



*Celebrating  
The Life  
of*

*Shikerra  
Elise  
Franks  
"Riki"*

*December 22, 2002  
January 15, 2023*



# *Service Information*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023  
Wake Service: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023  
Viewing: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Service: 10:00 AM

**ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC**  
725 East Gun Hill Road • Bronx, NY 10467  
*Bishop J.O. Baker, Officiating*

**Interment**  
Kensico Cemetery  
Valhalla, NY





# Order of Service

Musical Prelude .....	"Lift Me Up" Instrumental By Rihanna
Processional Opening Prayer .....	Bishop J.O. Baker
Musical Selection .....	'How Great Thou Art' – Asha Hawker
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 .....	Annissa Barclay
New Testament – Matthew 11: 28–30 .....	Norshana Robinson
John 14: 1–4 .....	Paris Davis)
Tribute Song .....	"Missing You" By Various Artist
Tributes .....	(2 minutes please)
Eulogy .....	Read by Donelle Cabell
Musical Selection .....	"See You Again" By Wiz Khalifa
Sermon .....	Bishop J.O. Baker
Poem .....	Read By Marsha Lamoith
Benediction .....	Bishop J.O. Baker
Final Viewing .....	Eternity Funeral Service Directors
Recessional .....	"Lift Me Up" By Rihanna





# Reflections of Life

Shikerra Elise "Kiki" Franks was born on December 22, 2002, to Tashike Franks and Andrea Lawson in Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Bronx NY.

Shikerra was the firstborn, oldest daughter of her father, and only daughter to her mother. Shikerra grew up in the Bronx where she attended grade schools PS 78, PS 41, and Michael Angelou Middle School. Later Kiki graduated from Renaissance for Music Arts and Theatre in 2021. Soon after Kiki worked at Playland, Wendy's, and Burlington Coat Factory. She was valued as an employee and enjoyed her independence earning her own money.

Shikerra attended Bronx Community College, for Liberal Arts. Shikerra was a persistent learner and wanted to become a pediatrician. Her love and loyalty for children and her family kept her humble and grounded. Kiki was a mature homebody and could be best described as everyone's sweetheart. Shikerra particularly enjoyed rocking the latest trends, having the newest hairstyles, having bacon, egg, and cheese sandwiches, pasta, and watching SpongeBob and Law and Order. Pink was her absolute favorite color. Kiki was the "mismatched sock thief" and despite what was available, she preferred to do things her own way. Shikerra wore her heart on her sleeve which was evident in her facial expressions and smirks.


Shikerra's life was filled with love and peace. She loved being a "big sister" and staying close to her many friends. In Kiki's short life, she understood the importance of respect and devotion. Shikerra may have lost her battle, but she never gave up the fight!!

Shikerra is survived by her loving mother Andrea Lawson, caring father Tashike Franks, brothers Tashike Franks Jr. & Jamari Franks, grandmothers Dorrel Lawson, Yvette Gaynor, grandfather Wendel Franks, aunts Ebun Franks, Keisha Stewart, uncle Wendel "Colley" Franks and preceded in death by Uncle Milton "Amin" Franks. Kiki was also survived by a host of friends, family, and acquaintances. Only the good die young!





# Song Lyrics



Lift me up  
Hold me down  
Keep me close  
Safe and sound

Burning in a hopeless dream  
Hold me when you go to sleep  
Keep me in the warmth of  
your love when you depart  
Keep me safe, safe and sound

Lift me up  
Hold me down  
Keep me close  
Safe and sound

Drowning in an endless sea  
Take some time and stay with me  
Keep me in the strength of your arms  
Keep me safe, safe and sound

Lift (lift) me up  
Hold me down  
Keep me safe  
Safe and sound

Burning in a hopeless dream  
Hold me when you go to sleep  
Keep me safe  
We need light, we need love

(Lift) lift me up (me up) in your arms  
(Hold) I need love,  
I need love (me down) I need love  
(Keep) hold me (me close) hold me  
(Safe) hold me,  
hold me (and sound) hold me, hold me  
(Lift) hold me,  
hold me (me up) hold me,  
hold me  
(Hold) hold me (me down) hold me  
(Keep me safe)  
We need light, we need love

Though I'm missing you  
(Although I'm missing you)  
I'll find a way to get through  
(I'll find a way to get through)  
Living without you  
Cause you were my sister,  
my strength, and my pride  
Only God may know why, still I will get by

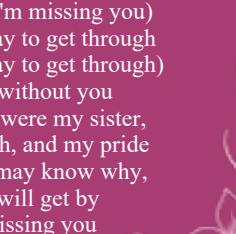
Who would've known, that you had to go  
But so suddenly, so fast  
How could it be,  
that a sweet memory worthy would  
Be all that we've have plan  
Now that you're gone,  
every day I go on (I go on)  
But life's just not the same  
(life's just not the same)  
I'm so empty inside, and my tears I can't hide  
But I'll try, I'll try to face the pain

## Refrain

Though I'm missing you  
(Although I'm missing you)  
I'll find a way to get through  
(I'll find a way to get through)  
Living without you  
Cause you were my sister,  
my strength, and my pride  
Only God may know why, still I will get by

Oh, there was so many things  
That we could have shared, uh-huh  
And time was on our side  
(time was on our side) Oh, yeah  
Now that you're gone,  
I can still feel you near  
So I'll smile, with every tear I cry  
[Refrain]

How sweet, were the losses to spare?  
But I'll wait for the day  
When I'll see you again, see you again, yeah  
Though I'm missing you  
(Although I'm missing you)  
I'll find a way to get through  
(I'll find a way to get through)  
Living without you  
Cause you were my sister,  
my strength, and my pride  
Only God may know why,  
still I will get by  
I'm missing you



# *As I Sit In Heaven*

As I sit in Heaven and watch you everyday.

I try to let you know with signs, I never went away,  
I hear you when you're laughing, and watch you as you sleep.

I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep.

I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home.

So I try to send you signs so you know you are not alone.

Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me.

Heaven is truly beautiful, just wait and see.

So live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free.

Then I know every breath you take, you'll be taking one for me.







# Precious Memories





## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Shikerra Elise Franks** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*



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