

*A Service of Remembrance  
In Loving Memory of*

*Tashana S. Parrish*

*Sunrise*  
November 27, 1975

*Sunset*  
November 29, 2018

**Memorial Service**  
Sunday, December 2, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
1025 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey  
Abdullah Johnson, Officiating  
Mr. Emory Lee, Organist

# Obituary

**Tashana S. Parrish**, 43, devoted mother, was called home by our Lord and Savior, on November 29th 2018 at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, New Jersey. Tashana was born on November 27, 1975 in Newark, New Jersey; she was the first child of Denise A. Parrish and Haneef El-Amin. Tashana had a remarkable life. She was a ray of sunshine, her spark and her positive outlook on life, impacted and influenced so many.

Tashana attended Essex County College graduating with a degree in Human Services and was a member of the Ready Scholar and AmeriCorps Vista programs. She then began her career at the United States Postal Service, where she worked for nearly 20 years.

Tashana became passionate in bringing “Breast Cancer Awareness” to all those newly diagnosed. She created a YouTube Channel to address the process of her treatments and her thoughts as a “fighter”. She devoted herself to raising her children, which she considered life's most precious gift. Her dedication and love for her children, was the driving force behind her courage and strength.

She leaves to mourn and cherish her memories; her daughter Kabrina D. Parrish; her son Kevin C. Anderson; her father Haneef H. El-Amin; sister Naimah Keys-Muhammad; brother Khashif O. Parrish; her grandmothers, the late Mary Joann King and Laverna P. Thomas; her mother the late Denise A. Parrish; and a host of nieces, nephews, loving aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

## *“Footprint Poem”*

One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.  
After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest  
and most troublesome times of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,  
You would leave me."  
He whispered, "My precious child,  
I love you and will never leave you.

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude  
Emory Lee

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo  
Trojah Irby Morgan

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Poem  
Fatimah Keys Muhammad

Acknowledgements

Obituary  
Saddique Parker

Selection

Eulogy

Organ Postlude  
Emory Lee

## Reading

Today as we sit here, both family and friends, we reflect on all the beautiful memories we hold in our hearts and all the amazing times we spent with Tashana. She loved her time with family, friends and her children. She cherished and valued every moment.

She had a way about her; she was outgoing, outspoken and full of life. She viewed life the way that many of us fail to do so. She saw the light at the end of the tunnel, no problem big enough to run away from.

In December of 2016 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Although the news rocked her world, she maintained a positive outlook and embraced whatever God's plan was. She fought hard and long, never giving up hope. Her strength and bravery were remarkable. Throughout the process she never changed, always thought about her loved ones, especially her children. She felt blessed to have the love and support of so many. She dedicated herself to maintaining a positive healthy lifestyle, never letting "Cancer" control her life. "Living and Fighting" with a smile that brightened our lives.

Tashana devoted herself to raising her children, which she considered life's most precious gift. Her dedication and love for her children was the driving force behind her courage and strength.

Tashana created a YouTube Channel to help others and share the process of her treatment and her personal experiences as she battled "Cancer"! As always, bringing smiles and comfort to everyone she encountered. Tashana was a ray of sunshine, her spark and her positive outlook on life impacted and influenced so many of us.

The last couple of months although her condition had worsened, nothing ever broke her spirit or positive energy, she never felt defeated. She became one with God, finding comfort in whatever his plan was, she believed in her heart, there was a reason for everything. Although we cannot always understand God's reasons, we should never doubt him. Her faith was stronger than ever.

Throughout the years, at work and socially, Tashana met many people leaving a lasting impression with her loving, charismatic, firecracker personality, it was hard not to just fall in love with her. Whether you knew her as family or as a friend, you knew how special she was!! Tashana was one in a million, unreplaceable, and definitely unforgettable.

Our Lord and Savior has called Tashana Parrish home and although she will not be here physically, she will always be with us, watching and protecting us from the heavens above. "In a bittersweet moment, Another Angel has found her wings and has set off on flight, safe into the arms of God and those gone before her, waiting and anticipating her arrival, as she gracefully makes her way into the heavens above."

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Tashana S. Parrish** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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