

# *Celebration Of Life For*

*Katrina S. Perry*

*Sunrise*  
*June 3, 1985*

*Sunset*  
*September 26, 2019*

## Service

*Friday, October 4, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.*

**PHILEMON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

246 Shephard Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Reverend Edward Allen, Pastor

*Dr. Lolitha Dennis, Officiating*

# *Reflections Of A Beautiful Life*

## **A Journey Begins:**

“His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches over me...”

## **A Time to Be Born**

Katrina Shantaye Perry was born on June 3, 1985 in Newark, New Jersey to Nassaye Perry and Macon T. Cotton III.

## **A Time to Grow**

Katrina was truly a “Ray of Sunshine.” She was 3 years old when Anthony Lyons became a part of her life. Spiritually guided with strong family values, Anthony married her mother Nassaye in 1995. This union provided the love, stability and foundation that helped Katrina flourish.

Katrina was educated in the West Orange Public Schools system. She was well rounded and very active in high school. Katrina loved singing and writing poetry. She was listed in “Who’s Who Among American High School Students”, and her poems were published in the “Anthology Book of Poetry for Young Americans.” She graduated from West Orange High School in June of 2003 and attended college at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida. She returned to New Jersey where she attended Rutgers University in Newark.

Katrina worked for Cali Carting in Kearny, New Jersey where she considered her co-workers family. She had a wonderful relationship with owners John and Robbie Cali, who admired her strong work ethic and high level of professionalism.

## **A Time to Worship**

Under the divine guidance of Mother Alice Telia Lyons, Katrina learned about the Wonders of God. She was baptized by her grandfather Bishop AD Lyons in Brooklyn, NY, and was taken under the wings of the entire Sherman Universal Prayer Band Church. Katrina's outgoing personality and warm, vibrant spirit radiated in every aspect of her life.

## **A Time to Love**

She loved meeting people and had a welcoming, loving spirit. Katrina met Lamar Meredith at the PACE Program at NJIT and proudly gave birth to their son, Christopher Perry Meredith on September 24, 2009.

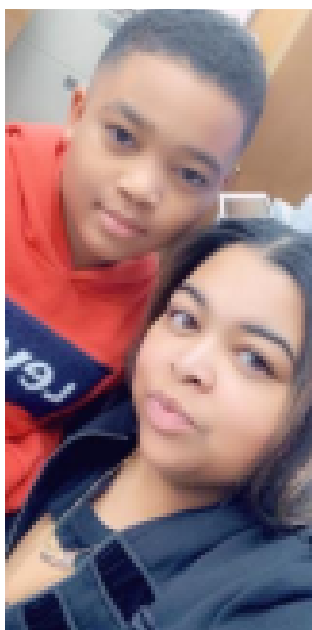
## **A Time to Die**

Katrina Shantaye Perry departed this life and entered into God's Kingdom on Thursday, September 26, 2019.

## **A Time to Mourn**

Katrina leaves to cherish her memory one son, Christopher Jayden Perry Meredith whom she adored; her loving parents, Nassaye and Anthony Lyons Sr., West Orange, NJ; Macon T. Cotton III, Orange, NJ; 5 brothers, Anthony Lyons, Jr., West Orange, NJ; Macon T. Cotton IV, Orange, NJ; David Rolack and wife Hazella, LaPlace, LA; Scott Rolack, LaPlace, LA; Aaron Cotton and wife Ashlee, Manchester, CT; cousin/brother, Adolphus Lyons, Queens, NY; God brother, Joubert Rainha, Belleville, NJ; her grandparents, Rosie Mae Perry, Naples, FL; Beverly Cotton, Edison, NJ; Macon T. Cotton Jr., Forked River, NJ; 2 aunts, Deborah Perry, Naples, FL; Karen Chaplin and husband Chuck, Greenwich, CT; 1 uncle, Andre Perry, Naples, FL; 2 special aunts, Aunt Cookie, and Aunt Patsy; and a host of other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

# *Precious Memories*



# Order of Service

Prayer of Comfort ..... Dr. Byron E. Lennon Sr., Pastor  
*Divinity Missionary Baptist Church • East Orange, NJ*

Old Testament—Psalm 23 .....Elisia Moore

New Testament—II Corinthians 1:3-4 ..... Ashlee Cotton

Musical Selection ..... Dr. Joey Jackson

A Special Tribute for Mom .....Christopher Perry Meredith

Musical Selection ..... Rev. Darius Moore  
*Berean Baptist Church • Raleigh, NC*

Special Remarks .....John Cali - *Cali Carting, Inc.*  
Tyronne A. Muhammad - *Cotton Funeral Service*  
Pulpit Guests

Acknowledgements.....Pastor Bobbie Jackson  
*Sherman Universal Prayer Band • Plainfield, NJ*

Musical Selection ..... Emory Lee

Reflections ..... *2 Minutes Please*

Reflections Of A Beautiful Life

Musical Selection ..... Sherman Universal Prayer Band Family

Celebration of Life Message ..... Reverend Edward Allen  
*Philemon Missionary Baptist Church*

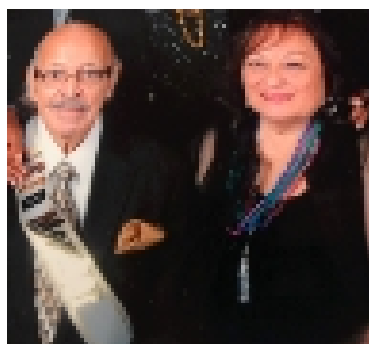
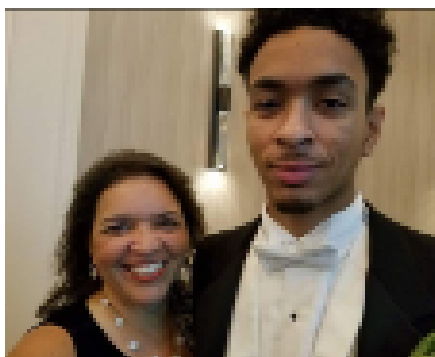
Benediction

## INTERMENT

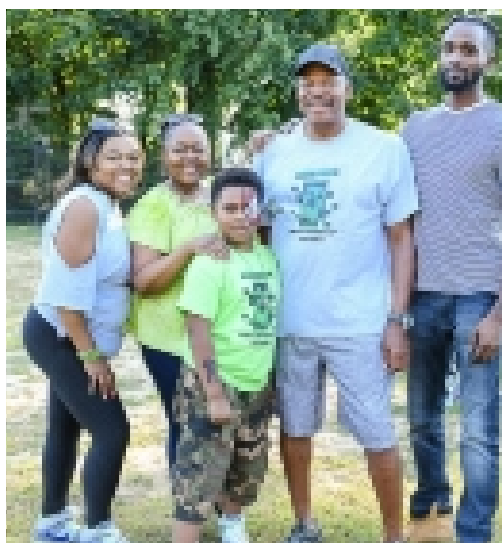
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**\*Repat immediately following interment at the church\***

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# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Katrina S. Perry** sincerely thanks everyone for their prayers, words of assurance, condolences and expressions of love.  
May God bless and keep you always.

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