



## Tina Brooks McKinney

May 31, 1960 - June 4, 2025

Tina Brooks McKinney was born on May 31, 1960, in Baltimore, Maryland, to the late Luetta Judy Brooks and Ivor Vernon Brooks. On June 4, 2025, just days after celebrating her 65th birthday, Tina was peacefully called home to be with the Lord, surrounded by love in the home she shared with her devoted husband.

Tina was the beloved wife of over 23 years to William McKinney. Their marriage was filled with friendship, laughter, and steadfast love — a true partnership that became an even deeper blessing through Tina's courageous ten-year battle with cancer.

She was a proud and loving mother to her children, Shannan Marie Young and Estrell Young III, who were the light of her life. Tina also remained connected to her former husband, Estrell Young Jr., the father of her children, with whom she was married to for 13 years.

Tina also leaves behind her sisters and brothers-in-law, Theresa B. Grant and Gerald Grant; Malcolm McKinney, Barry McKinney, and Meredith McKinney; and her nieces and nephews, Barry McKinney Jr., Chelsea Williams, and Mike Williams, as well as countless cousins, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were touched by her spirit.

Tina received her early education at Edgecombe Circle Elementary School in Baltimore, Maryland. She went on to attend Greenspring Junior High School for two years, before transferring to Archbishop Keough High School. There, she became active in the after-school drama club and performed as Charlie Brown in the production of “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown.” She also developed a strong interest in business and office skills through typing and shorthand classes, which led her to participate in the school’s Cooperative Education program — an opportunity that provided her with valuable work experience at a local law firm. After graduation, Tina entered the workforce full time.

Tina relocated to Atlanta, Georgia in 1989. Upon moving to Atlanta, she secured employment at a law firm and later began working for DeKalb County Purchasing and Contracting, where she built a respected career until her retirement in 2010.

Tina was also a gifted writer. In 2003, she realized her lifelong dream of becoming a published author, releasing her first novel. Over the years, she would go on to write and publish an extraordinary 17 books, in addition to being featured in two compilation works. Through her writing, she built a devoted following and touched the lives of readers around the world.

She was endlessly creative. After her cancer diagnosis, Tina taught herself to sew and quickly became remarkably skilled, crafting beautiful pieces with care and artistry. She had a vivid imagination and loved immersing herself in the colorful stories of reality television — always keeping up with the latest shows and characters that captured her attention.

Tina loved the simple joys of life: fishing trips, visits to the casino where she delighted in playing the slot machines, and savoring her favorite treats — crabcakes, corned beef sandwiches, crabs, and of course, her beloved fudge.

Though naturally private, Tina had a deep capacity for love and loyalty. She was protective of those she held close and gave her heart fully to her family and friends. Her quiet strength and unwavering love will be remembered by all who knew her.

Tina's passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of those who loved her. Yet, her legacy of resilience, creativity, and deep family love will live on forever.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory Conyers Chapel, 1999 Hwy 138 SE, Conyers, GA 30013. Interment Green Meadow Cemetery 699 American Legion Rd. Conyers, GA 30012. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025 from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with family hour from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at Gregory B. Levett Conyers Chapel.

The Celebration of Life Service for Tina McKinney will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 1:00PM. This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/5199798>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale  
1999 Hwy. 138 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

## Family Hours

JUN 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life Service

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## Interment

JUN 21 (ET)

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens  
699 American Legion Rd  
Conyers, Ga 30012

# Tribute Wall

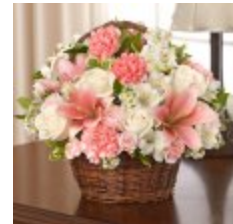
CH

“ Ms. Tina Take your rest you have inspire so many people and you will be truly missed. Thank you for leaving your gifts with us through your writing and your short stories you shared with us on TikTok.

Cherri - June 22, 2025 at 01:41 AM

TA

“ The A-Team purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Tina Brooks McKinney.



The A-Team - June 20, 2025 at 01:04 PM

TC

“ Our friendship and sisterhood began in 2005 when I joined the DeKalb County Purchasing Department. Tina embraced me and took me under her wing to train me right on all things government procurement. During those years we became sisters and supported each other with our children and life accomplishments. Although we didn't physically see each other over the last few years, we continued to talk, encourage each other and share our life experiences (accomplishments and struggles). We prayed together, laughed together and remained family because at this point we were more than just former coworkers or friends. I love you Tina and I am truly blessed to have met you and shared part of my life with you. Rest easy and continue to watch over your children, family and friends. You are deeply missed and you will never ever be forgotten ❤️🙏💕🙌

Talisa Clark - June 20, 2025 at 10:36 AM

VC

“ Valerie C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tina Brooks McKinney.

