

*A Celebration of Life for*

*Tawnya Melody Walls*

*Sunrise:*

*August 29, 1985*



*Sunset:*

*January 22, 2026*

*Monday, February 23, 2026*

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

**From the Heart Church Ministries®**

4949 Allentown Road | Suitland, MD 20746

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



# Obituary

***Tawnya Walls** was born on August 29, 1985, to James and Bertha Hawkins in Clinton, Maryland. She went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 22, 2026.*

*Tawnya, the second of four children, was affectionately known as “Tawn,” “School Teacher,” and “Onion Soup.” She was raised by her parents and grandmother in nearby Accokeek, Maryland. She attended Maryland Public Schools, namely Henry G. Ferguson Elementary School, Eugene Burroughs Middle School, and Gwynn Park High School. After high school, she furthered her education at the University of Maryland College Park, majoring in kinesiology, the science of human movement and the principles that support health, performance, and rehabilitation. She earned her degree in 2008.*

*In 1994, at a young age, Tawnya joined From the Heart Church Ministries in Suitland, Maryland, where she was consistently taught the uncompromised Word of God. In 2001, while serving at the church’s Summer Camp, she discovered her passion for working with children.*

*Tawnya was proudly employed at the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. She later relocated to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, where she continued her career in several different roles.*

*Tawnya found joy in dancing, teaching, singing, playing the clarinet, styling hair, and hosting gatherings. Above all, she deeply cherished raising and nurturing her daughter, Amera. She will be remembered as a creative, fun, silly, honest, sweet, caring, and loving woman with a warm free-spirited nature.*

*Tawnya will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memories, her daughter, Amera; father, James; brothers, James and David; sister, Sarah; sister-in-law, Melanie; friend, Sam Spruill; ex-husband, Keifson Walls; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.*

*Tawnya was preceded in death by her mother, Bertha Hawkins; grandmother, Maude Lancaster; and nephew, Jayvon Hawkins.*



# Order of Service

**Invocation**

**Congregational Hymn** ..... “Blessed Assurance”

**Scripture Reading**

*Old Testament: Psalm 102:1-2*

*New Testament: John 14:1-6*

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Selection** ..... *Ms. Krislyn Smithson*

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

*Elder Sean Polk, Mentor and Father Figure*

*Ms. Alona Thomas, Best Friend*

*Minister James R. Hawkins, Father*

**Obituary (Read Silently)**

**Song of Preparation** ..... *Mr. Rahdeem Baskin*

**Message of Hope** ..... *Minister Robert Dickerson*

**Call to Christ**

**Committal**

**Benediction**

**Recessional**



# Congregational Hymn

## **Blessed Assurance**

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

### **Chorus**

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above,  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

### **Chorus**

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

### **Chorus**









## Flower Bearers

*Family and Friends*

## Pallbearers

*Family and Friends*

## Acknowledgement

*The entire Hawkins and Walls family 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!*

## Special Thanks

*A speical heartfelt thank you to Wright Funeral Home, Adams Funeral Home, and From the Heart Church Ministries for their unwavering love and support during this difficult time. We also extend our sincere gratitude to Sam Spruill and Alona Thomas for the selfless love and care they showed to Tawnya.*

## Services Entrusted to:

*Wright Funeral Services and Crematory  
1425 Greensboro Road  
Martinsville, VA 24112*

*And*

*Adams Funeral Home  
20605 Aquasco Road  
Aquasco, MD 20608*

