



## Anika Laurice Woods

June 23, 1971 - October 14, 2020

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Anika Laurice Woods may be made to the following:

Joseph H. Cherry Scholarship Fund  
From the Heart Church Ministries  
4949 Allentown Road  
Suitland, Maryland 20746

For online giving to the Joseph H. Cherry Scholarship Fund, you may go on From the Heart Ministries website : <https://onrealm.org/fthcm/-/give/now>

### VISITATION

OCT 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (EST)

From the Heart Church Ministries

5055 Allentown Road

Camp Springs, MD 20746

<https://fthcm.org/>

During this hour, all friends and family are welcome to pay final respects to Anika and visit with her family. Johnson & Jenkins and From the Heart Church Ministries observe CDC regulations for the COVID-19 pandemic. All visitors, including children, shall wear face masks. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival. Social distancing measures will also be observed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

OCT 26. 11:00 AM (EST)

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Due to capacity limits, only invited guests will be permitted to attend the memorial service in person. All other guests may participate virtually from their computers, tablets or phones by following the Zoom Link below:

Topic: Celebrating the Life of Anika Woods

Time: Oct 26, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98690927676?pwd=M3NFeHhMK0pjOGVJVDhmam5UL241UT09>

Meeting ID: 986 9092 7676

Passcode: anikawoods

# Comments

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“ I am only now - as I write this - discovering that Anika has passed away and I am speechless. I was completely unaware of her passing and am just completely floored.

I was thinking about her recently as we ironically both ended up as GWU Graduate Alumni. Having seen a GW Alumni event recently, I decided to look her up on LinkedIn - and came across this obituary on the Internet.

I am truly stunned that someone who was an important and integral part of my youth (through High School and College) has left us. Anika was a special person with a quiet and beautiful soul. Although she is now gone (I can't believe I'm writing this), she will always be part of my fondest memories. To her Family, always know that Anika was an amazingly special individual and thank you for all of your love and support in allowing me into your lives as Anika allowed me into hers. Please accept my prayers and wishes for peace as you keep her in your hearts.

With sincerest condolences and love always,  
Darius (Withers)

**Darius Withers** - December 01, 2020 at 11:24 PM

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“ I still cannot believe I am having to write this. Anika and I met the first day she started in the VA. We were in our 20s and ready to take on the world! We had many fun times during her stay in Jackson. I am very grateful for her and her family for helping me when I first moved to the DMV. I was heartbroken when I last spoke with her regarding her condition, but I admired her faith and how she was able to deal with the reality. My family and I send our condolences to the Woods Family on your loss. I am here for you all if you ever need anything.



**Crystal Wilson** - November 05, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ Dear Arvida, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Anika was a beautiful young lady and a beautiful sprit just like yours. I will continue to pray for your strength today and comfort in the days ahead as you go thru this difficult time. Be blessed My Friend.

Patricia Shaw Ouzts  
Eastern High School Class of 1967



Patricia Ouzts - October 28, 2020 at 04:24 PM

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“ Mariama Koroma lit a candle in memory of Anika Laurice Woods



Mariama Koroma - October 27, 2020 at 02:03 AM

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“ Anika and I met at GWU and became friends. So many happy times together. Thank you for the memories and friendship to me and my family. ACHE is not going to be the same without you. I will cherish the time we had together. Anika had a beautiful soul. To God be the glory for his will in our lives.

To Arvida. Avis, and Angela, may the God of hope give you the peace that surpasses all understand.

Mariama Koroma - October 27, 2020 at 02:02 AM

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“ It was such a pleasure to have know Anika and to have worked with her at the VA. Her impeccable work ethic, personality and dedication will be sorely missed. Eternal peace and blessings to you.

