



Amanda Murray

November 23, 1950 - December 28, 2025

Amanda Murray was born on November 23, 1950, to Jessie and Beauty Bates, in Shaw, Mississippi. She was the youngest of seven children. She graduated from Jesup W. Scott High school in 1968. There, she participated in many sports activities. On June 27, 1970, she was united in holy matrimony with her high school sweetheart, Pastor Donald M. Murray. To this union, two children were born: Aaron and Donesia. In 2005, Amanda and Pastor Murray received an award in recognition of their hard dedicated work as grandparents. This award was granted by the Zeta Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio's Kinship Navigator program.

Amanda found God at an early age at New Light Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. She joined her husband as pastor at First Baptist of Port Clinton, Ohio. Later, they relocated to Nashville, Tennessee until the death of their daughter, Donasia. After which they returned to Toledo, Ohio and united with the Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church. They remained faithful members there until Pastor Murray was called to pastor First Baptist Church in Swanton, OH until his death in 2011. In 2024, she joined Southern Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of her son, Pastor Aaron C. Murray.

She was the first member to join the church under his leadership. Amanda was a compassionate, kind- hearted woman who enjoyed crafting, watching movies, spending time with family, and worshipping God under the leadership

of her one and only son, Aaron. Though health had taken a toll, Amanda put up a strong fight and held on strong until departing on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at Mercy Perrysburg Medical Center, in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Amanda was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie and Beauty, husband, Donald, daughter, Donesia, and siblings, Eugene, Arthur, and L.C. Surviving is her son, Pastor Aaron C. Murray (Tonya), siblings, Robert (Wanda) Bates and Leroy (Jo Ray) Bates, Margaret (Cleavelt), three grandchildren; Aaron, Re'gan (whom they raised), and Trinity, three great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives, friends, and people who Amanda impacted throughout her life.

“And the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.”

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Previous Events

Wake Service

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Southern Missionary Baptist Church
1222 Indiana Avenue
Toledo, OH 43607

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 5:00 PM (ET)

Southern Missionary Baptist Church
1222 Indiana Avenue
Toledo, OH 43607

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Sending condolences to the family. We pray you can find comfort during this this dark time

Doris M Roberts - January 09 at 06:07 PM

TF

“ The Gracie and Harris Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amanda Murray.

The Gracie and Harris Families - January 06 at 11:40 AM

TF

“ The Gracie and Harris Families purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Amanda Murray.



The Gracie and Harris Families - January 06 at 11:40 AM

CB

“ Charmie to you I will always be. rest in peace Aunt Minnie ❤️

Carmela Bates - January 06 at 11:37 AM

LB

Our deepest condolences to the family of , my dear friend, I'm going to miss you, all our talks, fashion advice and good movies to watch, and you telling me, I Love you, after our conversations, R.I.P, see you on the other side. Debbie

Lady Debra Boose - January 09 at 09:00 PM

JM

“ Rest In JESUS ARMS. Love you cousin ❤️.



Jean Michelle - January 06 at 08:56 AM

MA

“ To a wonderful sister in law from way back you were truly a great friend, mom aunt grandma and great grandma. I will miss out talks , Love you much!!

Mary Murray Algge - January 05 at 07:19 PM

RK

“ To Murray and Bates family so sorry for your lost I grew up with Minnie and Leroy such a sweet person my prayers are with the family Robert “Chatty” King

Robert King - January 05 at 05:50 PM

RB

“ Rest peacefully Aunt Minnie!! We will miss you.. Love Always Nita
❤️

Renita Burton - January 04 at 11:10 PM

SD

“ Sharon M Dadzie lit a candle in memory of Amanda Murray



Sharon M Dadzie - January 01 at 02:34 PM

JS

“ I went to Glenwood with Amanda in the 60's. We kept in touch through F B.
She was always a kind person to me. RIP my friend!

julie Fieldman van scoder - January 01 at 02:14 PM

S(

“ I will miss you Aunt Minnie ❤️

Sharhonda (BB) - January 01 at 02:05 AM

RR

“ Rest peacefully, Aunt Minnie! You'll be missed. ❤️

Robynn Royster - December 31, 2025 at 08:17 PM

CF

“ To all the family and friends you have my deepest sympathy and prayers. I worked with Amanda at St. Vincent many many years ago. I will always remember her smile. May God be a blessing to each of you. 🙏👉

Carol Fletcher - December 31, 2025 at 11:01 AM

AM

Rest Peacefully My Dear Friend 🌹💖🌹

Anitha Montgomery - January 09 at 05:23 PM