

In Loving Memory of



Shonda Michelle Burke

Sunrise
September 12, 1971

Sunset
June 25, 2020

Service
Wednesday, July 1, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

Jackson Funeral Residence
445 Monmouth Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

Obituary

Shonda Michelle Burke was born September 12, 1971 at the Margaret Hague Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey to Betty Jean Spears-Burke and the late Larry Burke. She was the 4th child out of 6 from that union. God called his daughter Shonda home Thursday, June 25, 2020.

Shonda received her formal education in the Jersey City public school system. Her family later relocated to Scotch Plains, New Jersey and many years later to Whitehall, P.A.

Shonda was employed with the United States Postal Service (The Bulk) in Jersey City, N.J. and Johnson & Johnson in Bridgewater, N.J. Due to the decline of her health she had to retire at an early age.

Shonda was a faithful woman of God. She began attending church at an early age under her grandfather the late Elder Edward E. Burke at Christ Evangelistic Center. She became a Prophetess under his leadership. She did Missionary work in Ghana, West Africa. Shonda had a love for singing and sang in the church choir. "Take Me Back" and "Take Me To The King" were two of her favorite songs. Her favorite quotes "He may not come when you need him but he is always right on time" & "If you have faith as a grain of a mustard seed", nothing will be impossible for you.

Better known as "Mama Shonda" her true passion was cooking. She would put a hurting on some foods whether it was Soul Food, Italian or African it didn't matter, it was gonna make you want to slap your momma. Her dream was to open a kitchen and make people happy enjoying her delicious food.

Shonda was a 'CLASSY' woman, shoe "DIVA" and hat wearing GODDESS. She was decked out from head to toe whenever she stepped out of the house.

In addition to her father, Larry Burke, Shonda was predeceased by one sister, Yvonda Burke and one brother, Ryjon Burke.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving mother, Betty Jean Spears-Burke, daughter, Kenia Burke, two grandchildren, Denver and Cheyenne Burke, siblings, Lawrence, Andre and Elizabeth (Honey) Burke, Big Brother John Cherry and Big Sister Shantell M. Cherry, niece/daughter Dikeya Burke. Nieces Melodie and Madison. Nephews Ja'Nye, Marcus, Elijah, Isaiah, Jaden, Andre Jr., two great nieces and two great nephews. One sister-in-law Elizabeth Burke and one brother-in-law Kenner's Wilson, special auntie Rose Bailey. An a host of cousins, family and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Selection:
Solo Brittany Walker

Scripture Reading:
Old Testament: Psalms 23
New Testament: John 14: 1-7 - Renee Mitchell

Words of Reflection
3 minutes please

Poem
Kenia Burke

Reading of Obituary
Donna Williams

Words of Assurance
Donna Williams

Final Viewing

Final Disposition is private

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 **Shonda Michelle Burke** 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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