



CELEBRATING THE
LIFE & LOVE
OF

Tanya
WATSON-PICKETT

SUNRISE: JAN. 28, 1967 - SUNSET: AUG. 16, 2023

SERVICES & REPAST

10:30 AM

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2100 PENNSYLVANIA AVE,

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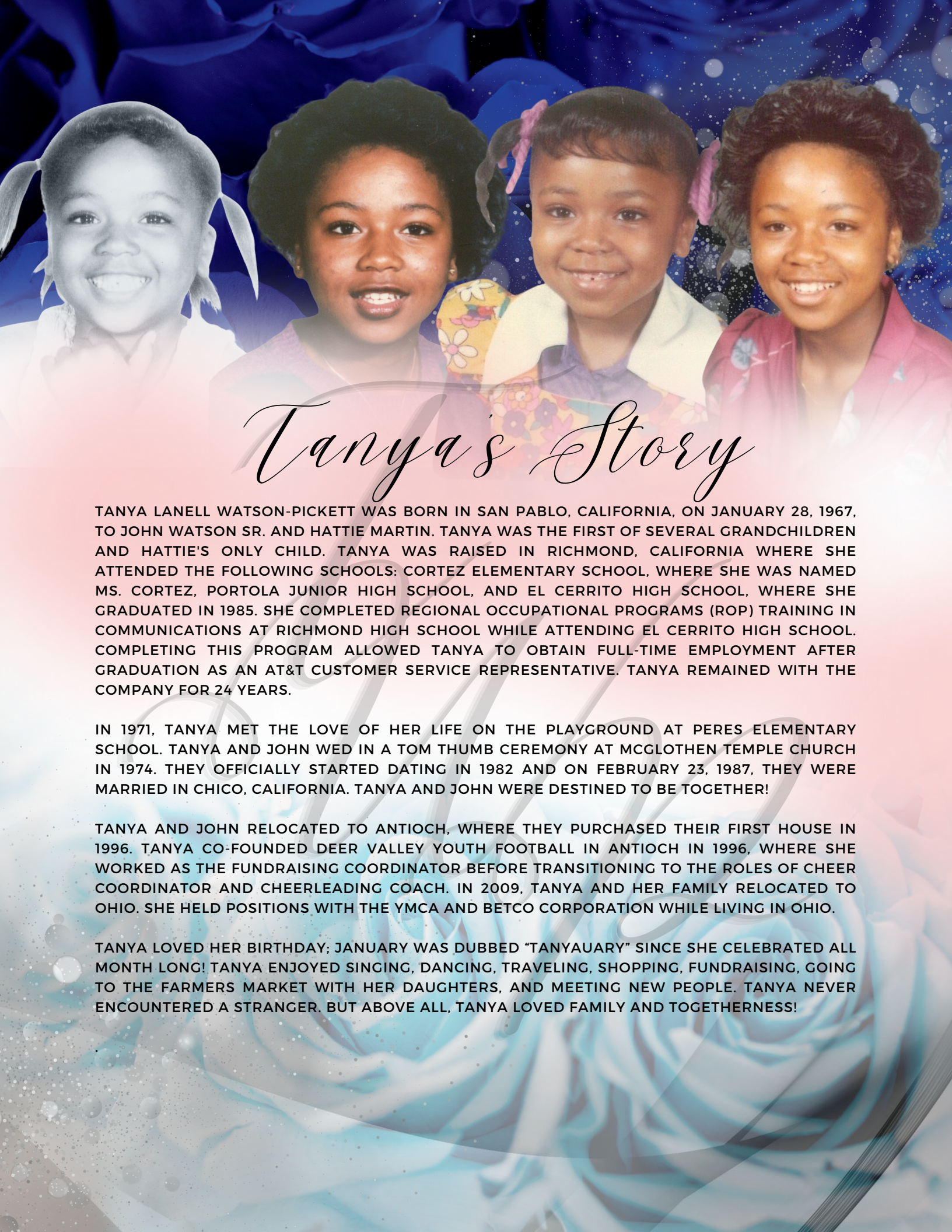
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Tanya's Story

TANYA LANELL WATSON-PICKETT WAS BORN IN SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA, ON JANUARY 28, 1967, TO JOHN WATSON SR. AND HATTIE MARTIN. TANYA WAS THE FIRST OF SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN AND HATTIE'S ONLY CHILD. TANYA WAS RAISED IN RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA WHERE SHE ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS: CORTEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WHERE SHE WAS NAMED MS. CORTEZ, PORTOLA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE SHE GRADUATED IN 1985. SHE COMPLETED REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMS (ROP) TRAINING IN COMMUNICATIONS AT RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL WHILE ATTENDING EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL. COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM ALLOWED TANYA TO OBTAIN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION AS AN AT&T CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE. TANYA REMAINED WITH THE COMPANY FOR 24 YEARS.

