



## Tamzen Lewis

February 27, 1973 - February 20, 2026

A Flawless DANIEL DIVA; Tamzen Nicole Williams Lewis, affectionately known as Nikki, was a devoted daughter, gifted educator, loving wife, cherished mother, faithful friend, and trusted mentor. Born on February 27, 1973, in Dothan, Alabama, to Robbie Lee Williams, Tamzen was truly the apple of her mother's eye. From an early age, she sat lovingly at her mother's knee, where she was introduced to the beauty of music through the piano. Tamzen was preceded in death by her mother, Robbie Lee Williams, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie and Minnie Lee Williams. On Friday, February 20, 2026, surrounded by the love of family, she peacefully exchanged earth for glory and received her heavenly jeweled crown. At an early age, Tamzen gave her life to Christ and united with First Missionary Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama. There, she faithfully served as a leader in the youth department and youth choir. Because of her deep love for gospel music, she also participated in a singing ensemble, using her voice to honor God through song.

Tamzen received her primary and secondary education through the Dothan City School System and was proudly elected president of the Class of 1991. Even in her youth, she demonstrated remarkable leadership and excellence. During her high school years, she was actively involved in the Dothan High School marching band, show choir, National Honor Society, Jr. Biracial Club, and, of course, the Science Club.

She continued her academic journey at Alabama State University, where she

earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Master of Science degree in Secondary Education. Her commitment to learning and leadership later led her to earn certification in Educational Leadership.

Following graduation, Tamzen proudly accepted a position with the Montgomery County School System, where she served as an educator at Sidney Lanier High School. She loved teaching biology, chemistry, anatomy, and life science, and she especially enjoyed conducting labs with her beloved students. In addition to her classroom instruction, Tamzen sponsored many student organizations, including ACT preparation, tutoring, and mentoring programs. She also introduced the Science in Motion program to the science department. She had a rare and beautiful gift for meeting students where they were, encouraging them with patience and wisdom, and helping guide them toward a brighter and more purposeful path.

Tamzen later met the love of her life, Derric A. Lewis, and the two were united in holy matrimony on July 2, 2007. From this blessed union came a precious ray of sunshine, their daughter, Robyn Tamil Lewis. With this joyful new chapter, Talladega became home as Tamzen lovingly began building her family.

She later accepted a position with the Talladega County School System and continued her work as an educator at Nichols Lawson Middle School, Talladega County Central High School, and later with the Talladega City School System at Talladega High School. In every season of her life, she remained committed to her mission of building and shaping young lives for success. Nikki continued to soar, creating and fostering opportunities that helped place her students on pathways toward achievement and purpose. Tamzen also remained steadfast in her walk of faith as a member of Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. There, she served faithfully in several areas of ministry, including as a trustee's wife and as a member of the adult choir and mass choir. She was also entrusted with the role of choir director for the adult choir, children's choir, and mass choir. In addition, Tamzen served as a Vacation Bible School teacher and assisted with special church programs,

including the Black History, Easter, and Christmas programs.

Tamzen leaves to cherish her precious memory: her loving husband, Derric A. Lewis of Talladega, Alabama; her daughter, Ms. Robyn Tamil Lewis of Tuskegee, Alabama; embraced sisters and brothers in love, Tamla Floyd, Agnes (Angel) Byrd-Heard, Monica NaShay Lewis, Tina Lewis, Eric Lewis, JeRal Floyd, and Keevis Floyd; nieces and nephews, Jerveris Floyd, Mi-Kell Floyd, Ke-Era Floyd, Jar-Keh Floyd (Breona), Eric Roberson, and Isaiah Lewis; cousins, Julia Williams, Zavion Johnson, Zenetra Johnson, and Veldrick Johnson (Ranita); aunts, Minnie Lois Floyd, LaBrenda Roberson (Lewis), Dianne Lewis Turner, Fannie Ruth Barnes, Bettye Lewis McKinney; uncle, Reverend Willie Billy Williams (Gladys); dedicated friends, Sheila Tillis, Vivian Daniels, and Gwen Chatman; a host of extended family, colleagues, and friends; and her beloved fur baby, Cookie Lewis.

Nikki was a sweet soul with a fun-loving spirit and a kind heart. She carried joy wherever she went and left a lasting impression on all who were blessed to know her. Though our hearts are heavy, we bid farewell with gratitude for the time we shared with her, honoring a beautiful life well lived.

### Acknowledgments

The family of Tamzen Nicole Williams Lewis acknowledges, with deepest appreciation, the many expressions of love, sympathy, and kindness shown during this time of loss. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the individuals and families who have provided both emotional and practical support during this difficult season.

