

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Renita Gail
McDonald Barlow



Sunrise:

March 27, 1963

Sunset:

March 7, 2024

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.



Sixth Street Community Church
1619 North Sixth Street
Orange, Texas 77630

Superintendent Anthony D. Thomas, Sr., Pastor
Officiator – Elder Jessie Bias

Eulogy – District Missionary Debbie Thomas (Renita's Sister)

The Twenty-Third Psalm

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 forever.*

Order of Service
Superintendent Anthony Thomas, Sr., Pastor
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Processional	Clergy and Family
Prayer	Pastor Mark Sanders, Sr.
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament	Pastor Ricky Earnest
New Testament	Pastor Benny Smith
Please Read Obituary Silently	
Gentiva Chaplain	Chaplain Rob Harris
Selection	Evangelist, 1 st Lady Yolanda Hill
Resolutions and Acknowledgements	Missionary Veronica Bias
West Orange Stark High – Class of 1981	
A Letter from Renita	Missionary Tori Mayfield
Video Presentation	
Poem	Cheryl Bradford (Sister)
Siblings Tribute	Tommy Bradford (Brother), Tiffany Brooks and Laverne Joseph (Sisters) and Earl Thomas, Jr. (Brother-in-law)
Expressions	Please limit to 2 minutes in family consideration
Solo	District Missionary, Evangelist, 1st Lady Marilyn Earnest
Eulogy	District Missionary Debbie Thomas (Sister)
Recessional	
Committal Service	Pastor Ricky Earnest, Sr. (InnerFaith Ministries)



Renita Gail McDonald Barlow, 60, of Orange, died Thursday, March 7, 2024. She was born on March 27, 1963, in Orange, to Jeanette McDonald and Tommy Bradford, Sr.

Renita loved God and had tremendous faith. She was a fighter until the end. She fought a good fight and finished the course that was predestined from God. Renita accepted the Lord as her Savior. She loved to study the Bible and write down scriptures. She was a

member of Sixth Street Community Church where she served under the leadership of Superintendent Anthony D. Thomas Sr. She loved her church family. Renita was a “people person”. She was a woman that loved to help others. She would give you her last. Renita was known as the Family Anchor Woman as she kept everyone up with the news, events, and weather. She loved her family so much. She had a great passion for her great nieces and nephews. She loved those babies and always smiled in their presence. She had her only baby boy, Spirit (her dog), who she adopted from her sister. She loved Spirit and treated him like he was a human being. He slept and cuddled with her and ate with her. When she moved, Spirit moved, they were inseparable. She would constantly say, please take care of my baby Spirit. Renita will surely be missed.

Survivors include siblings, Pamela Williams; Debbie Thomas (Earl, Jr.); Bernice Joseph (Morris, Sr.); Peppi Smith; Tiffany Brooks (David, Jr.); Latitia McDonald; Tommy Bradford, Jr.; Cheryl Bradford; Lisa Petry (Warren); Carolyn Garrett; Gwendolyn Riley (Edward); Monique Reed; Willie Gayles, Jr.; Monica Shed; Tonya North (Robin); and Kimberly Ware (Joe); sister-in-law, India McDonald; step-daughter, Ashanti Mathew; step-father, Minister Willie Gayles, Sr.; great-aunt, Margaret Spears; aunts, Bettie Warnell; Diane Colbert; Sarah Lowe; Melba Foster (Bryant); Jewel “Monk” Bradford; and Josie Jefferson; uncles, Charles Bradford, Sr. and Milton Bradford, Jr.; God-Mother, Oshia Fairy Papilion; and a host of loving family and friends.

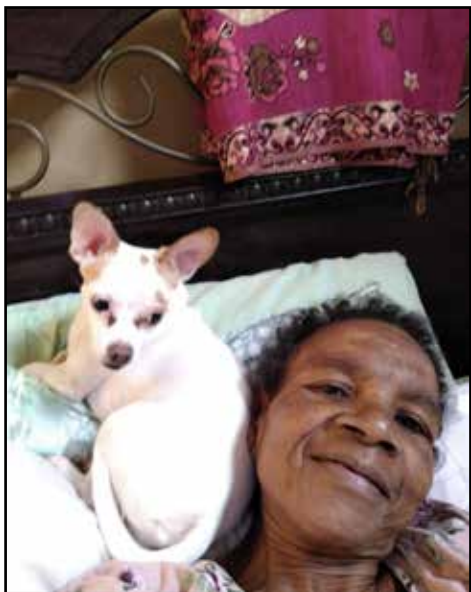
She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Michael Wayne McDonald, Kevin Dwayne McDonald; grandfathers, Milton Bradford, Sr., and Robert McDonald, Sr; grandmothers, Mae Frances Bradford, Hattie McDonald, and Dell Joyce McDonald.

Special thanks to Sixth Street Community Church, Gentiva Hospice and staff, Focused Care Nursing Facility and staff, Broussard's Mortuary, McFaddin, Beaumont, and Bryant Keith McDonald, Sr.

TO MY *Mama Renita*

Mama Renita, I sure miss you and I love you soooo muchhhhh ... I look around every day for you, but you're gone. I'm sad at times, but I know you were sick, I couldn't do much but lay right by your side to comfort you. Ruff, Ruff. I miss cuddling and the kisses from you. I love you. You were the best Adopted Mama ever, you fed me real food, what you ate, I ate. I miss jumping on our bed. I miss you calling me saying, "SPIRIT... That's my little doggie."

