



## Trina Suzette Soumare

October 17, 1965 - September 28, 2016

Trina was born to the late Somerville and Mary Martin Smith on October 17th 1965 in Philadelphia, PA. Trina attended Lamberton school and other schools in Pennsylvania. Her adopted father Tyrone Smith took Trina and her sister Chandni to Settlement School of Music at a early age where it opened up a way of life for her. Trina enjoyed trips and family functions. Trina is survived by her son Randy Swan, sister Chandni Nicole, adopted father Tyrone Smith, aunts Narda, Daisy, Zenobia and Geneva, Uncles Emmanuel and Clarence and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Trina graduated college with a bachelors degree in psychology and went on to work as a social worker early in her career. Mama Trina started her dance career originally with "Rights Of Passage" which started the cultural journey in Baltimore and later on joined the Sankofa Dance Theater which was most dominant African drum & dance group in Baltimore. Later on she took to the youth and started African dance & drum programs in the school system in Maryland and made it part of the curriculum. She later created A.P.G.A.D.S. (Akebulan Positive Growth And Development Services) which was a all youth group that later on became the best African dance and drum group in Maryland and took the group on tour in Bermuda and colleges up and down the Eastern Shore. Trina made sure that everything learned was traditional, getting instructions from Master like Babacar Nidaye, Dame Gueye, Youssouf Koumbassa, Fode Camaron and many more.

Mama Trina was a vibrant and beloved part of the Arsht Center family and joined the Ailey Camp Miami family in 2010. She brought the gift of teaching and inspired us to learn the rich culture and roots of West African dance. Mama Trina touched the lives of over 800 children through her passion for drumming and dancing. Her vibrant spirit, giving heart and willingness to teach and mentor children in her community is her legacy. We will forever cherish her memory.

#### Words of Affirmation by Mama Trina

Minute by minute, hour by hour  
If you keep your faith, then you keep your power  
Minute by minute, hour by hour  
If truth is light, then knowledge is power  
If it is to be, then it's up to we  
I feel good about myself  
I feel good about the Africans around me  
I feel goodness all around me  
And it will follow me for the rest of my life  
Cause I walk with good, and I talk with good  
Cause I am good, and it feels real good  
Good, better, best, never let it rest  
Until your good is your better and you better is your best  
African people, we once knew that we were great  
We still know that we are great  
And we shall be great again,  
Lose not faith, lose not power,  
Go forward, uplift our nation  
Harambee!  
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# Cemetery Details

## Pineview Cemetery

400 SW 3rd Avenue  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

L.C. Poitier Funeral Home  
317 NW 6th Street  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060  
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## Service

OCT **11**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Trina Suzette Soumare*

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September 27, 2023 at 05:27 AM



“ *Trina taught an African dance class at my son's middle school. The only boy in the class, Triana designed and made a costume for him, as well as created his own special part to provide him an opportunity to shine.*

*The class reignited Charlie's own passion for dance. Today he is a freshman in the dance program at BB high School and takes dance instruction three nights a week at a local studio.*

*I was crushed to hear of her passing. i wish her family and friends the best.*

*Ian Burr*

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**Ian Burr** - November 02, 2016 at 09:45 AM



“ *To: Baba Mousse*  
*We the family of Trina pray that you will find peace and rest in knowing and believing that Trina is now in the presence of the Lord. There are no words that can express the sadness we feel about Trina's Journey to glory, except to say that we pray that your heart and soul find peace and comfort.*

*Andrew Tyrone Smith and Family*

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**Michelle Jones** - October 11, 2016 at 12:13 PM



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L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - October 11, 2016 at 10:17 AM

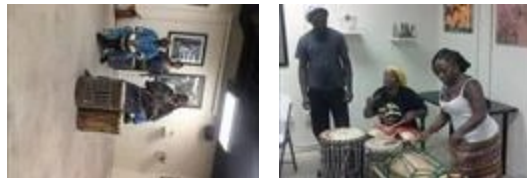


“ Trina came and danced Kuku at a fundraiser we were having in 2005 for Hurricane Kateina survivors. Thats how I met her. I knew right away that her style was straight from Mama Africa. And that is how I will remember her. Trina was straight from Mama Africa. On loan to us... for just a little while. Rest as you lived, Sis... in peace and power.

Sheila McCray - October 11, 2016 at 08:12 AM



“ Trina was a 2nd mamma when I needed one. She inspired & encouraged me to be my genuine self. She always told me "Just leave it all on the floor." I should have sooner, but I know she is still watching my journey, watching me grow.



Rashidat Shittu - October 10, 2016 at 07:22 PM



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Joan Figueroa - October 10, 2016 at 08:50 PM



Jacquia  
Midgett

“ *Trina touched the minds and hearts of so many people. She was a multi talented woman who used her talents to educate , inspire, and entertain. I feel blessed to have crossed paths with Trina. I have nothing but great memories of her. I'm sad she left us, but I'm glad she is no longer suffering.*

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**Jacquia Midgett** - October 10, 2016 at 03:19 PM



Martha  
Satinoff

“ *I knew Trina as our beloved West African dance teacher at Bak Middle School of the Arts. On Friday, her students shared their memories of her smile, her energy, her encouragement and understanding then danced their hearts out in her honor. I will miss her and her passion for teaching children. I will always remember her and Moussa performing together for and with the dancers. Hugs to her family.*

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**Martha Satinoff** - October 03, 2016 at 05:16 PM