

Homegoing Service
For

TASHANA
“SHE SHE”
SAPP



SUNRISE: June 24, 1972 - SUNSET: December 23, 2023

Service:
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - 7pm

A.M.E. Zion Church On The Hill
975 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, NY 10032
Rev. DeForest L. Raphael, Officiating

Obituary

Tashana Sapp affectionately called “She She” was granted her wings on December 23, 2023 surrounded by family at her bedside at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Tashana was born on June 24, 1972 (in Harlem, New York) to Wilhelmina (Willie) Sapp and Elijah (Casey) James Wells, Jr. Her upbringing entails her growing up alongside her mother Willie at A.M.E Zion Church on the Hill community, where they embraced Christianity and provided years of servitude to the church/Lord. It was during that time that Tashana learned and developed her joy for singing. She loved to sing and used her beautiful voice to sing at any opportunity including at church and at karaoke with a group of regulars who became her friends.

Tashana attended Martin Luther King Jr. High School (class of 1989) and continued her studies at the College of New Rochelle.

In 1988, Tashana started her family and was mother to three daughters Dominiece Bryan, Da’shana Robinson, Raven Sapp, and her twin angels, William and Tronay Robinson. Tashana loved her role of grandmother of two to her granddaughters, Mahogany Bryan and Lennox Bryan (who affectionately referred to her as Munchkin.)

Tashana worked several security jobs at exclusive events in Harlem including the "Ruckers" games at the infamous Rucker Park and shows at the Apollo theatre providing her with the opportunity to meet some of her favorite celebrities. Her career even led her to work at the prestigious Hip Hop Music Awards.

Tashana moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina where she lived for the past few years and worked at Hampton Hotel by the Hilton. She immediately was embraced by that community and met a host of friends there as well.

Tashana grew up in New York, spending her formative years in the tight knit community of Harlem where she made lifelong friendships with so many people. As a loving daughter, mother, sister, niece, cousin, and friend, Tashana was known for her outgoing nature and willingness to assist others. Tashana was witty and fun loving, as often times known to be the life of the party. Her joyous spirit manifested through her love for singing, dancing, roller skating, and entertaining, making her a staple at every celebration.

Tashana is preceded in death by her beloved mother, Wilhelmina Sapp; father, Elijah James Wells, Jr.; twin infants, William and Tronay Robinson; grandparents, Almeta Wells, Elijah James Wells, Sr., Willie Mae Sapp, and Louis Sapp.

Tashana leaves behind: her three daughters, Dominiece Bryan, Da’shana Robinson, and Raven Sapp; her siblings, Chanda Clark, Shenien Malloy, Kawana Malloy-Stroop, Tarrell Malloy, and Chay Wells; and a host of family/friends. All are saddened and will forever cherish her in their memories and hearts.

The Order Of Worship

THE PRELUDE

(Congregation in Devout Meditation)

***THE PROCESSIONAL**

The Family and Clergy

THE INVOCATION

The Rev. DeForest Raphael

THE CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#195, "Amazing Grace"

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

The Congregation

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT

THE OBITUARY

(To be Read in Silence)

THE SOLO

THE SERMON

The Rev. DeForest L. Raphael

***THE RECESSIONAL**

Asterisk (*) Congregation Please Rise

Repass to follow

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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.**

**I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.**

**If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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.**

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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