**Sherry Rice** - October 26, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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“ Angel Hamt]pton lit a candle in memory of Anika Laurice Woods



**Angel Hamt]pton** - October 26, 2020 at 11:35 AM

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“ To Anika and Family, Had good memories of Anika at Lincoln, she was such a sweet person. Much love and prayers

**Eric Toatley** - October 26, 2020 at 11:30 AM

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“ Ruth Hicks-Oglesby lit a candle in memory of Anika Laurice Woods



**Ruth Hicks-Oglesby** - October 26, 2020 at 11:15 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Program



**Johnson & Jenkins Funeral Home** - October 26, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ I am very sorry that Anika passed away. She was a good person and she shared this goodness with everybody around her. She was kind, considerate and she was just to people. She was very smart and she did a great service to the community of Monterey Condominium. I will always remember her. Tatiana

**Tatiana Karpova** - October 25, 2020 at 10:56 PM

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“ We have many precious memories of Anika, as we served together in the Activities Ministry. She had a quiet spirit, but willingly served wherever needed. We know that you are saddened by your loss, but also know that Heaven is rejoicing because she is there. In due time, God will dry all your tears. With our sincere condolences, Joe and Carolyn Williams

**Carolyn Williams** - October 25, 2020 at 08:59 PM

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“ To Anika's Family. Earl and I worked with Anika. She was always professional and willing to help. May you be comforted knowing she is with you in your heart and that we are praying for you.  
Earl and Audrey Newsome

**Earl and Audrey Newsome** - October 25, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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“ Anika was a special friend and partner in our work together at the VA. She was an exceptional person both as an individual and teammate: kind, thoughtful, cheerful, a pleasure to work with and always a wonderful person to be around. Anika was always ready to help anyone who needed assistance. Despite occasional health difficulties and at many times almost overwhelming work burdens, she was always a bright star in our office, an inspiration to all others around her. The quality of her work was always outstanding and the volume of her work was amazing. She was highly appreciated and regarded by the highest levels of management at the VA.

Anika's love of God was always reflected in the love and kindness she showed to all the people she came in contact with. Her time with us was a blessing to all who worked with her. I know she abides with our Lord and I hope all of us who knew her will find peace and comfort in our special memories of Anika.

Larry Bifareti

Lawrence Bifareti - October 25, 2020 at 03:50 PM

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“ Arvida,

I will always remember the times of brief fellowship with Anika many Sundays after church service. It was a joy to see her work her ministry over the years and see her bring her nephews to church and various college preparation sessions. Anika led a quiet and peaceable life and was a wise woman who worked to build her house in accordance with the Word of God. Be encouraged. Anika fought the good fight of faith in the midst of adversity. May the grace and peace of God keep you and His Spirit comfort you.

Proud cousin,  
Sabrina Lowery

Sabrina Lowery - October 25, 2020 at 01:29 PM

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“ Dearest Anika

As a member of the Department of Veterans Family God has granted you Wings. You will be missed and to you I extend my lasting friendship.  
My Deepest of Sympathy to your Family

Regina Mack- Abney

regina Mack- Abney - October 25, 2020 at 01:13 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences is extended to the Woods family. We will keep you in my prayers.

**Robert and Lettie Mathewd** - October 25, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ You're on our mind and in our prayers. Your Loss Is Heaven's Gain. Tyrone and Candy Poole

**Tyrone and Candy Poole** - October 26, 2020 at 11:14 PM

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“ Arvida,

My prayers and sympathy is being sent to you. May God bring you comfort.

Cynthia Harris



Cynthia Harris - October 24, 2020 at 06:46 PM

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“ Anika was one of the great community leaders and Board Members at the Monterey Condominium. She always brought a thoughtful perspective to solving problems and was always there to help others in the community when there was a need. Anika will be very much missed at the Monterey. Maybe she'll be on the Board of Directors in Heaven too! Jim Koss

Jim Koss - October 24, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ On behalf of Olney-Sandy Spring Veterinary Hospital, we send our prayers for her family and friends.

**Denise Sharp** - October 23, 2020 at 09:57 AM

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“ On behalf of the Central Maryland Chapter of the African American Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc, we send our prayers and condolences to our chapter member Arvida Woods on the loss of her daughter Anika Laurice Woods. May God bless and keep you and your family during this difficult time.

