



Tonya Marie Chapman

June 7, 1963 - July 11, 2025

Tonya Chapman was born on June 7, 1963, to the late Shirley Bollin and Thomas Chapman Sr.

She peacefully transitioned on July 11, 2025.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Tonya graduated from Edgewood High School in 1981.

She went on to earn her associate degree from the Community College of Baltimore County in

1986. From there, she began her journey of discovering the career path that best suited her.

Alongside her mother, Shirley Greene, she opened a floral arrangement business. She later

worked for the FDIC and eventually found her professional home at the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC), where she built a meaningful career. After 41 years of dedicated

service to the U.S. federal government, she retired in May 2025.

If Tonya wasn't out shopping for her next Coach bag, she was likely hopping on a flight to her

next passport stamp. You could also find her bowling with friends or stretched out on a beach,

soaking up the sun. She was a great rummy partner and an even better travel

buddy.

She is survived by her siblings: Thomas, Thiyon, and Namia; her nephew, Zaki; and her great niece, Amiyah. Tonya also leaves behind a host of dear friends who became more like sisters over the years.

She was a daughter, an aunt, a sister, a grandmother, a second mother, and anything else God called her to be. Being of service to her family and friends—helping create a life of peace and comfort for those she loved—was something she did naturally and without hesitation. Her memory lives on through the love, laughter, and lessons she leaves behind in all who knew her.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Tribute Wall

LW

“ So sad to hear this news. Tonya was a beautiful lady inside and out. I enjoyed working with her at CDC/NCEH/ATSDR and knew that when I came to her with a question or request, I would get just what I needed. She was always willing to help others and was a joy to be around and had a beautiful laugh. Sending condolences and prayers to her family and loved ones. As the saying goes, gone but certainly not (never) forgotten. 🙏🏻 May God's comfort ease your heart.

Louis Williams - August 06, 2025 at 12:58 PM

MB

“ rest in peace!

Marquita M Black - August 06, 2025 at 12:21 PM

LC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Tonya at CDC. She always brightened my day and knew how to handle a difficult situation. My prayers are with her family & I'm sorry for your loss.

Luci Cason - August 05, 2025 at 07:30 PM

MT

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Tonya and I worked together at ATSDR in the late 90s. She was a joy to work with, and her humor and hearty laughter was refreshing. Tonya and I shared a love of coffee and the International Delight coffee creamers. She loved her family and would light up when she spoke about her great niece. You will be missed! ❤️

Monica Toles - August 05, 2025 at 07:32 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear the news of Tonya's passing. She handled my contracts at CDC for many years and across two different centers where we ended up working together, and I could always depend on her sage advice and good humor! We became friends and enjoyed many stories and giggles about jewelry, clothes, shopping trips, and ideas for gifts or fun excursions for her nieces and nephew. I will miss her very much. My condolences to the family and loved ones.

Jill Brown - August 01, 2025 at 11:46 AM

NF

“ Dear family and friends of Tonya,
My warmest condolences to you all. I enjoyed working with Tonya on a contract at CDC. Never having done any contract work before, the complexities of the process were really something. Tonya was so kind, leading me through each step with advice and direction and plenty of patience. I was so surprised and sad to hear that she has passed on. May God hold her in his hand.
Very best,
Natalie Ferguson

Natalie Ferguson - August 01, 2025 at 11:43 AM

AM

“ My deepest sincere condolences to the Chapman Family. Praying for your comfort and strength in the days ahead. RIP Tonya! You will be missed. Andrea ❤️ Murphy

Andrea Murphy - July 28, 2025 at 04:45 PM

KB

“ My condolences to my Chapman Family for the lost of our cousin Tonya Chapman from your Baltimore Family Aunt Mary and cousin's Kim, Petey, and Tressa. We are all grateful that we were able to see and hug you at 2023 Chapman Family Reunion. R.I.P We love ❤️ you.

Kimberly Batts - July 27, 2025 at 02:25 PM

VF

“ Verna Washington and the Savannah Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Tonya Marie Chapman.



Verna Washington and the Savannah Family - July 25, 2025 at 09:03 AM

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“ Verna Washington and the Savannah Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonya Marie Chapman.

Verna Washington and the Savannah Family - July 25, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Tonya Marie Chapman.



July 24, 2025 at 04:43 PM

GI

“ Tonya, My first cousin sorry to hear that you transition suddenly. My heart is sadden right now. My prayers and condolences to my family and her friends and your aunt Gwen and uncle Robert is deeply sadden by the lost of their niece. From Gina Chapman and your Baltimore Family R.I.H

Gina - July 17, 2025 at 02:37 PM

EB

I'm still numb, I can't believe that you're gone 🥹 I never thought that the last time that I saw you at our family reunion in 2023 would've been the last time that we would've been together. Cousin you were my Sister friend and I'll never forget your smile, laughter and your passion for taking care of family. My the Creator take good care of you, Uncle T and Aunt Shirley. RIP love 💕💕 From your cousin Eve.

Eve Brown - July 19, 2025 at 08:22 AM

BB

I extend heartfelt condolences to Tonya's family and friends. I worked closely with Tonya for the last few years, and her knowledge and guidance were invaluable in helping us with several contracts essential to publishing the journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases*. Tonya and I spent many hours going over numbers, rules, and regs, and we became friends in the process. I often worked late hours, and more often than not, if I sent her an email in the evening about some issue, sure enough, she responded in a few minutes. I learned so much from her, and I grieve her passing.

Byron Breedlove

Byron Breedlove - August 01, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Tonya Marie Chapman.



July 15, 2025 at 06:16 PM