



Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford

May 5, 1969 - December 25, 2024

Tonya Zeneé Alford was born on May 5, 1969 to the late Annie Mae McQueen Alford and Willie Fred Alford in Lumberton, NC. She was raised in Rowland, NC and gave her life to Christ at an early age at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, now New Hope United Methodist Church. She sung on the choir, coordinated children/youth programs and served on the kitchen committee over the years.

Tonya graduated with the Class of 1987 from South Robeson High School where she was active in cheerleading and student government. She loved the Class of 1987 and assisted with coordinating the SRHS Tailgate, even during her illness. After graduation, Tonya attended Pembroke State University (UNCP) and later begin a career of 20 plus years with the City of Lumberton. There she served as the Special Events Coordinator and eventually as the Director of the Pine Street Senior Center, finding her niche through her love for children as well as senior citizens. She served on a plethora of committees in Robeson County (Healthy Robeson, Safety & Crime Reduction, LRCOG Senior Games, Sharing and Caring Senior Citizens Program, etc.). She was also active in her hometown of Rowland, NC, with the Rowland Chamber of Commerce, the Beautification and the Festival Committees. Following retirement, Tonya spent most of her time with her sisters and extended family.

Tonya was a loving, caring, strong, and beautiful person. When you

encountered her, she always welcomed you with a smile, open arms, and was always willing to help everyone. She truly had a heart of gold. Her passion for life was infectious, and she had a unique ability to make everyone around her feel valued and loved. Tonya cherished her family and friends deeply, and her absence will be felt profoundly in our lives.

Tonya departed this life on Wednesday, December 25, 2024 In Durham, NC at Duke University Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her parents Willie Fred and Annie Mae Alford, and nephew Khalil Alford.

Her memory will be cherished and forever remembered by her three sisters: Pamela (Lee) Campbell, Patricia McCallum (Delton), and Jackie Davis (Billy Ray) all of Rowland, NC; one special niece/daughter: Dana Peterson (James) of Savannah, GA; one uncle: Larry Baker of Columbus, Ohio; Eleven nieces and nephews: Tomas Alford, Mekale McCallum, Jacquanna Dickey, Damien McCallum (Julie) , Satara Campbell, Armon McCallum (Brittany), Chiniqua Campbell, Shannon McPhaul (Jamel), Dominique Davis, and Desmond Davis; ten great nieces and nephews: Ryasia, Armya, Brayden, Aubriana, Cali, Kyrie, Amari, Dominique, Lelani, and Chandler; four godchildren: Quaezhawn, Demario, De'Andraya, and Nekoda; and a host of special cousins, relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Rowland, NC 28383

Previous Events

Wake

JAN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

New Hope United Methodist Church
210 MLK Street
Rowland, NC 28383

Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

South Robeson High School
3268 S. Robeson Rd.
Rowland, NC 28383

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - January 06, 2025 at 06:57 PM

EB

“ Eric B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.

Eric B. - January 14, 2025 at 10:31 PM

CB

“ Condolences to the family of Tonya Alford, she will truly be missed.

Cynthia Bethea - January 03, 2025 at 10:08 PM

AL

“ Tonya was an awesome woman. As classmates and friends she always remained the same loving, kind and beautiful person. Whenever I saw Tonya , she always wore her beautiful smile. It is still difficult to believe. Condolences to her family and may God keep his peace, love and comfort surrounding you all.



Angela M. Lewis and family

Angela M. Lewis - January 03, 2025 at 05:07 PM

GF

“ Greg Mccallum and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.



Greg Mccallum and Family - January 02, 2025 at 02:26 PM

GW

“ Geoff M Wells purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.



Geoff M Wells - January 02, 2025 at 11:55 AM

BF

“ Byron & Chrissy Ford purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.



Byron & Chrissy Ford - January 02, 2025 at 10:06 AM

BF

“ Byron & Chrissy Ford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.

Byron & Chrissy Ford - January 02, 2025 at 10:06 AM

LC

“ Love Matthew & Tammie Covington purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.



Love Matthew & Tammie Covington - January 02, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LF

“ Leggett and Hayes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.

