



In Loving Memory of

Shamara "Missy" Rice

Sunrise
May 20, 1988

Sunset
March 8, 2011

Service

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

GRACE BIBLE CLASS CHURCH

54 Pine Street
Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Bernard Durham, Pastor

Reflections of Life



The oldest of five sisters and brothers, **Shamara Rice** was the apple of her mother's eye, the joy of her siblings, the heart strings of her maternal grandmother, and the pride of her godmothers. Everyone in Shamara's huge family delighted in her, and she delighted them from the time of her birth. Shamara was born on May 20, 1988 in Passaic, New Jersey, where she was reared and educated. She attended the Cerebral Palsy (CP) Elementary School and the CP Elks High School until 2009 when she also received a diploma from Passaic High School. During summer vacations, she also attended the Matheny School and Hospital Day Camp. Until the time of her passing, Shamara was a member of Grace Bible Class and a student at the Adult Day Facility CP of North Jersey in Wayne.

Throughout her education, Shamara was recognized for outstanding participation and successful educational achievements. She received twelve certificates that ranged from Student of the Month to Athletic Achievements; from Exceptional Efforts to Team Player, and even a Citation from the State of New Jersey for bringing honor and pride to her family and community. She was honored with twelve trophies that included recognition in science and art, social studies, music, and language arts. She also received a trophy from the Elks CP High School for the Pre-Vocational Award. If Shamara's certificates and trophies were not enough distinction, she also received numerous medals for other academic accomplishments and was the recipient of the Make A Wish Foundation's Shopping Spree Award.

"Missy" or "Mara", as she was affectionately called, when her mother wasn't describing her as a "true diva," loved wearing pretty clothes and wearing her hair in curls, or in one pony tail. Clothes she had plenty of; her godmothers saw to that—so much so that Cynthia, Shamara's mother only "had to buy socks and underwear." Wearing clothes that she loved and having her sisters and brothers wrap her in music and fun that she loved; having her mother's and maternal grandmother's concentrated attention that she also loved; having a huge adoring clan of aunts and uncles, and cousins galore made Shamara feel very much like a star. In truth, she was a shining light that made her entire tribe of family and friends feel like stars.

Shamara Rice was called home to Glory on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 and was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Ernestine Hendley; her maternal great grandmother, Lena Mae Washington; her great aunt, Alzonnia Hendley.

Shamara Rice leaves to cherish her memory: devoted mother, Cynthia Rice; stepfather, Marcus Cook; and father, Baxter Hendley; five loving siblings, Rashea Hendley, Tanishia Hendley, Baxter Rice, Jarrett Hendley, Jeremiah Rice, all of Passaic, New Jersey; ten adoring uncles and aunts, Elbert Rice, Jr., Wanda Rice, Varnetha Rice, Sharon Rice Jernigan, Robert Rice, Christopher Rice, all of Passaic, NJ, David Rice, Sr. of East Rutherford, NJ, Sheila Rice of St. Petersburg, Illinois, Frankie Hendley of Passaic, NJ and Price Hendley of Garfield, NJ; one step sister and two step brothers, Shayna Cook, Marcus Cook, Jr. and Samuel Cook, all of Passaic, NJ; affectionate grandparents, Bernice Rice of Paterson, NJ, and Frank McKinney of Passaic, NJ; two supportive god mothers, Wanda Rice, and Pamela Mitchell of Linden, NJ; four faithful grand uncles and aunts, Richard Walker of Columbia, SC; Sonja Washington and Stephanie Washington of Passaic, NJ and Anthony (Betsey) Washington of Columbia, SC; a host of doting cousins, friends, and neighbors; a special teacher, Migdalia Vayon of Paterson, NJ; and a dedicated nurse, Peggy Mc Daniels of Passaic, NJ.



Order of Service

Processional “Going Up Yonder”

Opening Hymn “Near The Cross”

Scriptures

Old Testament Psalm 134

New Testament Philippians 4:13

Selection “God Said It, I Believe It”
Marilyn Howard

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Craig Washington

Selection “Do Not Pass Me By”
Chorus

Reflections of Life

and Acknowledgements Alberta Susan Wells

Remarks Family Members
Two Minutes Per Person

Selection “Walk Around Heaven”
Dawn Simpson

Poems Alberta Susan Wells

Selection “A Change Has Come Over Me”
Esther Wheeler

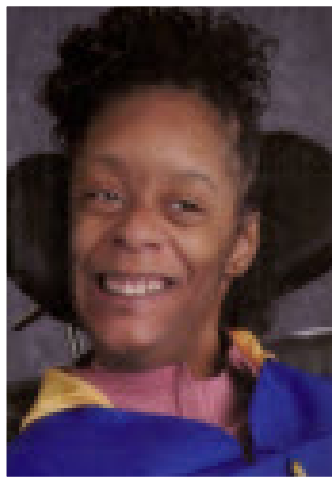
Words of Comfort Pastor Samuel McClary
Grace Bible Class Church • Passaic, NJ

Recessional “Hold To His Hands”

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

Clifton, New Jersey



Ecclesiastes 3:11

*He hath made everything
beautiful in his time: also he
hath set the world in their
heart, so that no man can find
out the work that God maketh
from the beginning to the end.*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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