



Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey

April 23, 1938 - April 28, 2026

Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey, a faithful servant of God, devoted mother, community leader, and beloved matriarch, peacefully transitioned from this life on April 28, 2026, at the age of 88. She was born on April 23, 1938, in Forrest City, Arkansas, to the late Joseph Walton and Katherine Moore Walton. At a very early age, Mother Annie Mae accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Newcastle, under the leadership of Reverend Nelson. Even as a child, her love for the Lord was evident, as she often spoke of beginning to sing at the tender age of four years old.

Mother Winfrey was united in holy matrimony to Johnnie Lee Jones, and to this union five children were born. She later married Jessie L. Winfrey on October 18, 1970, and to this union four children were born. Through both unions, she built a strong and loving family that became the center of her life.

Her spiritual journey continued as she later united with Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, where she served faithfully under the leadership of Reverend E.A. Williams, Reverend Garland Miller, and most recently Pastor Leon Sims. Mother Winfrey was not just a member but a dedicated laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. She served as a Sunday School teacher, Mother Board member, deaconess, choir member, and choir president for many years. She was active in the mission ministry and faithfully taught early primary children for many years, instilling in them the Word of God. The

Scripture reminds us in II Timothy 4:7, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith,” and this was the testimony of Mother Annie Mae Winfrey, a woman who loved the church, loved the Lord, and lived her life as a reflection of her faith.

Mother Winfrey had a deep love for gospel music and was actively involved in the St. Francis Quartet Singing Union, where she faithfully served as secretary for many years. She was the oldest member and the proud founder of the Sensational Five, using her voice to uplift and inspire others. Her service extended beyond the church into the community, where she served for many years as an alderman for the City of Madison. She worked diligently for the people, stood firm in her convictions, held leadership accountable, and was known as a woman who stood on business and did what was right until her health began to fail.

She was proud to be a part of Lincoln High School, Class of 1958, and after high school began working at Warwick Electronics, Inc., later known as Sanyo Manufacturing Corporation, where she faithfully dedicated 33 years before retiring. Mother Winfrey enjoyed traveling, ministering to others in her neighborhood, and spending meaningful time with her children and grandchildren. She loved reading and writing and had a deep appreciation for Black history, often attending and participating in various Black history events. Above all, she loved anything that involved the Lord. She loved church, and she loved the Lord.

As a mother, Mother Winfrey was strong, disciplined, and unwavering. She raised her children with strict guidance and high standards, instilling in them values that would carry them throughout their lives. Her love was firm yet purposeful, shaping generations to come.

Mother Winfrey was preceded in death by her husband, Jessie L. Winfrey; her

parents, Joseph Walton and Katherine Moore Walton; her grandparents, Ethel Nichols and Henry Moore; her sister, Mary Arlene Crawford; her brother, Marvin Walton; her aunts, Earlene Wright, Gerlene Nichols, and Claudia Mohammad; her nephew, Phil Crawford; her nieces, Angela Crawford and Vicky Sheppard; her son-in-law, Donnie Carter; her granddaughter, Sherry Carter; her special cousins, Abdul "Henry" Mohammad, Anthony Nichols, and Marian Johnson; her special friends, Fannie Ford, Christina Tabor, Aubrey Heard, Rosie and Amos Burgess, Lillie House, Lillie Johnson, Glenda Brown, William and Barbara Strong, Wilma Willis, and Jonathan Burgess; along with a host of other family and friends.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving children, Russell Walton, Theopolis (Arlicia) Jones, Sharon Carter, Kim (Don) Wilson, Windy Williams, Stacy Jones, Merdiss Burse, Gerard Jones, and Tarray Winfrey; her loving aunt, Helen Powell; and her bonus children, Patricia Gregory, Ivy Graham, Rocco Winfrey, Douglas Winfrey, Shelby (Loretta) Winfrey, Dexter (Rocelyn) Winfrey, Francis (Chuck) Young, Cleola Seward, Deborah (Michael) Hughes, O.T. Jones, Carlos (Umeki) Deere, Carla Stewart, and Doreen Anderson. She leaves a legacy through her 16 grandchildren, O'Neal, Tyrone, Theopolis, Theopolis Dante, Kisha, Shekita, Donna, Ethel, LaToya (Broderick), Alecia (Octabion), Kanisha (Dione), Chris, Whitney (Taurus), Deterius (Arcyca), Tiffany, and Taylor;; her bonus grandchildren, April, Kenisha, Keisha, Valencia, Dennis, Timothy, Jr., and Kaya; 39 great-grandchildren; 19 bonus great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and 3 bonus great-great-grandchildren.