LaJoy Y Mosby

**LaJoy Y Mosby** - October 22, 2020 at 02:44 PM

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“ Prayers of comfort to the family. I met Anika when she first started at VA Central Office. She was always friendly and willing to assist in any way she could. I remember all of the many stories about her nephews and their many adventures together. She truly loved her family. Heaven has truly gained an Angel.

**Gayle Lyke** - October 22, 2020 at 11:52 AM

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“ I was blessed to meet Anika in 2003 when the HPDM office was created as part of MSO (Management Support Office) which would eventually become WMC. While we related as co-workers in those early years, we grew into a friendship. Her gentle nature, positive outlook, unwavering faith, and empathy for others in the face of the challenges in her life inspired those who knew her to be a better version of themselves. God blessed me to have her in my life and know that now she will be one of his angels watching over those of us who are still on the journey. You are home, dearest friend. docie jason



**Eudoxia (Docie) Jason** - October 22, 2020 at 09:42 AM

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“ I was fortunate to work with Anika since 2008. She was always positive, supportive of others, and genuine. She loved her family and her work and always took great pride in both. She lived a life of grace, full in her faith and compassionate in her love. Willing to offer help, guidance and a sympathetic ear, she truly was a special person. Rest easy, your life touched many and your impact will remain.

**Dennise Tabony** - October 22, 2020 at 08:16 AM

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“ Anika and I started out as co-workers and quickly became one of my best friends. We talked almost everyday. The one thing that stood out about Anika was her love for God and her family. She was always sending me pictures of her family and letting me know how proud she was of them. Anika was always positive and never had a negative thing to say about anyone. She was always thinking about everyone else, even when she wasn't feeling well. I have no doubt why God put this Angel in my life. I loved her like a sister and will miss her so very much. Anika will always have a special place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



**Natalie Cross** - October 22, 2020 at 07:58 AM

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“ David Schoolfield lit a candle in memory of Anika Laurice Woods



**David Schoolfield** - October 22, 2020 at 07:15 AM

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“ Prayers& Love to my School Classmate, Friend & Grandmother’s Crew Arvida Lee Woods & her families in the departure of her Loving Daughter. Anika will forever live in your hearts, thoughts & memories as she moves on for her next journey.



**Alecia Velma Jackson** - October 22, 2020 at 04:20 AM



“ “Velma”

**Alecia Velma Jackson** - October 22, 2020 at 04:21 AM

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“ She was a light that shined brightly. She will be greatly missed.



**Duane** - October 21, 2020 at 08:48 PM

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“ Anika was the most kind hearted person you would ever meet. I worked with Anika but she was more than a coworker but a friend. Every day we would walk and she would always talk about her family and the trips with her nieces and nephews. She loved her family.

Rest In Peace my friend/sister I love you dearly and you will be missed. As I continue to walk, I will always think of you.

God has another Angel.

I am praying for your family.

**Vivian Peters** - October 21, 2020 at 06:40 PM

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“ May the lifetime of memories and moments that were shared through Anika be forever immortalized in the hearts and minds of her loved ones.



**Rochelle, Edith, Tony** - October 21, 2020 at 06:28 PM

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“ I am so sad right now she was the baby sitter for my sons life is so short. It seems impossible, I pray for her family after losing her brother gone to soon.



**linda mitchell** - October 21, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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“ Rosalyn L Cole lit a candle in memory of Anika Laurice Woods



**Rosalyn L Cole** - October 21, 2020 at 06:19 PM

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“ I worked closely with Anika when I started my VA career 15 years ago and we always kept in touch. She was exceptionally bright and hard working. She was also the sweetest, kindest, and most beautiful person I've ever met. I will miss her terribly and my thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family. God bless...



**Brenda Hutchins** - October 21, 2020 at 06:07 PM

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“ Anika was a very pleasant young Lady who was my neighbor for many years on Hewitt Ave. she was always like a light shining bright in our little development Many Blessings to Anika's family & God Bless U All !!! God has gotten himself A Special Angel !!!! Praise The Lord !!!!



**Sandra Boyd** - October 21, 2020 at 05:19 PM