IN 1971, TANYA MET THE LOVE OF HER LIFE ON THE PLAYGROUND AT PERES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. TANYA AND JOHN WED IN A TOM THUMB CEREMONY AT MCGLOTHEN TEMPLE CHURCH IN 1974. THEY OFFICIALLY STARTED DATING IN 1982 AND ON FEBRUARY 23, 1987, THEY WERE MARRIED IN CHICO, CALIFORNIA. TANYA AND JOHN WERE DESTINED TO BE TOGETHER!

TANYA AND JOHN RELOCATED TO ANTIOCH, WHERE THEY PURCHASED THEIR FIRST HOUSE IN 1996. TANYA CO-FOUNDED DEER VALLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL IN ANTIOCH IN 1996, WHERE SHE WORKED AS THE FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR BEFORE TRANSITIONING TO THE ROLES OF CHEER COORDINATOR AND CHEERLEADING COACH. IN 2009, TANYA AND HER FAMILY RELOCATED TO OHIO. SHE HELD POSITIONS WITH THE YMCA AND BETCO CORPORATION WHILE LIVING IN OHIO.

TANYA LOVED HER BIRTHDAY; JANUARY WAS DUBBED "TANYAUARY" SINCE SHE CELEBRATED ALL MONTH LONG! TANYA ENJOYED SINGING, DANCING, TRAVELING, SHOPPING, FUNDRAISING, GOING TO THE FARMERS MARKET WITH HER DAUGHTERS, AND MEETING NEW PEOPLE. TANYA NEVER ENCOUNTERED A STRANGER. BUT ABOVE ALL, TANYA LOVED FAMILY AND TOGETHERNESS!



ON JULY 19, 2023, TANYA TRAVELED TO CALIFORNIA WITH A PLAN IN MIND. SHE WAS ADAMANT ABOUT SEEING HER UNCLE AND AUNT. SHE PLANNED TO HAVE A SLUMBER PARTY, VISIT HER BEST FRIEND, AND HAVE HER COUSINS MEET HER IN CLEAR LAKE LIKE THEY USED TO. ALL HER PLANS WERE EXECUTED! IN THE COMPANY OF HER MOTHER, HER HUSBAND, HER KIDS, HER SON-IN-LAW, HER TWO NIECES, HER COUSIN, AND HER TWO SISTER/COUSINS, TANYA PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023. WE FIRMLY FEEL THAT SHE TRANSITIONED IN THE MANNER SHE DESIRED. SHE ALWAYS DID THINGS HER WAY!

TANYA IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER SON, SCOTT PICKETT; HER FATHER, JOHN WATSON, SR.; HER BROTHERS, MARLON WATSON AND LACONTE WATSON, AND HER GRANDPARENTS, SAMPSON AND WILLIE MAE REED.

TANYA LEAVES TO CHERISH HER LOVING MEMORY; HER HUSBAND, JOHN PICKETT, III. OF PERRYSBURG, OH; HER MOTHER, HATTIE MARTIN OF FAIRFIELD, CA; HER TWO DAUGHTERS, TASJANAE KOTHE (BRANDON KOTHE) AND TAJIANA PICKETT ALL OF PERRYSBURG, OH; HER GODDAUGHTER, CYDNEI FANT OF FAIRFIELD, CA; HER SIBLINGS, ANGELA CALDWELL, DANIELLE (SARAH) WATSON, LASHANDA WATSON, SHANEL WATSON-TATE, JOHN WATSON, JR, TONY WATSON, AND RAMONTE WATSON; HER MOTHER IN LAW, VERNA PICKETT AND HER FATHER IN LAW JOHN PICKETT JR. BOTH OF ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA; HER TWO SISTER IN LAWS, KARLA PICKETT-CALDWELL (REGINALD CALDWELL) OF ANTIOCH, CA AND MARGO FORDJOR OF RICHMOND, CA, AND HER BONUS DAD, LLOYD COOPER OF VACAVILLE, CA. TANYA ALSO LEAVES A HOST OF AUNTS, UNCLES, FIRST COUSINS (MORE LIKE SIBLINGS), COUSINS, NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND FRIENDS TO CHERISH HER MEMORY.

