



Andreesa Lenay Rankins-Gidi

October 12, 1977 - November 20, 2025

Andreesa Lenay Rankins Gidi, a vibrant woman whose joy, faith, and personality filled every room she entered, transitioned into the presence of the Lord on November 20, 2025. Born on October 12, 1977, in Middletown, Connecticut, Andreesa—affectionately known as Dreesa—built a life full of love, laughter, faith and purpose.

To know Dreesa was to experience sunlight. Whether she was sharing encouragement through her “Faithful Fridays,” dancing her way through a room, coloring her hair, or showing up in one of her perfectly matched outfits, she radiated life.

Her faith was the center of her being. She worshiped passionately at Greater Love Christian Church under Pastor Robin Ross, as well as Grace and Mercy Church under Rev. Donald Watson. Dreesa also poured herself into serving others as the pastor and overseer of the Soup Kitchen Ministry, as well as devoted her time through the Streetfire Ministries.

Andreesa is survived by her husband, Sena Gidi, and her cherished children: Darius Rankins and his wife, Alize, Malerie Graig, Michelle Gidi, and Liya Gidi. She also leaves behind her parents, Michael and Cheryl Rankins; her siblings, Chevar Rankins (Erin) and Michaela Boone (Earl); her grandmother, Angela Muckle, and godson Kaleb André Lutton. Andreesa now rests alongside her

sister, Malerie Rankins, grandparents, Jessie and Etta Rankins, and great-grandparents, John and Faye James.

She also had very special relationships with: William and Renee Hickman, Doris Hickman, Ebony Belcher, Tamiara Lockhart, Karla Middleton, Sanji Lawrence, Katara Williams, Midirree Gibbs, and Milrose Mercado, and countless others. Dreesa never met a stranger.

Dreesa lived fully—joyfully boldly, and unapologetically herself. Her personality was loud in all the best ways, and her absence is felt just as loudly. We release her into God's loving arms with gratitude for the time we shared and comfort in knowing she is now whole, free, and dancing in glory. She was a light—and lights like hers don't go out. They live forever

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Middletown, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cross A.M.E. Zion Church
440 West Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was blessed to have worked with Andreesa, She was definitely a shining light in this world. My condolences to her family and friends.

Michele Palmieri - December 02, 2025 at 05:35 PM

KH

“ My sincerest condolences to the Rankins and Gidi Families. S.I.P. my friend, you will be missed. 🙏🕊️

Kyra

Kyra Hill - November 29, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SL

“ Sending my Prayers and Condolences to the Family

Sheila Leary - November 28, 2025 at 05:43 PM