We are sincerely grateful to all who have traveled long distances, sent floral arrangements, cards, and messages of condolence. The family also extends its deepest gratitude to the CICU Department at Grandview Medical Center for the care, compassion, and support shown to Tamzen and her loved ones.

Livestream Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1HMgbdzr8L/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

# Cemetery Details

## Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Highway 119  
Montevallo, AL 35115

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home  
217 Coosa St. East  
Talladega, AL 35160

## Celebration of Life

FEB 28. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church  
601 Scott Street  
Talladega, AL 35160

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ I remember the last time that I saw you, a day that keeps repeating it self in my mind, especially after your hearing of your passing. On that day I substituted a half day for your class. At that time you shared with me that you had a doctor's appointment in Birmingham you didn't go into details. But your were acting led me to to believe somethin wasn't good but I didn't want to pry. On that day you were reluctant you kept making short talk without going into details as to what was happening in your life. Your appointment time was near and I kept reminding you should leave because your appointment time was getting close and you had to drive to Birmingham. If I had known what you were going through I would have hugged you a little tighter and a little longer. I thank God for allowing me to have met such a beautiful strong brilliant young woman. You will forever missed. Continue to rest in God's peace. ❤️



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**Bobbie White** - March 01 at 05:26 PM

JB

“ Tamzen was one of the most dynamic teachers I have ever had the privilege to work alongside. She had a remarkable ability to make science relevant, engaging, and genuinely fun. Her students loved her, not just because she was a great teacher, but because she truly cared about them.

We worked together for six years, and during that time I learned so much from her, both professionally and personally. What began as a collegial relationship quickly grew into a lasting friendship. Even after we both moved on from Lanier, we stayed in touch, though I now wish it had been more often.

I never had the opportunity to meet her daughter, Robyn, in person, but it was clear in every conversation how deeply Tamzen loved her. She was endlessly proud of Robyn and loved her “to the moon and back.” While Tamzen had many accomplishments in her life, both professionally and personally, she undoubtedly considered Robyn to be her greatest achievement.

Our last exchange was when she reached out to ask for help with Geometry for Robyn. I will always cherish that conversation. I am heartbroken that there will not be more.

My deepest condolences go out to her husband, Robyn, and all who loved her. Tamzen made a lasting impact on so many of us, and she will be deeply missed.

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**Jeffrey Brown** - February 27 at 03:27 PM

TO

“ My sincere condolences to the Lewis family. I met Tamzen when I taught her daughter Robyn in Kindergarten. I only knew her for a short time but she was a jewel! Her beautiful smile told it all! I pray comfort and peace for the Lewis family. ❤️🙏

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**Teri Owens** - February 27 at 09:14 AM



“ Nikki was a good hearted person growing up with, and she will be truly missed. Praying strength for her husband and daughter during this time of sorrow. God can mend all of our broken hearts, and He will never fail us.



Trenesha Chambers - February 27 at 04:20 AM

AM

Growing up with her and her mom. They both had such a beautiful spirit. So sad to see that she passed. First Missionary Baptist Family for life. RIP

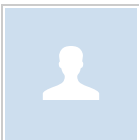
Adrienne Morrison - February 28 at 04:55 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tamzen Lewis.



February 26 at 09:08 PM



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

February 26 at 05:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tamzen Lewis.*



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February 26 at 05:59 PM



“ *Martha, Prissy, Melia, Mant & Families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Tamzen Lewis.*



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**Martha, Prissy, Melia, Mant & Families** - February 26 at 10:27 AM



“ *Shakuntala Ingram lit a candle in memory of Tamzen Lewis*



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**Shakuntala Ingram** - February 26 at 12:25 AM

NS

“ Niki, you were such a special part of my childhood and so many of my memories growing up in church. Our families shared so much life together, and those moments will always stay close to my heart.

Hearts are heavy but I know you are at peace now. Please give my Robbie and Grandma a big hug for me. You are and will be deeply missed and forever loved.

Nikia "Scooby" Scott



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**Nikia Scott** - February 25 at 10:02 PM

TM

Niki, you were a fun loving coworker at Sidney Lanier. Rest in peace.  
🙏 God knew best!

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**Tyrone McFadden** - February 26 at 04:51 PM

LJ

“ Who open doors that eyes cannot see ( Jesus will) i can just hear her saying ,Jesus will.

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**Lucille Jackson** - February 25 at 08:33 PM

AC

“ You will truly be missed. Your wisdom, encouragement, and the joy you brought into every room will never be forgotten. Thank you for the love you gave so freely. Rest peacefully, you will always hold a special place in our hearts.



