

*Homegoing Celebration for the Life of*



*Minister*  
*Annetha Downs*

11/26/1960-1/22/2026

**SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 7, 2026 | 11:00 AM**

**Emmanuel Temple COGIC**

212 West Foote Street, Hamburg, AR 71646

Bishop D.C. Mays, Sr., Pastor, Officiant & Eulogist

# Order of Service

*Bishop D.C. Mays, Sr. Officiant*

Musical Prelude	Musicians
Processional	
Choir Selection	ATL Choir
Invocation	Elder C. Hawkins
Old Testament - Psalm 23	Elder C. Gibbs
New Testament - John 14:1-6	Minister Orea Wade
Selection	ATL Choir/Soloist
Acknowledgements & Resolutions	Sister Ashley McFelson
Tributes (Two minute limit)	Family & Friends
Obituary (Read Silently)	Soft Music
Selection	Choir/Soloist
Eulogy	Bishop D.C. Mays, Sr. Pastor Jurisdiction Bishop Mississippi National Board of Bishops
Benediction	
Recessional	



## *Interment:*

**Montrose Cemetery**  
US Hwy 82 B  
Montrose, AR 71658

## *Service Entrusted to:*

**Dillard Funeral Home, LLC**  
738 E. Oakland St.  
Monticello, AR 71655  
870-224-8103

## *Active Pallbearers*

**Saquan Mason**  
**Jesse Choate**  
**Herbert Watkins**  
**Aston Johnson**  
**Robert Fellows**  
**Mike Goodwin**

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

**Clergy**  
**Son**  
**Nephews**  
**Grandsons**

*Repast:*

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# Life Reflections

Minister Annetha Downs was born on November 26, 1960, to the late Charlie and Pearline Johnson, of Hamburg, Arkansas. A native of Montrose, Arkansas, she later made Hamburg her home, where she lived faithfully and joyfully for the past 48 years.

She transitioned peacefully from this life on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Annetha was passionate about learning and self-improvement. She graduated from Colorado Technical University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in business development, earning Magna Cum Laude honors in July of 2021.

Minister Downs dedicated her professional life to caring for others. She served at Drew Memorial Hospital, where she cared for the elderly with compassion, dignity and grace. Her work was not just a job—it was an extension of her ministry.

Annetha accepted Christ in 1982, was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost at Emmanuel Temple under Bishop D.C. Mays. Her devotion to God was unwavering, and she lived as a willing servant of the Kingdom.

She served faithfully as a licensed minister and First Administrator to the Bishop. Her commitment to ministry was evident through the many roles she humbly accepted over the years, including: Church Secretary, Trustee Board Member, Non-Medical Transportation Service Board Member, Dispute Committee Member, Prayer Warrior's Ministry, Assistant President of Women's Department, Single Women's Ministry. Her leadership continued as she served as: District Youth Department President, District Evangelist Chair-Lady of the Hamburg District, Licensed Missionary in the 2nd Jurisdiction of Arkansas COGIC under Supervisor Eva McGhee, President of the Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas Jurisdictional Music Department of Evangelist Temple House of Refuge of All National COGIC under Bishop C.D. Willis.

Minister Downs was committed to the work of the Lord, giving her time, her talents and her heart to ministry.

Minister Downs was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Pearlie Lee Johnson, her siblings, David Johnson, Malcolm Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Jr., Michael Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Mazie Pitts and Patricia Dickerson.

She leaves to cherish her memory, seven loving children: Felicia (Earnest) Cromwell, Hamburg, AR; Annie (Andre) Hassel, Crossett, AR; Charlotte Manning, Hot Springs, AR; Latoria (Troy) Webb, Crossett, AR; Charles Manning, Jr., Greenville, TX; Nicole (Henry) Seguria, Tallahassee, FL; Natalie Williams, Monticello, AR.

She is also survived by four devoted sisters: Dorothy Hillard, Helena, AR; Pearlie (Bruce) Washington, Portland, AR; Stella Stanley, Monticello, AR and Elnora Washington, Monticello, AR.

Her legacy continues through nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins uncles, aunts and friends.

Minister Annetha Downs was a woman of faith, strength and unwavering love. She served God, her family, her church and her community with dignity and humility. Her life's work touched many and her memory will live forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

She will be remembered. She will be cherished. She will be deeply missed.



The Lord was her *Shepherd*, and she  
walked in His Strength and carried His  
Love.

She was strong when others grew weary,  
loving without condition, kind in a world  
that often needed it most.

She was the one people came to—  
For wisdom, comfort for truth.

Her words carried peace,  
And her presence made burdens lighter.  
Her smile was radiant, a quite reflection of  
God's Joy.

Her spirit was gentle and sweet—  
marked by grace and led by faith.  
Now she rest in the care of the *Shepherd*  
she trusted all her life.  
Dwelling in the house of the Lord forever,  
whole, embraced and at peace.

—Woogie



## *Acknowledgement*

*Thank you all for your kind words, acts of service and prayers for our family during our time of grief. Please keep our family in prayer and we continue to Trust in the Lord to give us strength to endure this season in our lives.*

*Thank you all.*

—The Family