



Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno

September 20, 1959 - December 6, 2023

Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno, age 64 of Morrow went home to be with her Lord on December 6, 2023. Tawana was the Executive Director of Calvary Refuge Homeless Shelter in Forest Park and a longtime member of First Baptist Church Jonesboro. She was preceded in death by her father: SFC (Ret) Thomas E. Goss, Jr. Tawana is survived by her husband of 43 years: Bradley J. Tarno, sons: J. Brock Tarno of Ellenwood and S. Caleb (Robin) Tarno of Locust Grove, daughter: Shalaine (Jacob) Roland of Peachtree City, mother: Gladys Goss of Woodbury, Ga., brothers: Lonnie (Pat) Goss of Smiths Station, AL., and Tony (Carolyn) Goss of Alexander City, AL., grandchildren: Cason Miles Tarno, Cole-Man Tarno, Haven Roland, Henley Roland, Bradley Roland and Aleena "Jolene" Roland, several nieces and nephews, several great-nieces and great-nephews and extended family members. Funeral Services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the Chapel of First Baptist Church Jonesboro with Rev. Anthony Mann officiating. Interment services will be held at 11 a.m. C.S.T. Friday, December 15, 2023, at Hillview Memorial Park in Alexander City, AL. The family will receive friends, loved ones and community members from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at the funeral home. "In lieu of Flowers the family asks that you make an in-kind donation to Calvary Refuge Homeless Shelter to support their current fundraising season.

The Answer Is... Jesus"

www.calvaryrefuge.org/donate

Here is the link for the livestream: <https://vimeo.com/event/3957612>

Ford-Stewart Funeral Home, Inc., Jonesboro/Stockbridge, 770-210-2700 www.fordstewartfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **12.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ford Stewart Funeral Home Inc.
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Jonesboro, GA 30236
(770) 210-2700
fordstewartfh@aol.com
<https://www.fordstewartfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **13.** 4:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Jonesboro

Graveside Service

DEC **15.** 11:00 AM (cst)

Hillview Memorial Park
1926 Hillabee Street
Alexander City, AL 35010

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Hard to believe it has been a year since you left this earth. I know without a doubt you are singing with the angels. You are still and will continue to be missed. How you lived your life has forever changed mine. I am one of many young people that were forever changed because of your willingness to serve selflessly. Love and miss you.

Bill Reid - December 03, 2024 at 01:40 PM

RV

“ Robert V lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno



Robert v - June 23, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.



December 14, 2023 at 07:21 AM

CG

“ Carolyn Goss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.

Carolyn Goss - December 14, 2023 at 07:21 AM

JB

“ Mrs Tarno was a truly kind person. Every time I saw her, she had a smile on her face. She loved to help others. I know that she will truly be missed by many.

Jennifer Barnes

Jennifet Barnes - December 14, 2023 at 05:06 AM

SJ

Tawana was a great woman who did remarkable things at Calvary Refuge. We were in Mike & Tammy Canterbury's SS class and enjoyed preparing/serving meals at the shelter. Such a giving ❤️ I'm sorry that Brad has lost his partner and the children their precious mom and grandma. But we can have peace in knowing that she's celebrating with the King and will have the best Christmas ever. Sending much love & prayers to the whole family ❤️

Selena Jones - December 17, 2023 at 10:29 PM

AS

“ What a beautiful service. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Anna Spear

Anna Spear - December 13, 2023 at 04:50 PM

MD

“ Tawana and my late wife, Kathy were childhood friends. They remained in touch throughout adulthood. Kathy would often remark that they might go months without talking but when they did it would be like they had just spoken the day before. Tawana and her family were there for us when my wife passed. Over the last 10 years as others faded out of my life Tawana was always there. I will greatly miss our texts. Anyone who was fortunate enough to have Tawana come into their lives was a better person for it. The world is now a bit dimmer without her in it.

Mike Doster

Mike Doster - December 13, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ I could tell untold memories of Tawana. Tell you how she LOVED CALVARY 24 hours a day, her Christian ministries on and on....At this late day, I don't have time to write a 2000 page book. The family and Calvary will remain a focus. RIP

William Lawler - December 13, 2023 at 10:12 AM

LC

“ My family and I are so sorry about your loss. We are in prayer with your family and ask God to give you the grace and mercy to make it through this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
The Coxtan Family*

Latrina Coxtan - December 13, 2023 at 06:46 AM



“ 217 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Ford Stewart Funeral Home - December 12, 2023 at 12:50 PM