Poems

God's Garden

GOD LOOKED AROUND HIS GARDEN
AND FOUND AN EMPTY PLACE,
HE THEN LOOKED DOWN UPON THE EARTH
AND SAW YOUR TIRED FACE.
HE PUT HIS ARMS AROUND YOU
AND LIFTED YOU TO REST.
GOD'S GARDEN MUST BE BEAUTIFUL
HE ALWAYS TAKES THE BEST.
HE SAW THE ROAD WAS GETTING ROUGH
AND THE HILLS WERE HARD TO CLIMB,
SO HE CLOSED YOUR WEARY EYELIDS
AND WHISPERED "PEACE BE THINE"
IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LOSE YOU
BUT YOU DIDN'T GO ALONE.
FOR PART OF US WENT WITH YOU
THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME.

ARTHUR UNKNOWN

Life

LIFE IS JUST A STEPPING-STONE
A PAUSE BEFORE WE MAKE IT HOME
A SIMPLE PLACE TO REST AND BE,
UNTIL WE REACH ETERNITY. EVERYONE HAS A LIFE JOURNEY,
A PATH TO TAKE WITH LOTS TO SEE
GOD GUIDES OUR STEPS ALONG THE WAY,
BUT WE WERE NEVER MEANT TO STAY.
OUR FINAL DESTINATION IS A PLACE FILLED WITH LOVE, HIS MAJESTY AND GRACE.
TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF A LOVED ONE
WHO HAS GONE BEFORE US, THE RACE SHE HAS WON.
HER JOURNEY HAS NOW ENDED,
HER SPIRIT HAS ASCENDED
CLAIMING THE GREAT REWARD
WITH JESUS, OUR LORD.

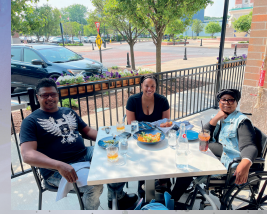
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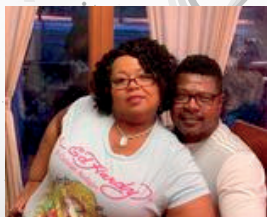
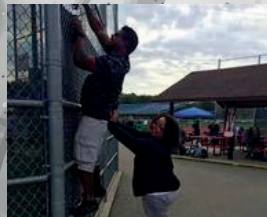
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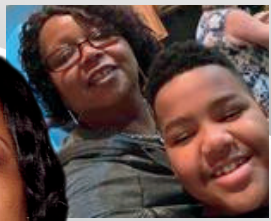
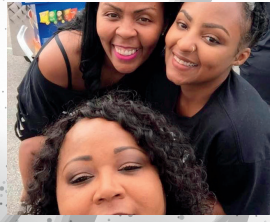
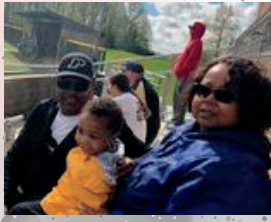
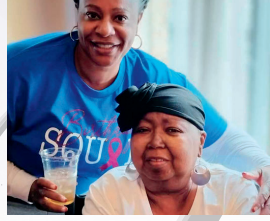
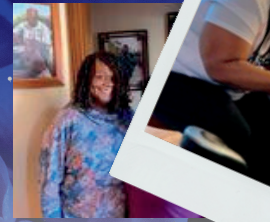
PSALM 121:1-2 (KJV)

I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS, FROM WHENCE COMETH
MY HELP. MY HELP COMETH FROM THE LORD, WHICH MADE HEAVEN
AND EARTH.











Special Acknowledgements

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO TANYA'S UNCLE AND AUNT, ELMER AND CHERYL REED FOR OPENING THEIR HOME TO HER AND HER HUSBAND WHILE THEY WERE HERE VISITING IN CALIFORNIA.

WE ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO TANYA'S AUNTS JUSTINE MILES AND CHANDA FANT FOR GENEROUSLY AND SELFLESSLY OPENING THEIR HOME TO ENSURE TANYA'S FINAL DAYS WERE SPENT SURROUNDED BY FAMILY AND IN THE LOVING COMFORT OF THEIR CARE.

THE PICKETT, MARTIN, REED, AND WATSON FAMILY

Funeral Services Entrusted to

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