



## ANITA LUCILLE NEIL

October 25, 2016

Anita Lucille Neil, 73, passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

She was a member of Cable Baptist Church, the Founder and Artistic Director of Lanita Rocknettes School of Dance.

She is survived by her husband, Owen Neil III; son, Owen Neil IV; sisters, Ella Williams, Violet Nichols and Angela Blackmon (Leonard); brothers Henry Moore (Wanda) Floyd Moore, Joseph Shepard Jr. and Ralph Shepard; granddaughter, Danielle Gallahar (Jaelin); 2 great- grandchildren.

Visitation: 6 pm- pm Monday, October 31, 2016 at the Potter House Family Life Center, 314 S. Wenzel St.

Funeral: 1 pm Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at the Potter House, with burial in Green Meadows.

# Tribute Wall

HC

“ Aunt Nita was my mother, friend, mentor and my dance teacher. I could not be the woman i am today if it were not for the love, encouraging advice from aunt nita. Thank you , love you and i will keep the La,Nita Rocknettenesschool of Dance going. You will always be in my heart and thoughts. Harlina churn- diallo

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**Harlina Churn-Diallo** - June 13, 2018 at 02:30 PM

NA

“ Mr. Owen, Tank, Ms. Violet, NeeNee and Nicohl: Just heard about her passing. Ms. Anita was part of the the 43rd family. She will always be remembered. Blessings to the family.

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**Na** - November 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To the Neil family , Thank you for sharing Mrs. Neil with us. Words can not describe her kindness and loving heart. Her beautiful spirit allowed us to see God's unconditional love for people. Mrs. Neil taught more than dance. She sowed seeds of encouragement, a foundation of character building and showed us the power of God. She was a true vessel used by God to bring hope, joy, faith and love to those she touched. We will miss her warm and loving hugs. May God comfort you during your time of loss and know that Mrs. Neil has left a legacy of love throughout our community. Peace & Blessings, Bailey Family

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**Jaylah Bailey** - November 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I just found out Mrs. Neil passed away. She was truly an inspiration to many people. She taught me TAP dancing many years ago and was always willing to teach anyone who was willing to learn. You will be missed

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**Regenia Betts** - November 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Mrs Neil/Cuz, You will truly be missed. You have touched so many lives in this community. We Loved You. Your home-going celebration was filled with so much love...and tears. I'm so proud to have known you. Vanessa/Cuz

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**A friendNov** - November 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IB

“ So sorry for your loss Owen, God bless you.

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**Ingrid Burgess** - November 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Aunt Nita shared her love of dance with so many. It was always a joy to watch my children, Adia and Jelenah, and my nieces, Katina and LaToya, dance at the recitals. The dance lessons taught them discipline, stage presence and gave them confidence to present themselves to the world at a very early age. Her gift was blessing us all with a love of and appreciation for dance of all kinds, from ballet, to tap, jazz, African and liturgical. She gave us joy and showed us that we can dance at any age and use our love of dance to praise the Lord. Our prayers are with her family and the host of loved ones who will miss her and remember her always with love, just as we will. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance," Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 (NIV)."  
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**Ann Hagan** - November 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Absent from the body she presented with the Lord now dance Mrs Neil dance

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**Levenia hagan Nov** - November 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ ANITA LUCILLE NEIL

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**Emily Gardner** - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Anita Neil was a children's champion! She brought an element of arts and culture to a population who may not have otherwise received it. Thank you for being a blessing to my children and this community. What a wonderful life!

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**Diane Whitlock** - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ It all started in the late 1960' when I took dancing. On over to the 1990's when my baby, LaVette took dance lessons as well. Yes , 2 generations. I enjoyed becoming the dancers "house mom"/ secretary and bookkeeper for 10 yrs. There will be a place in my heart where you will dwell. I will view some of the videos from time to time. Owen, thank you for opening your doors to many at sleepovers. Call the name JESUS, for there is POWER in his name.

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**Karen Whaley** - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Thank you so much for sharing your love for children and music, Mrs. Neil will truly be missed!

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**Sharon Crawford** - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ RIP aunt Nita no more pain just peace be blessed love ya

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**Will** - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ To Neil, Moore & Shepherd Families, She will truly be missed. You will be continually in our Prayers & Thoughts. Praises be to God our Heavenly Father and May the Glory of the Lord be among & with you all.

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**Barbara Calloway** - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Take comfort in knowing, that she was a very warm person both inside and out. Celebrating a life well lived in this community as a fine, talented dance student/teacher as far back as the days of Jewel K, McNari's Dancing Dolls. Amanda Drane Allen

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**Amanda Drane Allen** - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

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**A friendOct** - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I can never forget all that I was taught being in her presence. She believed in me even when I didn't. That's just how she was with everyone she seen pass the present and pushed us to be great dancers. She taught us to be professional and have fun. She had me sing in one of our step shows just because she was told i could sing and she believed in me I've been singing in front of people every since. The front row in the parades were always an honor and if she moved you trust me it was a reason that may or may not had anything to do with you but the look she gave you just knew you better do what she told you. Thanks Mrs Neal always being strong, and consistent in many generations you changed our worlds forever #rocknette #dancer

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**Ealita Walls** - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am a proud product of Anita. Everything she taught me, I remembered. Made me walk I her light, to be a strong successful black woman. Irreplaceable, my all time mentor. I love her always

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**Janis Carter Miller** - October 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Anita was the molder of who I am today. She made my future clear to me about the choices I would make. My respect for her was paramount in my decision making. I love Anita. I am who I am in part because she was who she was; strong, loving black woman. ROlean Model.

