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Obituary

Layla Jasmine Mitchell to her loving parents Sterling Hakeem and Monica Dani Mitchell.

She attended Nicolaus Copernicus School #25 where she would have been going to the 3rd grade.

Layla was a member of the Abundant Joy Community Church. Layla loved attending church, she especially loved singing in the children's choir. Her favorite gospel song was "Every Praise", she couldn't wait to sing her solo part, "God my Savior, God my healer, God my deliverer, yes he is, yes he is."

Layla loved to make up songs. These are the words from the last song she composed, "Family is my friends, and I thank God, I thank God for every friend. I thank him for loving me, for having a family. I enjoy it so much I thank him for letting me have a family. It makes me feel so happy, I have everybody in my family who cares about me. I know people care about me. I thank God for that I thank him so much. He is the best thing in my life. I love my family. He helps me I want to protect everyone in my life but I can't do it, as hard as I try."

More than singing, she loved dancing, and dancing she did, at the house, out of the house, at the restaurant, any where she went. If she heard music she danced. If there wasn't any music she made her own.

Layla loved people. You could find her helping her family members at anytime. She especially loved helping her grandmother, great grandmother and great aunt. She would always say, "Do you need anything?, Do you want me to rub your legs, your feet, or your back?" She was so considerate. She often spoke about helping people in need, especially the homeless. She had such a good heart to be only a child, and she left an impression on all who met her. She was just special. Layla leaves her loving parents, Sterling Hakeem and Monica Mitchell; sisters, Sierra Edwards and Amirah Mitchell; grandmother, Linda Mitchell; grandfather, Daniel Edwards; aunts and uncles, Shaniqua and Simon Calender, Natalie and Terrence Bell, Kimberly and Kevin Ewell; great grandmother, Alberta Miller; great aunt, Dorothy Maureen Smith; special cousins, Madyson Ford, Rickie and Jarrett Smith and Aunt Jacqueline Anderson; classmate, Evan Del Rio; friends, Jayla and Mason Chin and best cousin and friend Nia Smith; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Missing You Always

You never said I'm leaving You never said goodbye, You were gone before we knew it And only God knows why.

A million times I needed you A million times I cried, If love alone could have saved you You never would have died.

> In life I loved you dearly In death I love you still, In my heart I hold a place That only you can fill.

It broke my heart to lose you But you didn't go alone, As part of me went with you The day God took you home. From Grandma



Saturday, August 5, 2017 - 10:00am **Porter Memorial C.O.G.I.C.** 677 Ocean Avenue Jersey City New Jersey 07305 **Supt. Nathaniel Porter, Pastor Dr. Williard Ashley, Eulogist**

<u>Order of Service</u>

Organ Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Consolation



Scripture Reading Old Testament (Psalm 23).....First Lady Pamela Bell Soul Saving COGIC New Testament (John 14:1-4)....Sis. Vernice England

Prayer of Comfort ... Reverend Dr. Willard W. C. Ashley, Sr.

Musical Selection......Minister Ericka Streeter-Adams

Acknowledgements, Obituary, Poem Minister Darlissa McGill

Musical Selection..... Sis Jennie Levine

Eulogy...... Reverend Dr. Willard W. C. Ashley, Sr. Senior Pastor Abundant Joy Community Church, Jersey City, NJ

Musical Tribute......"Every Praise".....Congregation

Final Viewing

Benediction/Recessional

Recessional Hymn

<u>Interment</u>

Bayview Cemetery Jersey City, New Jersey

A Letter From Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me And I'm not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today; While thinking of the many things We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me As much as I love you; And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The Family of the Late Layla Mitchell wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, comforting words, and prayers shown during our time of bereavement.

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