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**Azzarria C.** - February 25 at 04:34 PM

BB

“ Sending love and prayers to the family. Such a beautiful soul. 🙏

Beverly Bivens-Whatley - February 25 at 03:08 PM

DD

“ Dapdap, Jarrell and DeAndre Daniels purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tamzen Lewis.



Dapdap, Jarrell and DeAndre Daniels - February 25 at 02:29 PM

JW

“ I dont even know where to begin. I love you so much cuz. Im going to miss you so much. Lord have mercy.

Julia Williams - February 25 at 01:04 PM

RC

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of my classmate and class president. Her presence trily will be missed. My prayers are especially with her husband and daughter- may God wrap His loving arms around them, strengthen them in the days ahead, and give them peace that surpasses all understanding.

Roscell Cummings - February 25 at 11:45 AM

TD

“ *Tina Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Tamzen Lewis*



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**Tina Dickerson** - February 25 at 02:53 AM

AD



“ *Annette Duncan lit a candle in memory of Tamzen Lewis*



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**Annette Duncan** - February 24 at 11:20 PM

KA

“ *I am sooo saddened to hear of this news! A bright and shining light  was Niki... a friend, a classmate, and like a sister! WOW, gone too soon! My sincerest condolences to her husband, daughter and entire family! Prayers of strength, peace and comfort to you all! *

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**Katina Anderson** - February 24 at 11:10 PM



“ I was a junior in high school when Mrs. Lewis taught me at TCCHS. She had just given birth to Robyn who I would always feed and play with whenever they came to basketball games. Mrs. Lewis was not only an amazing teacher but she was a great person. She always raved about how good I was at balancing equations and how I should major in engineering. She truly was a light. Personable. Funny. Beautiful. Intelligent. She has no idea the amount of lives she truly touched and even eighteen years later the memories still live on. Rest in Heaven Mrs. Lewis. ❤️❤️❤️



Myesha Moore - February 24 at 08:47 AM

DD

“ Deborah Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Tamzen Lewis



Deborah Dickerson - February 24 at 08:00 AM

MG

“ My condolences to the families of the Lewis family. You will be very missed.



Marquilla Gooden - February 23 at 02:38 PM

MG

*She has the most beautiful and adorable spirit*

Marquilla Gooden - February 23 at 02:39 PM

DJ

“ One of the most beautiful souls I’ve had the pleasure and privilege of knowing. Definitely gone too soon but now there’s another beautiful voice to add to the Heavenly choir!! Rest well beautiful lady you will be forever loved and forever missed

Debra Johnson - February 23 at 02:09 PM

SP

“ My condolences to her family. Tamzen was a light during our days of teaching together at Sidney Lanier High School. Her light continued to shine in Talladega and wherever she went. I am forever grateful to call her my colleague and friend. Rest in sweet peace my friend.

Sherre Padgett - February 22 at 11:25 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to the families 🌸🙏



Gwennette Duncan - February 22 at 11:15 AM

LW

“ I will always value Tamzen’s dedication as an educator. She cared about her students and they knew it. May her legacy live on in the lives of those she inspired and challenged to be their best. Prayers for her family now and in the days, months and years to come.

lewis Washington - February 21 at 09:10 PM

ST

“ *Shelia Tillis lit a candle in memory of Tamzen Lewis*



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**Shelia Tillis** - February 21 at 06:21 PM

JW

*Tamzen your beautiful smile will be missed, but the love your family have for you will never stop. Our hearts are saddened but we know you are with Our Father.*

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**Julia Whitehurst** - February 25 at 04:39 PM

FB

“ *We are praying for Derric/Antoine's and Robyn's strength in the Lord. We will miss you Nikki, but we're rejoicing because you have a new body!*  
*Condolences to the family. Love, Aunt Fannie, Cousin Jason and Uncle Carl.*



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**Fannie Barnes** - February 21 at 01:51 PM

ST

*Praying that the Lord will give Derric & Robyn strength. I was Blessed to spend 3 hours with my "BEST FRIEND" 2/19/26. Praying for her family, friends, students and all who loved her. I'm going to miss you, but I know you're with your mom & grand parents. Condolences to the family. Love, Shelia Tillis & Family. Opp, AL.*

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**Shelia Tillis** - February 21 at 03:19 PM

DC

*My heartfelt condolences and prayers are with the family.*

*Samuel P. and Deborah R. Crawford  
Dothan, AL 36303*

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**Deborah Crawford** - February 26 at 12:03 PM