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**Janis Carter Miller** - October 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Thank you Ms. Anita Moore Neil for holding down the Parkhill Community Center when I was a teenager. You taught many of us to embrace different styles of dance and skating. You were a true inspiration to a lot of us in the 'Hill back then and a lot of our children and grandchildren from then and forward. Well done thy good and faithful servant - RIH

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**Cassandra Stallard** - October 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ God has another angel. Anita, you will truly be missed.Love You! Your cousin,FrancesMcDonough, GA

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**Frances Anderson** - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Aunt Nita did so much for so many! She will always live in the lives of those she helped, including me.She was an earthly angel who now lives with God eternally. God, thank you for giving us Aunt Nita, one of your dedicated servants!Thank you Aunt Nita!With love and admiration,Claudette

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**Claudette Stapleton** - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

OM

“ *The Marshall Family sends their Condolences. She will be dearly missed. She will always Live in the Light.*

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**Olive Marshall** - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *My condolences to Miss Anita's family. GOD bless you and keep you.*

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**Rena Brown** - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Anita was my dance teacher many, many years ago! I fondly remember participating in her dance recitals. She was special to me. May God bless and comfort you all!*

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**Marva Strong Morris** - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *We lift you up unto the Lord In this time of grief, We pray the Lord will be to you The comfort that you need And when you have no answers To all the questions 'why', Know that God is in control And is there by your side He understands the way you feel And knows the loss you face, So rest in His eternal love, For there, you'll find His grace.Martin and Patsy Bell*

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**Patsy Bell** - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *I fondly recall being in her dance classes. She taught everyone and showed us love. Plus never afraid to let you know acting out was not the right thing to do.-Michelle Phillips*

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**Michelle Phillips** - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Prayers for the family, may God give you Comfort and Peace during this difficult time. Mrs Neil touched a lot of people lives her legacy will live on.

Sandra Hurd - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ MRS NEIL WAS A REMARKABLE AND BEAUTIFUL WOMAN YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED , LOUISVILLE HAS LOST ANOTHER GREAT LEGACY, RIH AUNT ANITA NEIL Tymelia Hornbeak and Laveah Cole

Karen Hogan - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Mrs Neil's family ,Our PRAYERS are with you all .Mrs Neil we love and going to miss you,you rest in peace

The RUSSELL FAMILY - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ You earned your wings girlfriend. Luv u much and you will be missed. Luv. Sugar

Darlene c Oct - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ To the Family.... Aunt Anita has touched so many lives in numerous ways. She will truly be missed. Let us all get our houses in order, for our lives are but a whisper.Love and GOD's PeaceBrenda and Calvin BowlesMartinez, California

Calvin and Brenda Bowles - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I will always cherish the blessed opportunity of having your acquaintance and friendship in this realm of life with you Anita You are truly a woman, a phenomenol woman, who loves the Lord. Some day we will all be together again. Thank you for your unique manner of allowing Markita, Kim, Mone't and myself for being Made to feel special as far as you were concerned. You will always have a special place in my heart. I will be continously in prayer for the Neil family and other family members As well. I know you are now resting in peace. Love always! Beverly Jean Adkisson.

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**Beverly Adkisson** - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ We send our condolences and prayers. Mrs.Neil will be greatly missed!

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**Ronique Cofield** - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ You made a difference ?

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**Linda Brown** - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Thanks for your valuable contribution to all the children that you taught and mentored. Rest in Peace.

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**A friendOct** - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ A true legend that made a impact on everyone that she came in contact with. A very humble and sweet individual who i had a honor to dance for, for many years and my daughter's also danced for. You have earned your wings and they are so well deserved. Dance on for eternity.

Tamika Sloss - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Anita and I grew up together in Beecher Terrace, and went to school together. She LOVED working with kids, teaching them to dance! I will miss my friend. Condolences to her family.

Nancye Schmit - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Sending our condolences

The HERDS - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Words can not describe the impact that this one woman had on an entire community. Although dance was the platform that she used to reach us all, her talents and passion for young people reached far and beyond. She has touched many generations and have inspired more than numbers can count. We have truly lost a one of a kind jewel. Tiffany 'Rocknette for life'.

A friendOct - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ The Green and Atkins Families wishes to extend our condolences to the family at this time. Absent from the body is present with the Lord...

A friendOct - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our prayers are with the Neil Family during this sad time. Mrs. Neil was a true inspiration and a gift from God. Our girls' love for dance was cultivated by her passion and teaching. She will be missed.

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**The Rowe Family** - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Landy/family, our hearts and prayers are with you. Ms. Anita was my youngest daughter's 1st dance instructor, along with 2 of my neices and they were crazy about her. She was loved and well respected. I never knew you all were related. My oldest daughter and Owen went to the Brown School together. We will be in prayer for you/family. Blessings.

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**Revelle Watkins** - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Aunt Nita, always had a positive outlook on life and was full of life no matter how she felt. A strong God- fearing phenomenal woman indeed. She will be truly missed. Rest in heaven.

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**Alicea Russell** - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ You were an inspiration to all of us who grew up in parkhill and you will be missed...rest easy Mrs. Neil

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**Chiquita Nelson** - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Wow she was such a beautiful person SIP sweetie you got ur wings...

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**Tanya mangrum** - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Will truly be missed. Aunt Anita taught us all something in life*

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**Kelly Parker** - October 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *S.i.p. You will be truly missed. You was one of a kind. Love ?..*

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**Aprile McKinley** - October 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *She was Simply an amazing and Incredible woman because of her I knew what dancing was and what it ment to dance. You will be missed Aunt Anita*

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**DyeEshia Ratcliffe** - October 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM