### **Flower Bearers**

**Erica** Jones **Patricia Williams** 

**Iesha Roberts** Nerissa McDowell Lafrea Ross **Jasmine Sanders Tanesha Roberts** 

**Pall Bearers Shawn Williams** Leon Thurman O. J. Ross

### Acknowledgement

We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our friends, church members and extended family for your many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each one of you.

The Family of Ms. Demetra Shondell Ponder

## **Rest In Peace My Friend**

If tears could build a stairway And memories were a lake We would walk right up to Heaven And bring you back again. No farewell words were spoken No time to say good bye. You were gone before we knew it And only God knows why. Our hearts still ache in sadness And secret tears still flow What it meant to lose you No one will ever know. But now we know you don't want us To mourn for you no more. To remember all the happy times Life still has much in store. Since you'll never be forgotten We pledge to you today A hallowed place within our heart Is where you'll always stay.

I'll forever love you; keep you in my heart always and forever Love you Always, Iesha Roberts "E Your Ickabod"

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Sumrise: May 13, 1978

# A Celebration of Life For

# Ms. Demetra Shondell Ponder

Sunset: October 26, 2020

Saturday, November 7, 2020 3:00 PM S. T. Enloe Memorial Chapel Shelby, North Carolina Minister Dimayquoaye Smith, Officiant Minister Sharon Crank, Eulogist

## ~ OBITUARY ~

Ms. Demetra Shondell Ponder departed this life for eternal peace on Monday, October 26, 2020 at Caromont Regional Medical Center in Gastonia, NC. She was born on May 13, 1978 in Cleveland County, NC to Connie L. Ponder and the late David G. Lawrence.

Demetra was a 1996 graduate of Shelby High School. She enlisted in the US Army and served from December 30, 1997 to January 15, 2004 having served during the Iraq War with a tour of duty in Afghanistan for one year. Demetra enjoyed being around others and she loved singing and dancing.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Jessie B. Ponder and Johnnie G. Ponder and her paternal grandparents, Emma Lawrence and Grady Lawrence.

She leaves to cherish her memory to her mother, Connie L. Ponder of Shelby; her children, Khiecia K. Ponder of Charlotte, NC and Thomas Robinson of Kings Mountain, NC; sisters, Tammy S. Ponder of Shelby and Latesha Muhammed of AZ; a brother, Antonio M. Ponder of Shelby; great-grandmother, Connie M. Surratt of Shelby and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



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Interment with Military Rites Sunset Cemetery Shelby, NC



## ~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

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Minister	Sharon	Crank
Bishop	James	Wiley