

In Loving Memory of
Samantha Yvonne Hester-Jordan

December 18, 1964 - July 20, 2021



FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

Emmanuel Church of Christ

54 Irvine Turner Blvd. • Newark, New Jersey

Pastor Perry L. Gillespie, Sr. Officiating

Obituary

Samantha Yvonne Hester-Jordan was born on December 18, 1964, to the late Junious and Yvonne Hester in Newark, NJ. She departed this life on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at Newark Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, NJ.

Samantha, affectionately known as “Auntie Sam” or “Mama Sam”, was raised in Baxter Terrace in Newark, NJ. She graduated from Barringer High School in 1982 where she was a color guard with the band and “Most Humorous” according to her yearbook. She continued her education at Bloomfield College. She worked as a Teacher Assistant for Newark Public Schools and an Educator at Emmanuel Wee Garden in Newark, NJ.

Samantha was a very devoted, loving and caring mother of three beautiful children; Rakaya, Jasmine and Keith. Samantha spent her time pouring love into every dish that she made for any and every one that requested. She loved being the mother to all; from her children’s closest friends to strangers she had never met. Her doors were always open to anyone in need.

Samantha was baptized at Emmanuel Church of Christ where she continued to worship and serve. She knew the word of the Lord and made sure to instill the values and principles into her children and grandchildren. She sang her heart out to her gospel and worship music every chance she got. She loved attending Vacation Bible School where she would be seen in the kitchen handing out snacks.

Mama Sam was a problem solver, a giver and constantly feeding both in the natural and spiritual. She believed in love and laughter and had so much of it to give. She believed you should live your life to the fullest and not think about what others have to say. She would frequently say “Be strong and confident with every decision you make and stand on your word wholeheartedly.”

She was preceded in death by her mother, Yvonne Hester and father Junious Hester. She leaves to cherish her memories; Markeith Jordan, her three children Rakaya Lawrence, Jasmine Jordan-Anderson (Marquis) and Keith Jordan. Her grandchildren Ramona White, Qasim and Hajjah Richardson, Chloe and Ava Beck. Her sisters Ursula Scott (Timothy) and Schretta “Woo” Hester. Her goddaughters Asia Beck and Aaliyah Vick. Her cousin/sister Lauretta Garrett, her “Good Girlfriend” Judy Durr; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony.....Evang. Delores Matthews

Prayer of Comfort.....Min. Jeff Lane

Scripture

Old Testament Psalm 27:1-4.....Evang. Doris Ragins

New Testament John 14:1-6.....Evang. Doris Ragins

Musical Selection.....Bro. Self Hall

Reflections.....Family and Friends (1-2 minutes)

Reading of Obituary.....First Lady Catherine Gillespie

Eulogy.....District Elder Perry Gillespie Sr.

Recessional

*Repast to follow at Grandeur Events
1299 Liberty Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205*

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey



Dear Family and Friends,

I want you to know that I have moved. I received the call from God, the Chief Architect, who informed me that my new house was ready and that I could move immediately! I just didn't have time to give any notice.

I've lived many places before my new home and none compare. There is peace, joy and happiness here with no more pain to bare. Sweet serenity is everywhere! We could explore my new home more, but I have to get fitted for my wings. I highly recommend you make plans to live here too. If you want to reach me just call God. God is listed on every page of the Good Book.

Love you all, see you when He calls you too.

Acknowledgement

*The family would like to send their sincerest gratitude for the many kind deeds and words of encouragement and sympathy that was extended to them during this time of grief and sorrow.
"Thank you and God Bless"*

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