RH

“ *I met Tawana about 35 years ago. We were on the WMU board at South Metro. I was saddened and shocked when I heard of her passing. She and I had just texted a few days earlier. She was asking how my family and others we knew mutually were doing. Always caring for others!! She was an inspiration and an encourager. She came to our WMU group at Fayetteville FBC many times to speak about her passion Calvary Shelter. She was amazing! She will be so missed! My sympathy to Brad and family.*
Rose Harris

Rose Harris - December 12, 2023 at 05:51 AM

LW

“ Tawana was the example for each of us on how to live one's life. She loved and served the Lord and all His children and she loved her family. Witnessing Tawana at Calvary Refuge was inspiring. She was the epitome of what St. Francis meant when he said, "Go into the streets and preach, and if you must, use words." Tawana's action spoke volumes. I am praying for her family, her loved ones, and all who feel her absence. I am a better person for knowing Tawana. Lois Wolfe

Lois Wolfe - December 11, 2023 at 11:04 PM

DT

“ We are so sorry to hear about Tawana's recent passing. She made an impact on every person she ever met. I had the opportunity to witness her passion for serving Calvary Refuge Center for many years. She was a dedicated servant and loved her church and community. Sending our prayers to all of the family. Love, Dawn Daniel Thompson and Tim Thompson

Dawn Thompson - December 11, 2023 at 01:43 PM

SK

“ Southern Seed & Feed Glenn Brown & Katie purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.



Southern Seed & Feed Glenn Brown & Katie - December 11, 2023 at 11:32 AM

SH

“ *The AT&T Pioneer Southside Council has gotten to know Tawana over the last many years, as we worked so closely with her at Calvary Refuge. Tawana had a Passion for the Clients at Calvary Refuge and she knew that the Southside Pioneers were right there with her. Thoughts and Prayers go out to her family as they get through this difficult time. Please accept our Sincere Sympathy, AT&T Pioneers - Southside Council*

Sheila Hull - December 10, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.*



December 10, 2023 at 04:22 PM

RG

“ *Tawana was such a great person. She loved her family, her church and her friends and the Lord. She showed compassion for Calvary and all the families that she came in contact . She will be truly missed by so many. My love and prayers to her family and all that she has left behind. Love, Renee Goolsbee*

Renee Goolsbee - December 10, 2023 at 03:08 PM

BG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Bart Goss - December 10, 2023 at 02:13 PM

BG

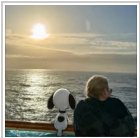
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1bFr2SWP1I>

Bart Goss - December 10, 2023 at 02:17 PM

KJ

Mrs Tawana was a Blessing to the Forest Park community. Her commitment to serve and the lives she impacted measures with the stars. Rest in Peace.

kimberly James - December 11, 2023 at 04:07 AM



“ I have known and worked with Tawana for 30+ years. We have grown to be good and trusted friends. My heart broke when I was told of her passing. She had called when a newborn baby was coming to the shelter and helped me unload the truck when I got there. I shared the gifts I was given with the shelter and even gave her treats for her grand dog, We talked regularly, laughing and crying together. I know that her family is devastated and please know that many people will be holding you up with prayers. All my love to each of you.

Denise Summers - December 10, 2023 at 12:55 AM

TV

“ I am so sad to get this news last night. Tanana and I go back over 15 hrs. I was one of the first Social Workers hired at Calvary to over see the Transitional Living Program. Even though I left 15 years ago Tawana and I have stayed in touch. We did some good work together there. Tawana had the heart of Gold. May God be with Brad and her family. Tawana will be missed+

Tangrill Varner - December 08, 2023 at 06:43 PM



Thank you Tangril

William Lawler - December 13, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.

December 08, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.



December 08, 2023 at 03:23 PM

MG

“ Matt and Ginny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.

Matt and Ginny - December 08, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.*



December 08, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ *North Dakota Tarno's wish you all the best on this sad news. Take care Brad and all the family as our thoughts are with you! Your cousin Bill*

Bill Tarno - December 08, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I know she will be missed by all that knew her. She was a very special person. I am sure she has talked to everyone in heaven by now! I can only imagine how beautiful her wings must be.*

Dena F Lanier - December 08, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *I loved ms.Tawana I remember when she was a substitute teacher she would substitute for my old fromer teachers here at Adamson... she always knew what too say if you having a bad day she was Always there to listen...*

rebekah Brookshre - December 08, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.*



December 08, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Ms. Jo Christopher purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.*



Ms. Jo Christopher - December 08, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *I am going to miss Tawana. A beautiful spirit gone to us, but present with the Lord. I never met her family but she spoke of you all often. My sincere condolences on the loss of Tawana. I am going to miss her.*

Ashley Wyatt - December 08, 2023 at 09:37 AM



She was my strength and was always there for me, but that was just the type of wonderful person she was. Now she's with God and KathyG and Marty...part of the ole gang years ago. This hurts so much my dear friend but you are in heaven now and I know you are happy. Love and hugs to her family and friends ❤️ ☐☐☐

CathyBrenner - December 08, 2023 at 10:06 AM

AD

Sending prayers to uphold the family during this season of grief. I pray that God will surround the family with his peace, mercy, and grace to adjust to a new normal without Mrs. Tarno. She would Sub for Adamson whenever she could with a warm sweet spirit..

