



## Audrey Tinsley

January 28, 1940 - December 18, 2019

Audrey Lee Hairston Tinsley was born on January 28, 1940 in Henry County, Fieldale, Virginia to the late Albert Jefferson and Peggy Shelton Hairston.

She received her primary education in the Henry County public school system and graduated from George Washington Carver High School, Martinsville, Virginia in 1958. She furthered her education at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA. and received a B.A. in Theology from Bethel Bible Institute, Bridgeport, CT.

Audrey (Pug) moved to New Haven, Connecticut with her husband Carl Davis Tinsley (deceased) where they raised their six children, and three stepchildren. She loved her family. She was an avid cook and hosted many meals for her family and friends. She was a longtime employee of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, North Haven, CT retiring after 30 years of service in 2000.

Audrey came to know Christ at an early age having attended Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Fieldale, Virginia. Her retirement allowed her to devote more time to her love for Christ and her beloved church, Pentecostal Assembly Church of Deliverance where she was ordained as Pastor, by the late Overseer, Lila Wingate-Agee, and later becoming Overseer under the auspices of Apostle, Ronald Wingate. She was also a member of Praise the Lord Fellowship, under the direction of Bishop Kenneth Washington, Jr.

When introducing her love of Christ, she did so through teaching and encouragement. She spent a lifetime of reaching out and touching the lives of those in need and even offering her home to appointed pastors and evangelists for lodging during their transition to the New Haven area. Her love for family, friends, her church family and those in need was clearly undeniable. Audrey formed many bonds that will last a lifetime.

Preceding her in death are her parents Albert Jefferson and Peggy Shelton Hairston and her siblings James "Jimmy" Hairston, Betty Hairston, and her stepchildren, Carl Tinsley, Jr. and Harold "Ade" Tinsley. She is survived by her children: Karen Lynn (Curtis) Greene, Rincon, Georgia, Eric (Vickie) Tinsley, J.D., Clearwater, Florida, Sandra Tinsley, Mount Vernon, New York, Tabitha Tinsley, North Haven, CT, Gerod Tinsley and Carla Tinsley both of West Haven, CT. and stepdaughter Gail Tinsley, St. Louis, Missouri. Fourteen grandchildren: Nneka, Gerald, II, Myles, Danielle, Ezra, Ashley, Brianna, Gerod, Jr., Adrianna, Kanaje, Jasmine, Quintin, Serena & Kiana. Five great-grandchildren: Korbin, Kaeden, Keiva, Nevaeh, Kenzo and her god-daughter Cynthia. Her siblings: Thomas "Tuck" Hairston, Richmond, VA, Forestine "Tene" Willis (Rob) of Chesterfield, VA, Charlotte "Belle" Hairston of Deptford, New Jersey, and her Aunt Katie Shelton Holt of Basset, VA. Sister in-laws: Paula Hairston, Gretchen Hairston, Nanette Tinsley, and Dorothy Tinsley. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors and her beloved church family.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

DEC 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 776-8179

### Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Audrey Tinsley*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *My most deepest and sibcere condelenes to Belle and the Hairston family at this time .*

**Nate Hurse** - December 30, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ *Our deepest and sincerest condolences to the Tinsley family. Ms. Audrey was a sweet person. She was a good friend to our mother and always sweet to our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We pray God comforts you.*

*Dan Blackmon and Family*

**Dan Blackmon** - December 28, 2019 at 12:25 AM



“ *Deepty. Sympathy  
My condolences and prayers are with family. Memories growing up in community.*

*Sis. Roberta Taylor. Carter*

*Bro Don Taylor. ST. LOUIS . MO*

**Roberta Taylor Carter** - December 27, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Hairston-Tinsley family , Belle you are in my thoughts and prayers*

**Patricia Hurse** - December 26, 2019 at 06:03 PM

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“ *Your friends at Webster Bank purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Audrey Tinsley.*



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**Your friends at Webster Bank** - December 26, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Audrey Tinsley.*



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December 26, 2019 at 10:26 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Audrey was a wonderful friend and classmate.*  
*Betty T. Shelton*

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**Betty T. Shelton** - December 25, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Pastor Tinsley. She was such a delightful person, full of life in spite of what she was going through. She was full of questions, genuinely curious about me as another soul in the body of Christ. I know she left a legacy of family/ church family and friends that will forever cherish the memory of this Senior Officer in the Lord's Army. My sincerest condolences to you Carla and your family. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

Regards,  
Eld. Jay Brown Sr.

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Jay Sr. - December 24, 2019 at 11:35 PM

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“ My Condolences go out to that Loving family!! May God Comfort them all at this time! And Mother Tinsley am gonna truly miss your beautiful smile!! 🙏🙏💕😘😘

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Barbara BowensRobinson - December 24, 2019 at 08:39 PM

JT

“ I'm gonna miss hearing your voice every Sunday, telling me what you wanted from Boston Market and telling me what time to bring it to you, no matter where you were, I'd always have your food hot and ready. I love you so much Grandma 😔❤️



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Jae Tinsley - December 24, 2019 at 07:46 PM