I heard you tell everybody to take care of me. Well good news, Papa Earl and Mama Debbie is doing a good job. They take me out on walks, and they are feeding me good. Oh yes also, I have a new friend / cousin, his name is Snow, he is a good little buddy, we play well together. Rest and I love you, Spirit.



TO MY *Sister-in-Law*

My Dear Sister-in-Law,

We loved you so much. It hurt to see you go but we won't be selfish because we know the pain and suffering you endured. You're not in any more pain. You're healed! I'm going to miss our morning times, the talks, and I miss cooking breakfast every day for you...soft eggs, bacon, and coffee. It was my pleasure to serve you and do everything I could to make you comfortable. Rest in peace Sister-in-Law.

Love Bro-in-Law, (as you called me). Earl, Jr.



TO OUR *Sister*

Our Dear Sister, Renita Gail McDonald Barlow. We loved you so much. We saw you suffer and in pain and we surely didn't want you to go through that. You're finally free, you gained your wings. You were an example of a woman of faith. You were a fighter. You never gave up when all the doctors gave you up years ago. You kept speaking The Word of God. We, as your siblings find comfort knowing that you're not hurting anymore, no more tears, no more medicine, no more needle pricks and shots, no more pain. You were the best sister ever, you would do anything for us, you loved for real. We miss you so much and we will forever keep you in our hearts. We love you and we thank God for the memories that God blessed us to share.

Love, your siblings.



Siblings take care of each other, watch out for each other, comfort each other and are there for each other through thick and thin.



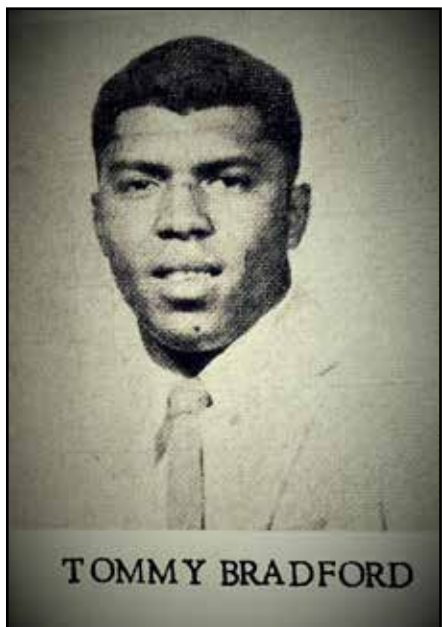
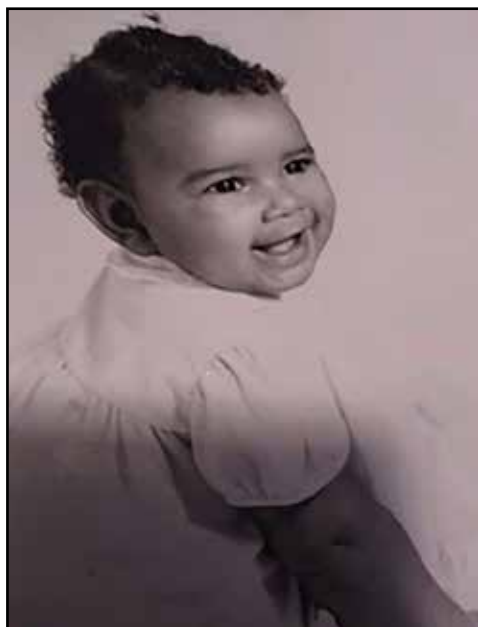
Renita's Bible verse
for 2023!



Isaiah 41:10

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand."



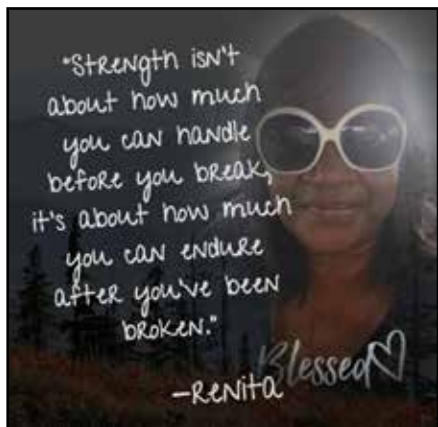












Active Pallbearers

Tommy Bradford, Sr.

Ar'Tevin McDonald

Kevin McDonald, Jr. "Man"

Darius Robinson

Cory Skinner, Jr.

Seth Thomas

Honorary Pallbearers

David Brooks, Jr.

Nikko Brooks

Willie Gayles, Jr

Morris Joseph, Jr

Morris Joseph, Sr.

Joshua McDonald

Richard Netherly, Jr.

Kevin Robinson, Jr.

Earl Thomas, Jr.

Earl Thomas, III

Coy Walker

The family of Renita Gail McDonald Barlow would like to acknowledge and thank Superintendent Anthony Thomas and Sixth Street Community Church Family, Gentiva Hospice, Focused Care Nursing Facility and everyone that has been so kind with prayers, food, texts, cards, visits and every act of love that you have shared. May God bless you all. Please continue to pray for us. Love, McDonald and Bradford Family

Repast will be in the Sixth Street Community Fellowship Hall

Interment

Hollywood Cemetery, Orange Texas

Services entrusted to Broussard's Mortuary

2000 McFaddin Avenue, Beaumont

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Please sign Ms. Barlow's guest book and share your memories at

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