



FROM THE BEGINNING IT'S ALWAYS BEEN US

By ancestry we are first cousins, yet God destined us to be sisters from the start. Growing up, we were each other's first best friend, partner in crime, and confidant. They say that confirmation comes in threes, and our positioning in our family, as well as here on earth solidified the purpose for our existence.

Born a little over a year apart, the names given to us at birth, from the oldest to the youngest, formed the acronym BAD (Blake, Alex, Demi). The unique establishment of BAD created a formidable trio of sisters who from the start were always together... when you saw one...you knew that the other two were within hollering distance. We were known as BAD, not in literal terms, but for recognition.

From the start, it's always been us sharing all facets of our lives together, cheering each other on, supporting each other's dreams, and on call for come what may. We sealed many pacts together and kept countless secrets that only us three will ever know. One of our happiest moments was being there to celebrate each other's graduations from high school and college, and obtaining degrees in the fields of Law, Forensic Science, and Social Work.

Our placement in BAD, as well as our purpose, was clearly delineated. Blakeney was the thinker, leader, voice of reason, maternal one, and our accountability. You (Alex) were the feeler, encourager, our champion, the balance, and the optimistic one. Demi was the spontaneity, protector, risk taker, humorous, and adventurous one. Together we formed a dynamic trio who were on a mission and commissioned for a purpose.

Just as a three-strand cord is intertwined together and very difficult to break, so is our three stranded sisterly bond. No separation in life could break our bond, and the same holds true in death. Though our "A" and brace is no longer visible on this side of Heaven, we know that you are ever present in the invisible realm still championing and cheering us on. Three sisters we were and still are, and our sisterly bond as one will always be a powerful force to be reckoned with.

From the Beginning It's Always Been Us, and Through Eternity it will continue to be Us...BAD (Blake, Alex, Demi)!

We Love You Always & Forever Al
Your Sisters,
Blakeney & Demi



NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Alexandria Nicole Parks would like to express our sincere thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, tributes, and other acts of kindness shown to us during this time. A special thank you to Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Keith Connor, Nobel Guest, Tangela Caldwell, and others who took part in Alex's home-going ceremony. As we begin our journey toward peace and healing, we also pray that God will continue to bestow blessings and favor upon you all.

FLOWER BEARERS AND PALL BEARERS

Friends & Family



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Celebration of Life for

*Alexandria
Nicole Parks*

November 3, 2022 2:00 PM
Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church
913 North Highland Street
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052
Dr. Kimberly D. Moore, Officiating



—ORDER OF SERVICE—



Prelude	
Visitation	1:00 pm until 1:30 pm
Processional	
Omega Omega Service	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Opening Hymn	Let Me Ride Minister Davia Caldwell Floyd
Invocation	Apostle James Setzer
Scripture Old Testament	Reverend Rodney Glover
New Testament	Reverend Marilyn Hinton
Remarks (2 Minutes Please)	DAndre Nixon Apostle James Setzer
Tribute	Blakeney Brown-Jamison Demi Davis
Selection	I Shall Wear A Crown Mr. Keith Connor
Words of Comfort	Dr. Kimberly D. Moore
Recessional	What Are They Doing In Heaven Today

—Interment—

Rose Hill Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina



On Friday, October 11, 1991, God opened the *Book of Life* and sent an angel, Alexandria Nicole Parks, to James Alexander Parks & Marlene Davis Parks, whom God had chosen as her earthly parents. Affectionately known as Alex, Al, AP, Ally Cat, and Auntie Al, she beautifully and lovingly graced this earth with her presence for 31 years. Yet, early Monday morning, on October 24, 2022, Alex heard God’s voice calling her to her Heavenly home, and she respectfully and graciously complied with His request.

Alex had a smile that would light up any atmosphere, and her welcoming demeanor made it easy for others to approach her. She loved, loved her family and friends, and she would show you in a myriad of ways as she went about embracing life and those closest to her. Alex also loved her two children, her dogs, Jade and Ruby that she had since their birth, and they brought her much joy and companionship.

At the young age of nine, Alex joined the Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church where she took part in the EMBC Steppers 4 Christ Team, Girl Scouts, Shabach Praise Dancers, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and more. Alex was also active in several community organizations during her life, and she was one of the founding members of the Gashouse Steppers Step Team, which won many competitions and received countless accolades.

Academically Alex excelled as she was on the Honor Roll throughout her secondary school career. She was a 2009 graduate of Highland School of Technology where she was a cheerleader and participated in various school activities. Additionally, Alex also had a passion and love for science where she naturally shined choosing the Health Sciences Academy/Medical Science Pathway as her course of study while at Highland.

Alex continued her academic pursuits at Western Carolina University obtaining a BS degree in Forensic Science in May 2013. She also achieved her dream when she pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated through the Pi Gamma Chapter at Western Carolina University. She was the #1 on the Spring 2011 line, and she loved Delta Sigma Theta which she illustrated by often adorning her Delta Sigma Theta paraphernalia. Alex was employed by ACE Financial Services where she shined as a Customer Service Representative. Her customers at ACE loved Alex, because she was always very helpful, caring and considerate of people, especially senior adults.

Alex is preceded in death by her father James A. Parks, maternal grandmother; Doris J. Davis, paternal grandparents; Bobby and Irene Parks, and niece, Kaydence Trammell Meeks.

She leaves behind to cherish and love: her mother, Marlene Davis of Gastonia, NC; sisters, Takara Davis and Tiffany Huskey of Gastonia, NC; aunts, Deborah Davis, Phyllis Davis-Brown, Jada Fewell (Tony) of Gastonia, NC, Rosalind Davis (Kim) of Dallas, NC, Gloria Peters (Harry), and Franda Cook (Marvin) of Gastonia, NC; uncles, Bobby Parks, Jr. (Yvonne) of Winston Salem, NC, Eric Parks (Lula Mae) of Gastonia, NC, and Tommie Davis (LaShonda) of Stanley, NC; sister/cousins, Blakeney Brown-Jamison (Sean), and Demi Davis; special nephew, Darron Ratchford, Jr. (Deuce), special friend, Marquis Whisnant, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