She also held a special place in her heart for her nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly and was instrumental in helping raise, including Merlene Hawkins, Carter Ray Crawford, Reverend Donald Crawford (Cassandra), Hazel Dale (Henry), Victor Crawford (Rose), Tisha Davenport (Kendrick),

Dwight Crawford (Marika), and Teresa Walton; special friends, Royce Garrett and Bill (Elizabeth) Ray. Mother Winfrey also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends, including all those who lovingly played a part in caring for her throughout her life.

Cemetery Details

Scott Bond Cemetery

3254 Highway 70 East
Madison , AR 72359

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
331 Martin Luther King Drive
Madison , AR 72359

Service

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
331 Martin Luther King Drive
Madison , AR 72359

Repast

MAY 9. 12:30 PM (CT)

Madison Community Center
302 Dr Martin Luther King Street
Madison , AR 72359

Tribute Wall

RO

“ Rosie lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey



Rosie - May 14 at 10:35 AM

TH

“ Tracey L Huff lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey



Tracey L Huff - May 09 at 05:03 PM

PH

“ Pecola Hooks lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey



Pecola Hooks - May 08 at 07:01 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey.



May 06 at 09:56 PM

DA

“ Praying that the holy spirit give you all peace and the God of comfort be with you in this season of loss of your love one. The Griham Family

Diane Griham Anderson - May 06 at 07:05 PM

TC

“ The Jones Family Detroit Chapter purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey.



The Jones Family Detroit Chapter - May 05 at 01:43 PM

SR

“ Shekita Carter Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey



Shekita Carter Rogers - May 05 at 01:35 PM

LD

“ Our deepest condolences, love, thought and prayers to the family of Mother Annie May Jones Winfrey! We Love You! The Jones Family

Lucretia Davis - May 05 at 01:32 PM

GL

“ *Gloria Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey*



Gloria Lewis - May 04 at 08:34 PM

IM

“ *Irene Moore lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey*



Irene moore - May 04 at 06:45 PM

BF

“ *Burgess Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey*



Burgess Family - May 04 at 11:06 AM

KL

“ *Katherine Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey*



Katherine Lyons - May 02 at 06:28 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Blanchett Bell lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey



Dorothy Blanchett Bell - May 02 at 04:16 PM

ST

Prayering for the Winfrey and Jones family God is still in control of our life We really going to Mrs Annie Mae Jones Winfrey May God Bless Yall

Sherita Taylor - May 02 at 09:41 PM

TG

“ Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to the family and friends 🙏🙏❤️❤️🙌🙌!!!

Tracey Givans - May 02 at 02:52 PM

BM

“ Brenda Marlowe lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey



Brenda Marlowe - May 02 at 12:50 PM

BW

“ Bonnie Watson lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey



Bonnie Watson - May 02 at 11:59 AM

TG

“ *Tameka Gregory lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey*



Tameka Gregory - May 01 at 08:25 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Robinson Wright lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey*



Peggy Robinson Wright - May 01 at 08:06 PM

DM

“ *A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.*



Sending condolences to the family of Annie Mae Jones Winfrey or on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Annie was a member of the Forrest City High School Class of 1958.”

*Delores Farr Morelon
MGNAAI President*

Delores Farr Morelon - MGNAAI - May 01 at 07:29 PM

PG

“ *Patricia Winfrey Gregory lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey*



Patricia Winfrey Gregory - May 01 at 06:20 PM

RC

“ *Reese Edwards Of Cornerstone lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Mae Jones Winfrey*



Reese Edwards of Cornerstone - May 01 at 06:15 PM