

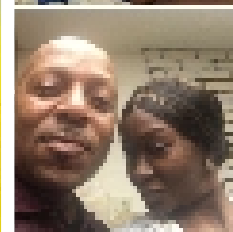
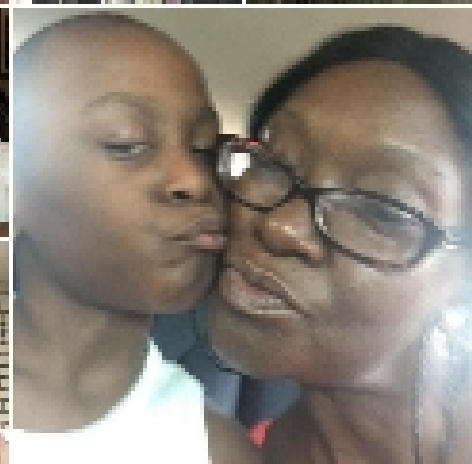
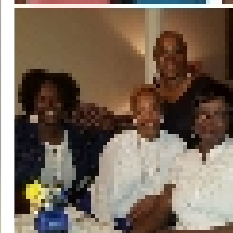
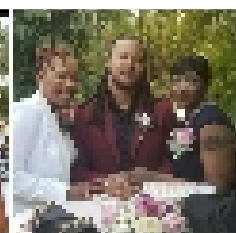
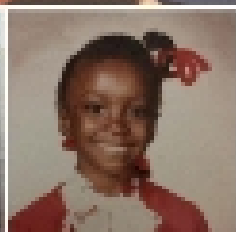
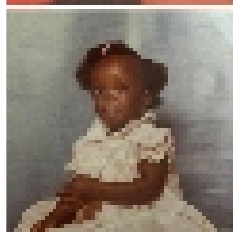


Celebrating The Life of
Schamika Grant Gerald

“Mika, Wookie, Lil Miss Lula”

Alpha
January 6, 1978

Omega
December 18, 2019



Obituary

“Jehovah Rapha is my great physician (Exod. 15:26). His Medical Report declares (Isa. 53). His Spirit gives life to my mortal body (Rom. 8:11), and my Faith makes me whole (Matt. 9:22). Psalm 46, God is my Refuge a very present help in trouble”.

At 0737 hours on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway, NJ. Schamika Grant Gerald transitioned her earthly body and returned to God via the Holy Spirit. Named by her Aunt Bessie Rogers, Schamika was born on January 6, 1978 to Sarah Ellen Rogers and Eddie Grant, in Newark, NJ. She was the youngest daughter of Eddie and Sarah and had a religious upbringing. Schamika was baptized at an early age and attended Unity Freedom Baptist Church, Newark, NJ, and St. Paul A.M.E., Dillon, S.C. with her mother Sarah and family.

Schamika is predeceased by her mother, father, maternal/paternal grandparents and generations of great grandparents (aunts, uncles, cousins etc.).

Schamika was educated in the Newark, NJ Public School System. Kindergarten, Elementary, High School, College and the Police Academy. At a very young age, Schamika received many Scholarships for her outstanding abilities in the Arts (music/voice). “Although she was shy, her talents were tremendous”. Mrs. Bernice Martin, her teacher and role model recognized this and was instrumental in her attending The French Wood Performing Arts Camp in Handcock, NY, at the age of 11 yrs., to receive professional voice training. Mika is/was a “Trail Blazer in all aspects of her life”, she acquired many accomplishments.

Schamika was a member of the Eastern Stars (Youngsters Court – Friends), Newark, NJ. Upon completion of high school, Schamika (Mika) worked for the New York Stock Exchange in a Division Office in Plainfield, NJ. In 2003 Mika joined the East Orange Police Department. Mika excelled under the direction of Chief Woodson. Titles: Sergeant Gerald EOPD, she was a Special Task Force Officer (undercover), Supervisor, full time Mother and Detective to name a few. She received many Special

Achievement Awards, was an Expert Marksman, Scholarships, Accolades, Honorable Mentions etc. both as a Civilian and in her professional careers.