Valerie C. - June 20, 2025 at 07:32 AM

JJ

“ To Ms. Tina family. Although we never met in person, or spoke on the phone, she was my Tik Tok friend, and I truly admired her tenacity, jokes, and her love for The Handmaid Tales series. She was a very special woman, who I wish I had an opportunity to truly know in life. I watched her journey, and sent many well wishes. She may have lost the battle here in the earthly realm, but she has won the ETERNAL LIFE VICTORY WITH OUT LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. Rest well Ms. Tina, you will be missed💔💜

Joel Jones - June 19, 2025 at 09:33 PM

SD

“ Sonya Ward, Celeste Turner, Linda Dozier purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Tina Brooks McKinney.



Sonya Ward, Celeste Turner, Linda Dozier - June 19, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tina Brooks McKinney.

June 19, 2025 at 09:40 AM



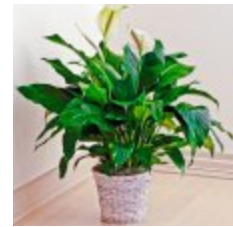
“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Tina Brooks McKinney.



June 19, 2025 at 09:40 AM



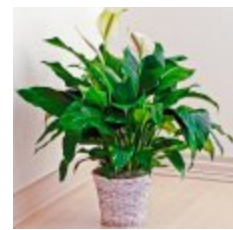
“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Tina Brooks McKinney.



June 18, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ Black Writers With Purpose purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Tina Brooks McKinney.



**Black Writers With Purpose** - June 17, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ Teresa and Alan Gordy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tina Brooks McKinney.

**Teresa and Alan Gordy** - June 11, 2025 at 08:06 PM

TG

“ Teresa and Alan Gordy purchased the Healing Tears Red & White for the family of Tina Brooks McKinney.



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**Teresa and Alan Gordy** - June 11, 2025 at 08:06 PM

TS

“ I am very sorry to hear about this. I worked with Tina when I first started with DeKalb County and read one of her books. She was definitely gifted and very knowledgeable in Purchasing. I am sending prayers for her family and friends for God's comfort during this difficult time. God Bless

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**Tammy Shew** - June 11, 2025 at 09:49 AM

VC

“ Valerie Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Tina Brooks McKinney



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**Valerie Chapman** - June 11, 2025 at 04:49 AM



“ *In Loving Memory of Tina Brooks McKinley*  
*From the Savvy BookClub of Jackson, Mississippi*

*Tina Brooks McKinley was a beautiful soul—inside and out. She was strong-willed, always helpful, and blessed with a boundless imagination that she poured into her writing. Her stories took us on unforgettable journeys, and we eagerly anticipated each new release.*

*After she retired from writing, we were honored to welcome her as an honorary member of the Savvy BookClub here in Jackson, Mississippi. Her presence was a gift. Each year, when she released a new book, we hosted meet-and-greets in her honor, sharing her favorite Southern cuisine and spending cherished time together.*

*Tina wasn't just an author to us—she was a friend, a sister, and a light. She shared her love freely and genuinely, and we are all better for having known her.*

*To her family: thank you for sharing Tina with us. Please know that she was deeply loved by the ladies—and me—of the Savvy BookClub. She will be dearly missed, but her legacy lives on in every page, every memory, and every heart she touched.*

*Take your rest, our forever friend.*

*With love and gratitude,*

*Rose Wright*

*President, Savvy BookClub*

*Jackson, Mississippi*

KW

“ Tina, Thank you for all your help when I first arrived at DeKalb County in 2003. You stayed by my side to make sure I had what I needed.

*I enjoyed your books! Such a great writer! I will miss you and now it's time to rest.*

*Kelvin*

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**kelvin walton** - June 10, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ Wow, this is still hard for me to process, but Tina from the first day we met, we came friends for life. I am so thankful to have gotten a chance to see you before your transition. Our conversations about cancer, chemo, and life in general, helped me through my own battles with cancer. My bookshelf has a tribute to you, and I will cherish it. To the family, may memories, love, and strength cover you, and may God's grace and will get you through this rough time. Tina was a fighter and I'm so thankful her body is at peace. (((HUGS)))

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**Muriel Murray-Broomfield** - June 10, 2025 at 04:05 PM

MH

“ First of all let me send my condolences to the loved ones. I can say that I read all of the books with anticipation of the next one. She will be missed and mentioned everytime I speak of Baltimore. Watching Tina's struggle gave me strength. For that I am so appreciative. So now Tina, “Enjoy that Peace Which Surpasses All Understanding”  
Maceo

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**Mark Maceo Haywood** - June 10, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Tina Brooks McKinney.*



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June 10, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ *For the longest Mrs. Tina was like an aunt/mom and her children were my sibling/cousins. Many nights we spent at her house being loud and doing things teens do. What I remember most about Mrs. Tina is her honesty and courage to speak to us the same way she would speak to her own kids making sure we knew how proud or disappointed she was of us at the time. I know her family will miss her spirit for it was one of the strongest ones I have encountered. Love and blessing rest well Mrs. Tina ... love Robbie*

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**Robbie Phillips** - June 10, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful White Rose Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Tina Brooks McKinney.*



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June 10, 2025 at 10:59 AM