

A Celebration of Life
for the Late,

Alicia DALE
WOODRUFF

MARCH 26, 1956 - JANUARY 26, 2026

HER LIFE
LOVE *and*
LEGACY



A Journey of Grace

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Alicia Dale Woodruff,

affectionately known as “**Dale**,” was born on March 26, 1956, in Atlanta, Georgia, to the late Ester and Inez Perryman) Bryant. On Monday, January 26, 2026, Dale peacefully transitioned to her Heavenly Father's place of eternal rest. She was the cherished middle child of her parents, who preceded her in death.

Dale received her education in the Atlanta Public School System and as a proud graduate of **Charles Lincoln Harper High School, Class of 1974**. From an early age, she displayed a deep passion for the arts. Her creative journey included extensive training in oil painting, watercolor, stained glass, enameling, macramé, metalwork, basket weaving, and silver jewelry. She later refined her talents in pottery and ceramics, a gift that brought lasting joy to her family, friends, and community. Dale earned her **Bachelor of Arts degree from Clark College in 1980** and remained a devoted member of the **Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association**.

A woman of unwavering faith, Dale dedicated her life to Christ at an early age and was baptized at **St. John Baptist Church**. She was a faithful member of **Jones Memorial Baptist Church**, under the leadership of Pastor Michael Bryant, Sr., where she served as Hospitality Committee Chair. She later joined **Breakthrough Christian Church of Atlanta**, led by Executive Pastor Kimberlee Phelps and Senior Pastor Michael Bryant, Sr., where she faithfully served on the Mother's Board.

Dale's artistic spirit and servant's heart guided nearly **50 years of dedicated service** with the **City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation**. Throughout her

career, she served as an Art Instructor, Camp Director, Acting Supervisor, and Senior Coordinator. Her enduring influence can be felt across numerous recreation centers throughout Atlanta, including Chastain Art Center, Mosley Park, Thomasville Recreation Center, Carver Homes Recreation Center, Bankhead Recreation Center, Southbend Recreation Center, Stanton Park, and many others.

Dale's love knew no bounds—she lovingly nurtured children and teen workers through **Camp Best Friends**, enriched the lives of seniors through **The Golden Age Club**, and supported the community through **Quality Living Services**. In recognition of her extraordinary service and lasting impact on the City of Atlanta, **Mayor Andre Dickens**, on behalf of the **City of Atlanta**, bestowed the **Key to the City** upon Dale on the day of her retirement. In that same proclamation, **March 30, 2018, was officially declared “Alicia Dale Woodruff Day” in Atlanta, Georgia**, honoring a legacy of creativity, service, and community enrichment that will be remembered for generations.

Dale was united in marriage to **Norman Woodruff, Sr.**, and from this union was born her beloved son, **Norman Woodruff, Jr.**, who was the pride and joy of her life.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her devoted son, **Norman Woodruff, Jr.**; bonus son, **Julian Damond Woodruff**; bonus daughter: **Candis Lawson**; her brothers, **Rev. Michael Bryant, Sr. (Brenda)** and **Dwight Bryant, Sr. (Daria)**; her sister, **Renee' Huff**; her nephews, **Michael Bryant, Jr. (Tamika)**, **Dwight Bryant, Jr. (Terri)**, **Denard Bryant**, and **Deangelo Bryant (Sydney)**; Niece, **Dr. Tamika Hudson (Robert)**, her special cousins, **Glynis Jones** and **Chelsea Bowler**, along with a host of extended family, friends, students, and loved ones whose lives she touched so deeply.



I'm Free

By Lindgren Davison

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



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Saturday, January 31, 2026
1:00 PM
Murray Brothers Funeral Home
1199 Utoy Springs Road SW, Atlanta, GA 30331

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Kimberee Phelps, Presiding

Executive Pastor, Breakthrough Christian Church of Atlanta

Prelude & Processional **Musical Selection**

Old Testament Scripture | **Rev. Daria Bryant**, Sister In-Law
Love Life Christian Fellowship Church

New Testament Scripture | **Minister Michael Dyer**
Breakthrough Christian Church of Atlanta

Prayer | **Minister Veronica Daniels**
Breakthrough Christian Church of Atlanta

Tributes of Life

Andrea Boone, Atlanta City Council, District 10
Joseph Stalls, Retired Athletic Director, City of Atlanta

Musical Selection

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Reflections | **Please, limit to 3 minutes**

Eulogy | **Rev. Michael Bryant Sr.**
Senior Pastor, Breakthrough Christian Church of Atlanta

Acknowledgements & Resolutions | **Dr. Tamika Hudson**, Niece

Recessional

Interment:

Southview Cemetery
1990 Jonesboro Rd SE, Atlanta, GA 30315

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*Thank
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Your heartfelt gratitude touches us deeply. In times of loss, it's the support and love of friends and family that help carry us through. Your kind words are a reminder of the strength found in community and the bonds that unite us during difficult times. Please keep Norman Jr. and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers. We are asking for continued strength and comfort during this challenging time of transition of a key missing piece of the family.

We extend our deepest thanks to you for your kindness during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express, and it will be remembered.

The Family of
The Late, Alicia Dale Woodruff

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Memorial Keepsake Booklet prepared with love by loving niece, Dr. Tamika Hudson

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