On February 14, 2007, Schamika married Calvin Gerald and to this union one child was born – C’yle Phillip Gerald whom she referred to as “My Lil Sweet Potato”, was/is very dear to she and Calvin’s heart. Mika was an outstanding wife. A very protective daughter, niece, sister, cousin, mother and friend who loved deeply.

Schamika’s passions in life was her love for her family, friends and her career with the East Orange Police Dept. She was a good Christian, very high Moral Standards and believed in giving her last/best to whomever asked or was in need. She had a big heart for all of her cousins especially Tanisha, Alicia and Carl. She enjoyed traveling as a youngster and in her adult life. She was the perfect role model. She was a very high achiever academically.

Schamika leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Calvin Gerald of the home; son, C’yle Phillip Gerald of the home; step son, Calvin Gerald, Jr./daughter, Margan of NJ; brother, Fitzgerald Rogers, Willingboro, NJ; sister, Schannon Louise Rogers, Raleigh, NC; lil brother, Carl Cardiak, Los Angeles, CA; aunts, Donella Mays, Newark, NJ, Bessie Louise Rogers & Josephine Johnson-Alli, Willingboro, NJ; uncles, Albert/ Eunice Grant, Los Vegas, NV, James/Hazel Grant, Loganville, GA; maternal cousins, Valerie/Tony Bass, Dallas, GA, Detective Irvington NJPD Pamela Mays, /Cheryl my Pearl Rogers-Gallman/Sergeant Major David Gallman, Wesamptn, NJ, John E. /Julia Johnson, Jr., Boston, MA., Retired Sgt. Major Gregory P. /Elizabeth R. Burden, daughter Alicia/Emanuel, 3rd Generation: Tanisha Mays, Carl McCormick, William Arrington Johnson, Timothy L. Carr, Jr., Jayla Gallman. 4th Generation: Taniel Mays and Tykara Mays; paternal cousins, Dr. Althea Grant-Lentz, Valise Bolding, Carissa Grant and Carter Mack; father-in-law, Alvin Gibbons; sister-in-law, Nicole Gibbons; brothers-in-law, Wayne Cox, Clyde Belgrave, Alvin Gibbons, Jr., Steve Gibbons all of Brooklyn; grandmother-in-law, Elaine Gibbons, Brooklyn, NY; aunt-in-law, Judy Gibbons, Brooklyn, NY; significant cousin, Tiffany/daughter Kaliyah and a multitude of loving family, friends and acquaintances. Schamika is tremendously missed. Although she has bequeath this legacy, she continues to live on in our hearts and the hearts of those who love(d) her.

Service
Monday, December 23 , 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

Canaan Baptist Church
535 East 22nd Street • Paterson, NJ 07514
Reverend Barry Graham, Pastor

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Organist

Processional Clergy and Family

Minister of Ceremony Minister

Hymn There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings Bessie Rogers, Aunt

Old/New Testament Josephine Johnson-Alli, Aunt

Remarks Phyllis Bendi, Chief Police EORG, NJ
Retired Chief Police Woodson

(two mins. Please) Family & Friends

Solo Elizabeth Ruth Burden, Cousin

Acknowledgements/Obituary Nicole Forde,
Sister-in-Law

Solo Donjia Wilson / Mandelene Wilson

Eulogy Reverend Barry Graham

Recessional

COMMITTAL / INTERMENT

Hollywood Memorial Park
1621 Stuyvesant Avenue
Union, New Jersey



Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears
of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories
that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Floral/Pall Bearers

East Orange Police Department Honor Guard

Acknowledgements

With heartfelt gratitude, the family wishes to acknowledge the many acts of kindness, thoughtfulness and gracious expressions of sympathy extended to us during the illness and transitioning of our beloved Schamika. May God richly bless each of you. Special thanks to the East Orange Police Department, Mayor of East Orange, the Medical Staff (Doctors, Nurses, NA's and Administrative Staff at The Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway, NJ. The Family

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