Arrie Daniely

Arrie Daniely - December 08, 2023 at 01:47 PM

DF

May God comfort you i have pleasant memories of her dedicated service at the Refuge Center, She was a blessing to many many hurtong people. DeLores Fain

DeLores Fain - December 08, 2023 at 02:32 PM

JC

“ *Sending my love, thoughts, and prayers to the Tarno family. May God bless Brad, their children, grandchildren, and extended family as they navigate such a great loss.*

Jo Christopher - December 08, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tawana Goss Tarno.*



December 08, 2023 at 09:27 AM

MO

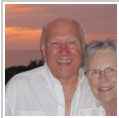
“ I am Ms Oliver and Tawanna and I were friends for many years. She was the only family I had. Tawanna was a loving caring person she helped so many people. She stuck by me through all the mess I went through in the darkness and brought me to the light she literally saved my life from destruction. I have no idea what I will do without her but I know she is in peace with our Lord. She was a true blessing to me and so many others. My condolences to her family. To Brad who is also a blessing to many and one of the nicest people I know. I love you my sister Tawanna I will miss you with my all.

mary oliver - December 08, 2023 at 12:40 AM

RL

Mary Somehow we will make it even with our loss. She gave so many Hope, Encouragement, Love and SHOWED people how a Christian lives. She cared for people. Her prison and homeless ministry along with Family was a 24hour focus. She improved Calvary Shelter. I can not fully express she made on my families lives. RIP Angel of mercy.
Rush Lawler

Rush Lawler - December 08, 2023 at 08:58 AM



Thanks for sharing, Mary

William Lawler - December 13, 2023 at 10:05 AM

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“ My prayers and sympathies are with the Tarno and extended family members and friends. Mr. Brad is one of the best people I know, and I've gotten that feeling about any member of the family I've met, including Mrs. Tawana.
To be absent in body is to be present with the Lord. May God grant you peace during this time.

Amber Anderson (AMS) - December 08, 2023 at 12:06 AM

MH

“ Sending heartfelt condolence to the Goss- Tarno family during this difficult time

Mrs. Tarno was a beautiful spirit, always willing to help anyone in need. I was an intern from Clayton State University and continued to volunteer when she called me, if I could. She will surely be missed by all. Rest in Heaven, Mrs. Tarno...

Mernena Henderson - December 07, 2023 at 10:06 PM

PB

“ *Ms.tawana was the very best boss I ever had a very fair fun loving Christian woman she loved all her staff and stuck by us no matter what it's so sad I'm gonna miss texting u and listening to stories of your day rest in peace a true Angel.we will truly miss you at Calvary sorry you had to leave us we need u .I love u as a boss thanks for being a part of my life rest on Ms t..*

pamela m brown - December 07, 2023 at 10:04 PM

JR

“ *My earliest memory of Tawana was her substituting at Brad's job, followed by receiving a tour of the shelter on a field trip. They were the quintessential couple making jokes at each other all day. There aren't enough words in the English language to express the type of devotion and love Tawana demonstrated to the shelter, her husband, and the random person she passed in the street. Sometimes people are too good for this Earth. To the Tarno/Goss family, we love you and are here for you in your time of bereavement.*

- Adrione and Jason Riley

Jason Riley - December 07, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JL

“ Prayers for the Tarno family as you move through these difficult times. I remember the Tarno family at Mt. Zion Elementary School as I taught Caleb in 2nd grade in 1992-93. Praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Joyce Lorton in Fayetteville, GA

Joyce H. Lorton - December 07, 2023 at 09:05 PM

MC

I worked with Tawana on the Mt. Zion Elementary PTA where our children attended school. She was such a joy to work with and be around...always got along well with everybody and worked so hard at everything she did. My prayers go out to the entire family! My son-in-law, Alan Youngblood, said she was like a second mother to him.

Mary Stephens Carter - December 08, 2023 at 08:56 AM

GS

Tawana was one my dearest friends. She was definitely a servant of God. She touched so many lives. I will miss her phone calls and her laugh. My heart goes out to her family. I will keep them in my prayers.

Gina Stansberry - December 08, 2023 at 09:08 AM