toastmasters International VA Gaveliers Club 2920, Leadership VA Alumni Association, The Monterey Condominium Board Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and The Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland.

In her leisure, Anika enjoyed traveling and playing golf. However, what she loved most of all was the time spent with family. She especially relished spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Anika, a woman of faith, joined From the Heart Church Ministries in 2004. She was actively involved in the life of the church. She was a member of the Activities Ministry for many years, and from 2017 to 2019 served as ministry head. Under her leadership, the Activities Ministry supported a number of major churchwide activities such as Family Fun Day, Community Day, and the Give-A-Gift, Get-A-Gift Exchange. She was also a member of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry. Anika loved her church—fellowshipping with her church family—and serving those inside and outside the church. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Anika leaves behind to cherish her memory her mother, Arvida Lee Woods; sisters: Avis Lynette Woods, Angela Lauren Woods, and Shalynn Lorraine Miller; aunt Denyse Fran Woods; other aunts and uncles; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, other family and friends.

Anika was preceded in death by her father, Shalar Lorenzo Woods, Jr., and brother, Stuart Laurance Woods.





Order of Service

Invocation

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: John 14:1-6*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection FTH Psalmist

Acknowledgements

*Mrs. Thyra Brent, Cousin
Mr. Jay and Mrs. Kysha Toatley, Best Friends
Ms. Yvette Watson, Department of Veterans Affairs Family
Ms. Shirley Wilson, FTH Activities Ministry*

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation FTH Psalmist

Message of Hope Reverend Willette O. Wright

Committal

Recessional

*Interment
Lincoln Memorial Cemetery
Suitland, Maryland*

A Letter from Anika:

"I saw my daddy (Jesus Christ) in a white robe outlined in gold. He was tall, had a beard and mustache, wooly hair, and brown skin. His arms were reaching out to me. I felt like a small child. I ran and jumped into his arms. I touched his face, kissed his cheek, and he hugged me. He carried me away. I am no longer afraid of the journey. I was never afraid of the outcome— Heaven.

I believe God wants the statement above included in my obituary to let others know that Jesus is the way to our heavenly Father. For those that don't know Him, there is no time like the present to start that relationship. I want to see you all again one day. God put this vision in my thoughts/on my mind on August 12, 2020."

Anika

Broken Chain

Author: Ron Tranmer

*We little knew that morning
God was to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

Love, your Sisters



God Saw You

Author Unknown

*Anika, God saw you getting tired,
when a cure was not to be.
So he wrapped his arms around you,
and whispered, "COME WITH ME."
You didn't deserve what you went
through, so he gave you rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, he
only takes the best.
My sweet daughter when I saw you
sleeping, so peaceful and
free from pain,
I could not wish you back to
suffer that again.
In my heart you linger on, your smile,
your laugh, your special way will
comfort me from day to day.*

Love, Mom

