

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Mrs. Stacey Vania Sharpe

Sunrise
September 27, 1967

Sunset
December 12, 2015



Saturday, December 19, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

First Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1-15 Leslie Street
(corner of Clinton Avenue)
Newark, NJ 07108
Pastor Dellroger Dunmore

Pastor Robert Foster, Officiating
Genesis Missionary Baptist Church

Obituary

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in god; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." John 14:1-4

Stacey Vania Sharpe, 48, of Belleville, NJ peacefully went to be with the Lord on Saturday December 12, 2015 at 2:12 AM. She was born on September 27, 1967 in Belleville, NJ to her proud parents, Etta Griffin and Lewis Griffin. Stacey accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior at a very young age. As a child she was reared in Genesis Missionary Baptist Church where she attended Sunday School, was in the Dance Ministry and participated in fashion shows.

Stacey was happily married to her loving, devoted husband, Kenneth Sharpe who was her high school sweetheart and best friend. They had known each other for 33 years and were married for 26 years. To this union two beautiful children were born, Devin Sharrod, 21 and Danielle Kayla, 13. They were blessed with twin grandsons, Tyree and Taron Sharpe, 2.

Stacey grew up and received her early education in East Orange, NJ. After graduating from East Orange High School in 1985 Stacey went on to graduate and receive her Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science from Hampton University, Hampton, VA in 1989. She furthered her education by getting her Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Phoenix University.

After graduating from college Stacey began her career at Schindler Elevator Company in Morristown, NJ, then moving on to Prudential Insurance Company in Newark, NJ. After leaving Prudential, Stacey make the decision to pursue her passion for educating children. It was at George Washington Carver School in East Orange, NJ where Stacey found her place to follow this dream and began her 12 year teaching career. While teaching at George Washington Carver School she not only inspired and educated the students she also served as the school union representative. She was a member of the East Orange Education Association, the Essex County Education Association, the New Jersey Education Association and the National Education Association. In 2012 Stacey was rewarded for her hard work and commitment as an educator at the school by being chosen "Teacher of the Year." At George Washington Carver School Stacey was loved and will be greatly missed by the faculty, staff and students. Stacey was active in her community through membership in the Women's Club of Belleville and by volunteering at her children's schools.

Stacey cherished time spent traveling with her husband, being with her children and grandchildren and family game nights. She will be remembered for the love she had for them and the joy they brought to her life. Stacey enjoyed cooking new recipes, shopping, taking naps and reading on her nook.

Precious memories remain with those who loved her dearly: her loving and devoted husband, Kenneth Sharpe; two wonderful children, Devin Sharrod and Danielle Kayla; dedicated mother, Etta M. Griffin; caring father, Lewis M. Griffin; brother, Leland M. Griffin (Vanessa); grandsons, Taron and Tyree Sharpe; special mother, Katie Sharpe; aunts Shirley Edwards (Charles Edwards Sr.) and Gwendolyn Lewis. Stacey is mourned by her sisters in law, brothers in law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. Stacey touched the lives of many with her winning personality, wisdom, humor, generosity and love for others. She will be missed.

You'll Never Walk Alone

**When you walk through a storm
Keep your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark
At the end of a storm is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark
Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Tho' your dreams
Be tossed and blown
Walk on
Walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone
You'll never walk alone**

Pall Bearers

Leland Griffin	Lance Browning
Charles Edwards Jr.	George Browning IV
Terrance Browning	Arthur Sharpe Jr.

Acknowledgement

Our humble hearts are filled with love and gratitude for the many kind expressions extended to us. All acts of love, sympathy and compassion are deeply appreciated. We will be forever grateful for all remembrances which helped us in our time of sorrow. May God richly bless each and every one of you.

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