



Ms Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw

August 1, 1946 - March 12, 2025

Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw, was born August 1, 1946, in Pensacola, Florida. She is preceded in death by her loving mother Mary Ella Johnson and brother Richard “Bubba” Andrews, and ex-husband Raymond Shamel Kinlaw. She leaves behind her daughters: Tonya LaShay Johnson of Livermore, CA, Marjorie Moore and Shanene Higgins of Dallas, Texas, and Kayla Higgins of San Diego, CA. Along with her Granddaughters: Sha-Neaka Evans of Livermore, CA, Tiffany Knuckles of Oakland, CA, and Mia and Sierra Moore of Dallas, Texas. She also leaves a legacy of loving Grandsons: Douglas Knuckles of Greenville, South Carolina, Damon Hines Jr. of Houston, Texas, Joshua Thi' Hines of San Diego, CA, Robert Steven Moore II of Dallas, Texas, and her Great Grandchildren, Charlee Knuckles, Avianna Moore & Josiah Moore. She is also survived by her niece Ella Johnson and nephew Ricky Bryant-Andrews along with many other loving family members and friends.

Tornynia, so fondly called Toni, Tiny, Tonya or G-MA, was a member of Friendship West Baptist Church, of Dallas, Texas. She was an entrepreneur who owned and operated Agape Barber Shop of San Leandro, CA. She also created a haircare product to strengthen and grow people's hair just like her long, beautiful healthy hair: Mama Knows Haircare. She expressed her love through cooking. She desired to leave a legacy to help others learn how to cook and season soul food. She became an author at age 76 and was officially published at age 78, with her cookbook "Grandma's Kitchen: Cookbook of Holiday and Everyday Soul Food Recipes" created by her and her Granddaughter, Tiffany Knuckles. Her cookbook was officially released by Higgins Publishing on December 3, 2024.

Tornynia loved to skate, bowl and sing gospel songs with her operatic voice. Her favorite songs were "I Need You Now" by Smokie Norful, "God Is", and "Sideshow" by Blue Magic. She also enjoyed attending church in person and later virtually. Her other hobbies included playing Dominoes, watching S.W.A.T., Blue Bloods, Chicago M.D, Young and the Restless, Bold and the Beautiful, and Hallmark movies. One of her favorite quotes was: "As long as people owe me, I'll never be broke!" However, she was also a giver as she shared with her daughters how she helped Tyler Perry financially when he was homeless in Atlanta, GA.

Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw transitioned from this earthly realm in the comfort of her home in Dallas, Texas, with her daughters on March 12, 2025. She would want each of us who knew and loved her, to remember her strength, smile and language of love of cooking and providing. Let's honor her legacy by supporting, caring and loving each other throughout these difficult times.

To provide family support, send flowers and memorial gifts to the family of Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw, please see below:

Memorial Contribution:

Venmo:

SqueakBBQ - Family Support

Cash APP:

\$ShaneneHiggins - Funeral Expenses

\$MMoore415 - Casket Flowers & Memorial Keepsakes

\$TiffanyKnuckles - Programs & Food

Flowers, Cards & Sentiments:

<https://www.sandraclarkfuneralhome.com/>

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Home Going Location Information: L SEP

Location: Sandra Clark Funeral Home

Address: 6029 South R.L. Thornton

City, State: Dallas, TX 75232

Phone: (214) 371-2600

Viewing:

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 P.M. C.S.T

Home Going Service:

Date: Friday, April 11, 2025

Time: 2:00 P.M. C.S.T

Previous Events

viewing

APR 10. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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6029 South R.L. Thornton
Dallas, TX 75232
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Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Friendship West Baptist Church
2020 W Wheatland Rd
DALLAS, TX 75232

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Dorothy Thurman & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ms Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw.



Dorothy Thurman & Family - April 11, 2025 at 10:43 AM

SH

“ Shanene H. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ms Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw.



Shanene H. - April 07, 2025 at 06:34 PM

MM

“ Marjorie M. purchased the Lavender Tribute Casket Spray for the family of Ms Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw.



Marjorie M. - April 02, 2025 at 07:33 PM

DH

“ Donna Hodges purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of Ms Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw.



Donna Hodges - March 19, 2025 at 05:36 PM

DH

“ Donna Hodges planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw.

Donna Hodges - March 19, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ms Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw.



March 19, 2025 at 05:32 PM



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DH

“ Donna Hodges lit a candle in memory of Ms Tornynia Juanita Kinlaw



Donna Hodges - March 19, 2025 at 05:28 PM