



## Mrs. Anita Kendrick

March 14, 1932 - December 24, 2017

Anita (Franklin) Kendrick was born March 14, 1932 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Anita was the oldest of 5 children born to Pearl and Benjamin Franklin. At a very early age, Anita took on the role of a nurturer, as she lovingly helped care for her sisters and brothers growing up.

Anita attended Milwaukee Public Schools for her formal education. Growing up, she developed long lasting relationships with a tight knit group of friends including Joyce, Mary, Delores, Katie, Mildred, Claudette and Eloise. They remained friends all through life, keeping up with each other's lives and children throughout the years. Anita did not believe in gossip. She always said you should only help a situation.

Early in life, Anita met and married the late Thomas Grider. To this union, four children were born: Anna, Debra, Anthony and Thomas Jr, who passed away at an early age.

She later met and married the late Lincoln Kendrick, Jr. To this union seven children were born: Stephanie, Lincoln III, Carmen, Marcus, Frederick, Pearl and Gina.

Anita had a keen eye for design and decor. She took pride in her home and the homes of her children. She would always say "you can turn a barn into a

beautiful home ... because it's not where you live, but how you live" People could call her for her advice on decorating for their own homes, or ask if she could shop with them because she had that great eye. Nothing was greater than Christmas time because it was her favorite holiday, and she could truly show off her artistic flare. She made sure to do it special every year with a different color flocked tree. A tradition she passed down to her children and grandchildren. She could always have one of a kind everything, from the tree to the angel on top.

Anita had a heart of Gold. Her door was always open and whatever she had, you had. It didn't matter that she never learned to drive, she would get a ride wherever you needed to go. She would always attempt to feed you, even though she didn't care to cook, and when she did cook, it was divine.

Generations of school kids, whose bus stop was on the corner of 4th street, knew that she would greet them with "a little something to eat" and scarves and gloves when it was cold.

Anita gained her wings on December 24, 2017 and became our Christmas Angel.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents Benjamin and Pearl Franklin,  
Husbands: Thomas Grider,  
Lincoln Kendrick Jr., Sons: Thomas Grider Jr, Marcus Kendrick, and Anthony Grider.

Anita leaves to mourn and cherish her memory: her sisters, Muriel Taylor and Lola Allen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Theresa Wyatt of California, her brother Spencer Franklin of Hillsboro, Oregon; her children: Anna Morton, Debra (Robert) Burris, Stephanie Kendrick, Lincoln Kendrick III, Carmen Kendrick, Frederick (Lori) Kendrick, Pearl (James) Ross, Gina (Lawrence) Clayborn, all of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 21 grandchildren, 29 great

grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel  
6630 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion B.C.  
2207 N. 2nd Street  
Milwaukee, WI

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Monique Madison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Kendrick*



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**Monique Madison** - December 30, 2017 at 11:08 AM

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“ *My name is Monique Madison. My momma lola is Anitas' sister. I am soooo glad i grew up knowing and being loved by all of my mom's sisters. We would go to Aunt Nita's house or she would stop by our house with her sisters Muriel and Theresa and talk up a storm! Aunt Nita is short but never short in conversation. As a child we were never allowed to sit in adult conversations but when allowed we would talk and laugh so hard! Aunt Nita would say "Wait a minute....just listen...just listen...!!!!*

*This day too shall past but never will those conversations, moments of laughter and love from Aunt Nita.*

*Love,  
Monique ❤️*

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**Monique Madison** - December 30, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anita Kendrick.*



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December 29, 2017 at 01:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anita Kendrick.



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December 28, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ *Eddie and Jackie Doucet* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Mrs. Anita Kendrick.



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**Eddie and Jackie Doucet** - December 27, 2017 at 09:34 PM