

*In Loving Memory of*



*Shanese A. Gunn*

***Sunrise: November 10, 1989***

***Sunset: June 28, 2017***

**Service**

***Wednesday, July 5, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.***

**GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027**

## Obituary

*Shanese Ariana Gunn, the "middle sister" was born on November 10, 1989 at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx, New York to parents, Rosita Gunn and Palmer Ashe. Shanese lived her very early years on Sedgwick Avenue in the Bronx, a place she would always consider home with her mom and big sister Nikki, whom Shanese looked to as more like a second mom. Shanese was referred to as Princess throughout life by her big sister, a reference Shanese accepted with great love even as recent as their last phone call.*

*During her pre-school years, Shanese was reading well beyond her grade level and building a strong vocabulary for such a little girl. Known for being smart and very articulate, she would use words that would make adults scratch their heads. Her choice words were a part of her character and always appropriately used to make a "Shanese point".*

*At age five, Shanese and her mom moved to Towson, Maryland where she then became a big sister to Kamaria. As Kamaria would say, "an awesome big sister".*

*Continuing to excel in education, she developed her love for the arts, theater and literature. Shanese performed leading roles in plays such as "Into the Woods" and "Annie". Shanese was a lover of fairytales. Her all time favorite was "Beauty and the Beast". Shanese's passion for reading often times landed her in trouble for neglecting her chores leaving mom with the only feasible punishment, "no more reading for the rest of the day".*

*Shanese graduated from C. Milton Wright High School and went on to Neumann College in Aston, Pennsylvania where she majored in English.*

*Shanese was a grandma's girl. Her grandmother loved and cherished her and would have given her the world. Shanese would tell her grandmother of her dreams of vacationing in Paris and possibly settling in Malibu and becoming a mom. Shanese was such a big dreamer.*

*Many lives were touched by this sweet, quirky, high pitched voice young woman. All would say to know her was to love her. Shanese was a beautiful spirit that will live in each of us.*

*We will miss you Princess.*

*Shanese leaves behind: her mother, Rosita Gunn; her father, Palmer Ashe; sisters, Kamaria Gunn and Nicole Singleton; brother-in-law, Karriem Singleton; grandmother, Lottie Darden; nephews, Karriem and Nyeem; a niece, Laila; aunts, Denise Darden and Tunisia Green; uncle, Andrew Darden; her closer cousin/sister/best friend, Quana; and a host of family and friends.*

# Order of Service

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*Selection*

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*Interment*

*Bel Air Memorial Gardens  
Bel Air, MD*

# *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 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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