

October 10, 1996 - January 9, 2021

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 - 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Shawna'e Winston Merritt was born in October 10, 1996 to Sharonda Merritt Sanders and Deshaun M. Winston.

She made her transition on to Glory on January 9, 2021 at University Hospital in Newark, NJ.

Shawna'e received her education from Link Vision Academy and Union High.

She was employed at Stop & Shop in Union, NJ and Salvation Army.

Shawna'e was full of life, she enjoyed dressing, shopping and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Bethel Church of Love and Praise in Bloomfield, NJ where she was christened.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: (mother) Sharonda Merritt Sanders; (father) Deshaun M. Winston; two sisters, Dorian and Maliha; one brother, Deshaun Winston, Jr.; grandmother, Anita Winston; grandfather, James Holmes, Jr., five aunts, Sharon, Renee, Nikki, Tyisha and Shakir, uncles, Gordon C'wan, Darryl, James and Dejuan; one great aunt, Eulalia Russell; two godfathers, Everett, Hassan; a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

Shawna'e was preceded in death by her grandmother, Frances Merritt, great grandmother, Frances D. Winston and godmother, Shonda Smith.

Order of Service

Remarks



<u>Cremation</u>
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

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

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