



## Anna Russell Downey

September 29, 1935 - September 16, 2022

Mrs. Anna Russell Downey departed this life on September 16, 2022, at the age of 86 years. She was born September 29, 1935, to the union of Mrs. Novella Gordon and Mr. Robert Russell.

Mrs. Downey was educated through Fayette County schools, graduating from Dunbar High School. She then attended and graduated from Kentucky State University in 1957 and received a B.S. Degree in Education. She was also a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

For more than 34 years, she was an Educator/Typing Teacher at various Fayette County schools: Providence, Southern Jr. High, Lexington Jr. High; and schools of surrounding counties. She retired from teaching in 1992. She was respected as one of the best and fastest typing instructors.

Mrs. Downey was a faithful member of the Main Street Baptist Church for more than 70 years. She united with Main Street Baptist Church under the services of Pastor J. W. Gibson; baptized in October, 1945. Here she was active in the Sunday School Dept., Music Ministry, Feeding Ministry, Senior Adults Society, and Women's Usher Board.

One of her favorite pastimes was reading. She read a vast number of books in

her lifetime.

She was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Charles C. Downey--being blessed with 54 years as husband & wife. He preceded her in death on March 13, 2015.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving daughter— Ms. Freida L. Downey; other relatives as listed:

Ms. Cynthia Downey (niece)

Mr. Steven Downey (nephew)

Mr. Keith Downey Washington (nephew)

Mr. Kerwin Washington (nephew)—children Keahnan and Kirstin Washington

Mr. Kenneth Washington (nephew)

Ms. Linda Esther (niece)

Ms. Vicky Ester (niece)

Mr. Leroy Esther (nephew)

Mr. Richard Ester (nephew)

Sister—Mrs. Bernice Jones (Mr. Melvin Jones, deceased)

Judge Sheila Calloway (niece) & Mr. Paul Jr. Calloway—son Paul Calloway, III

Dr. Anita Thomas (niece)—children Benjamin and Bethany Thomas

Sister—Mrs. Frances Lawson

Dr. Alisa McKinnie (niece) & Mr. Robert McKinnie—children Madison and Mason McKinnie

Ms. Darlene Lawson Barber (niece) and her children below:

Mr. & Mrs. Tyler & Destiny Barber (children—Tyler Jr. and Alese Barber)

Mr. & Mrs. Cameron & Cassidy Barber (child—Kellan Barber)

Mr. Brandon Barber

Ms. Briana Barber

Other cousins; many friends; and a loving church family.

# Cemetery Details

## CRESTLAWN CEMETERY

GEORGETOWN, KY

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Main Street Baptist Church  
582 W Main St  
Lexington, KY 40508  
(859) 252-3838

# Tribute Wall



“ *Anna Russell Downey*

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February 01, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Anna was one the kindest caring people that I have had opportunity to know as a friend and to work with in my lifetime. She will be missed. John Jackson*

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**John Jackson** - September 28, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Ms. Downey taught me to type on an antique key typewriter (wasn't antique at the time). She gave me a skill that few had and that still carries me to this day. To a very encouraging, no-nonsense woman of God. I thank you.*

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**Diatra Allen** - September 26, 2022 at 01:45 PM