Leggett and Hayes Family - January 01, 2025 at 10:47 PM

LF

“ *Leggett and Hayes Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.*



Leggett and Hayes Family - January 01, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.*



January 01, 2025 at 05:37 PM

TF

“ *Tonya was truly a beautiful person inside and out. Always smiling and so friendly. I'll miss you friend.*

Tamma Ford - January 01, 2025 at 12:50 AM

JM

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the Alford Family (Pam, Trish, and Jackie). I shall not want because the Lord is my Shepherd. 🙏*
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Jean McCormick McArthur - December 31, 2024 at 08:54 PM

SL

“ I will always remember the good times that we shared and I will never forget about the easy baker that you had when we were little girls and the way we would bake cakes together. Sleep in peace my love.



Sharon Leach Livingston - December 31, 2024 at 04:40 PM

FO

“ Foxx purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.



Foxx - December 30, 2024 at 06:15 PM

SW

“ I would like to express my most sincere condolences during this most difficult time and may God give the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford the comfort and peace to help ease the pain of your loss.

Sheriff Burnis Wilkins - December 30, 2024 at 12:09 PM

SD

“ R. I. P. Tonya Alford , you will never be forgotten 💕.



Sharon Davis - December 30, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ Tonya was a beautiful soul, committed to serving others. She will be missed in the community. Condolences to the family.

Patricia Blue - December 29, 2024 at 05:36 PM

SD

“ Sharon Davis lit a candle in memory of Tonya Alford



Sharon Davis - December 29, 2024 at 06:29 AM

CH

“ To the family of Ms. Tonya we are sadden to hear of the passing our family loved her dearly we are praying for y'all and we love yall

Carolyn harris - December 29, 2024 at 02:43 AM

TW

“ My heart is truly 💔 losing one of my dearest life long friends, Tonya. Though the tears continue to fall, I'm thankful that our last words shared were how much we loved each other. Your enormous heart has touched the lives of many; which is evident in the conversations I've had about you these past few days. Take your rest my dear and SIP. I love you forever and a day!
~Tabitha

Tabitha Taylor Williamson - December 29, 2024 at 12:30 AM

RR

You surely will be missed love you dearly (R.I. P) Rachel

Rachel Richardson - January 04, 2025 at 04:34 PM

NF

“ Nancy McCoy(One of Tonya best friends) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.



Nancy McCoy(One of Tonya best friends) - December 28, 2024 at 10:04 PM

MF

“ Our extended sister and friend, “Ton”. We will miss you at our gatherings, the joy and laughter you would bring could never be replaced. Our prayers are with you Pam, Trish, Jack, and family. We love you.

McCallum Family - December 28, 2024 at 05:49 PM

MF

“ McIntosh Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.

McIntosh Family - December 28, 2024 at 03:33 PM

MF

“ McIntosh Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.



McIntosh Family - December 28, 2024 at 03:33 PM

DP

“ Debra Brown Patterson lit a candle in memory of Tonya Alford



Debra Brown Patterson - December 28, 2024 at 01:16 PM

ST

“ With heart felt sympathy, my sincere condolences to the family of my classmate Tonya . I'll never forget the precious memories we shared together. She was a beautiful, sweet, kind and loving person . Love Always your classmate and friend. Stella Thompson

Stella Thompson - December 28, 2024 at 11:13 AM

AF

The family of Charlotte N.C. sends their deepest condolences, may God give you the strength you need doing this time of bereavement. 🙏❤️

Alberta Pugh and family - December 28, 2024 at 10:32 PM

JM

“ Sending my love, prayers, and condolences to the Alford Family. Tonya will surely be miss.

Jean McCormick McArthur - December 27, 2024 at 01:41 PM

T(

“ Tresa Strickland Mack (classmate) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ms. Tonya Zeneé Alford.



Tresa Strickland Mack (classmate) - December 26, 2024 at 09:23 PM

KB

“ *Every time I saw you from high school to now you always had a smile on your face, always saying something to have me laughing to the point of tears. Even when you were going through you still smiled. Rest in peace classmate you will be missed. -Kevin c/o87*

kevin bullard - December 26, 2024 at 08:12 PM