

***A Celebration of Life***  
***for***  
***Antoinette Patricia Washington***  
***“Joni”***

***Sunrise***  
***July 5, 1937***



***Sunset***  
***June 8, 2021***

***Friday, June 25, 2021***

**Viewing: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Service: 11:00 a.m.**

***From the Heart Church Ministries®***  
***Annex at 5055 Allentown Road***  
***Suitland, Maryland 20746***

***Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor***

# Obituary

*To everything there is a season, and an appointed time.*



Antoinette Patricia Washington, daughter of the late Deacon George W. and Deaconess Bertha A. Henderson, was born on July 5, 1937, in Washington, D.C. God received her to her heavenly home on June 8, 2021. Toni, as she was affectionately known to all, accepted Jesus Christ in her life at an early age at Shiloh Baptist Church in the District. In June 1989, she joined From the Heart Church Ministries in Suitland, Maryland, and remained a faithful member until her passing.

Toni was educated in the District of Columbia Public Schools where she graduated from Cardoza High School. After graduating high school, she later married her high school sweetheart, Ralph Washington, Sr. The couple was blessed with three children, Michele, Ralph Jr., and Ronald. Toni furthered her education at Atlanta Business School in Washington, D.C., where she received an administration degree. Thereafter, she dedicated 37 years of service to the federal government as an employee with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. After retiring, she took on her love for children, and started a home childcare business caring for her grandchildren and others.

Anyone who knew Toni, knew she was passionate about her family. Spending time with them for special occasions or just being with her grandchildren were a couple of her favorite pastimes. Toni was known for her infectious smile, and gentle, sweet spirit. Additionally, she was loved and respected by all who knew and loved her. Toni was beautiful inside and out—there was nothing she wouldn't and didn't do for anyone.

Toni leaves to cherish her legacy and memories, children: Michele Alexander, Ralph Washington, Jr., and Ronald Washington; grandchildren: Chiquita, Cherie, Charnae, and Rachele; ten great-grandchildren and one on the way, and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members, and devoted friends.

Toni was preceded in death by brothers, George Henderson, and Arthur Henderson; sister, Annabell Cassell; and great-grandchildren, Brie Franklin, and Brianna Franklin.

# Order of Service

*Invocation*

*Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament: Isaiah 41:10  
New Testament: John 14:1-6*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection ..... Ms. Bonita White*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Ms. Chiquita Alexander  
Mr. Khye Arnold  
Mr. Michael Henderson*

*Obituary (Read Silently)*

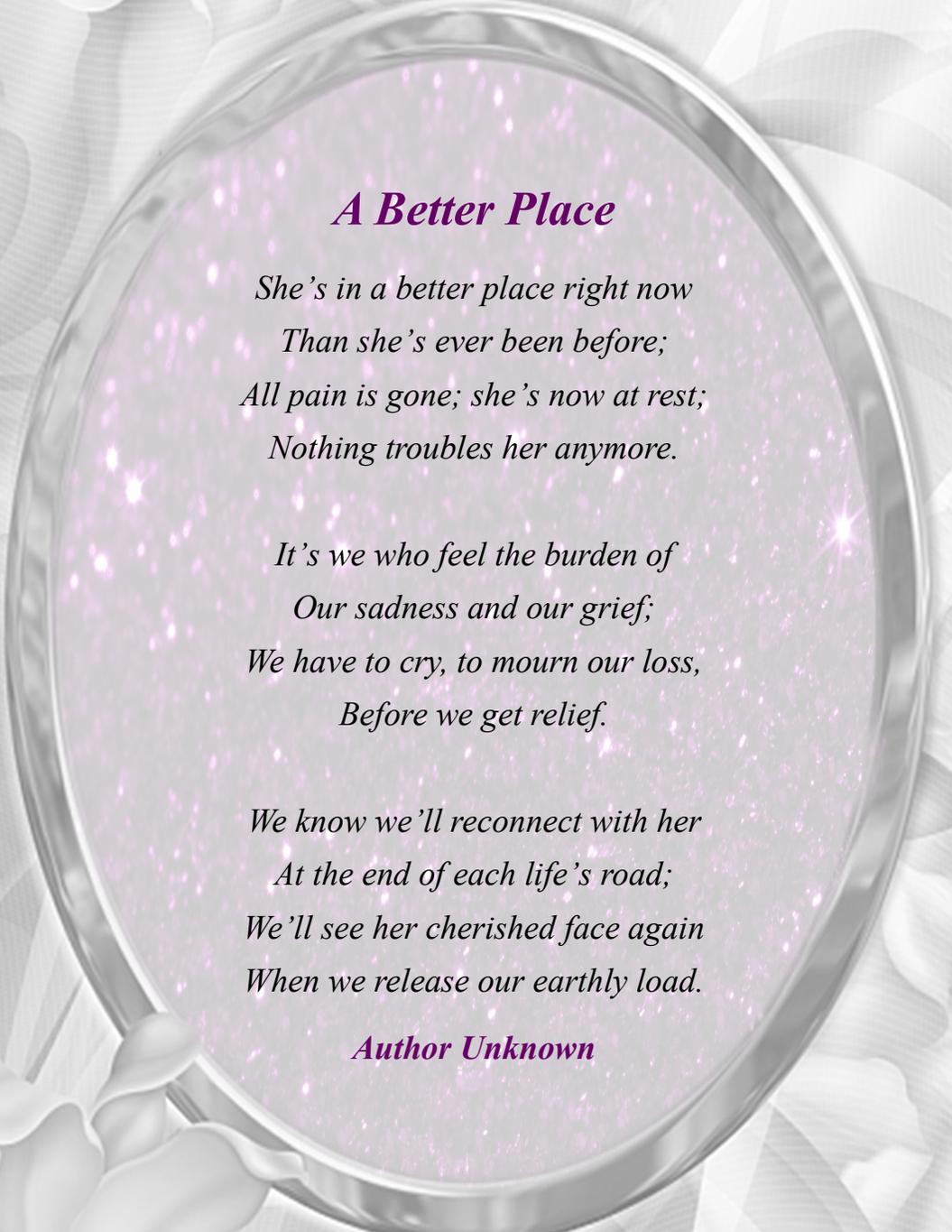
*Song of Preparation ..... Mr. Michael White*

*Message of Hope ..... Minister Justin Young*

*Call to Christ*

*Recessional*

*Interment  
Lincoln Memorial Cemetery  
4001 Suitland Road  
Suitland, Maryland 20746*



## ***A Better Place***

*She's in a better place right now  
Than she's ever been before;  
All pain is gone; she's now at rest;  
Nothing troubles her anymore.*

*It's we who feel the burden of  
Our sadness and our grief;  
We have to cry, to mourn our loss,  
Before we get relief.*

*We know we'll reconnect with her  
At the end of each life's road;  
We'll see her cherished face again  
When we release our earthly load.*

***Author Unknown***

## *Psalm 23 (KJV)*

*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 for ever.*







## **Pallbearers**

*Brian Franklin  
Al Hatch  
Derek Henderson  
Kevin Henderson  
Bruce Hunt  
Anthony Quander*

## **Flower Bearers**

*Family and Friends*

## **Acknowledgement**

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