

## Her Life's Journey

Anita Louise Parks was born on June 11, 1947, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was the eldest of two children born to the union of John Lawson Jr. and the late Dorothy Mae Lawson.

She accepted Christ and was baptized at New Prospect Baptist Church. She later attended the Vineyard Church. Anita attended Hughes High School where she graduated in 1965. She later furthered her education and attended the University of Cincinnati, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Anita worked many jobs, Ohio Bureau of Employment Services as a job specialist, University Hospital as a medical social worker, at many retail stores as a sales associate, and lastly at Princeton City Schools as a paraprofessional. Anita ran a Spring Camp called "Kids Camp Forever", for over 10 years. Her children worked during that time as their schedule permitted and the older grandchildren worked with her as well. It was a fun time held by all.

Anita loved spending time with family. She was known as "Miss Toosie" and "Maw Maw" to many. Anita enjoyed cooking for family and helping out wherever she was needed with family members as they aged.

Anita had nicknames for many family members, co-workers, and students she served. Did she give you one?

Anita went home to be with the Lord on June 21, 2022. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Mae Lawson and her grandparents, John and Minnie Lawson.

Anita leaves to cherish her memory; four children, Robin Bennett (Kevin), Nedra Polk, Angela Brunson (Joe), and Jason Parks (Tamiki) all of Cincinnati; ten grandchildren, Tenesha, Cierra, Kevin II, Camille, Jalen, Jazmyne, Mya, Kennedy, Jackson, and Chase; four great grandchildren, Aiden, Soriyah, Amira, and Adrian; sister, Barbetta Thompson (late Joseph); step sisters, Sharon Copeland (James), Ellen Lewis, all of Cincinnati, Ohio and Carol Mukes of Colorado; and a host of many relatives and friends.

Anita will always be remembered as a devoted and loving daughter, sister, mother, and grandmother. She inspired her children with the constant display of integrity and strength. Her loving spirit will live within us forever.

## Mother, Grandmother, Daughter, Sister, and Friend



## Order of Service

### Celebrating the Life of Anita Louise Parks

12:00 P.M.

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| Congregational Hymn.....                                 |  |
| Processional.....  |  |
| Scripture... <i>Old Testament- Proverbs 22:1-2</i> ..... | Joseph Thompson III<br>(Nephew)  |
|  | <i>New Testament – 2 Corinthians 5:1--5</i> Jason Parks (Son)  |
| Invocation.....  | BR. James Kent   |
| Congregational Hymn.....                                 |  |
| Acknowledgments.....                                     | Jacquelyn Davis (Cousin)   |
| Reflections.....   | Lawson Family-Michelle Lawson (Cousin)   |
| 2 Minutes, Please.....                                   | Williams Family– Geraldine Frazier (Aunt)<br>Friend-Kenya Greer (Family Friend)<br>Jamar Tate (Former Student)<br>Educator-Mrs. Huffer (Princeton City Schools)<br>Educator-Laura McElwee (Stewart Elementary) |
| Obituary.....  | Read Silently  |
| Anita's Legacy.....                                      | Carol Bates (Aunt)   |
| Video Tribute.....                                       |  |
| Congregational Hymn.....                                 |  |
| Eulogy.....  | BR. James Kent   |
| Recessional.....   | BR. James Kent, Pallbearers, Family & Friends  |



## *Her Journey's Just Begun*

Don't think of her as gone away  
Her journey's just begun  
Life holds so many facets  
This earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting  
From the sorrows and the tears  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing  
That we could know today  
How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.

And think of her as living  
In the hearts of those she touched...  
For nothing is ever lost  
And she was loved so much  
**E. Brenneman**

## *Acknowledgement*

In times such as these, thank you seems so trite; all that  
you have done to make our burden a little lighter.

May God shower you with his love and blessings from  
above.

-The Family

## *Active Pallbearers*

DeVail Bennie

Aaron Davis

Michael Berry

Larry Davis

Kenneth Berry

Jonathan Thompson

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Robert Berry

Kenny Lawson

Jimmy Lawson

Larry Lawson

## *Flower Bearers*

Family & Friends



*The Final Tribute. A Service by:*  
JONATHAN DOUTHITT, Managing Funeral Director  
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## *In Loving Memory of Anita Louise Parks*

Sunrise: June 11, 1947 ~ Sunset: June 21, 2022



*Saturday, July 2, 2022*

Visitation: 10:00 a.m. Service: 12:00 p.m.

*Gray Road Church of Christ*

4826 Gray Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45232

Brother James Kent, Eulogy