

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 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.
- Alena Hakala Meadows-

CARILBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

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IN APPRECIATION

The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation and
gratitude for your words of comfort, prayers, and other acts of
kindness shown to us during our time of sorrow. May God
forever bless each of you!

With Love,

The Marks-Emerson, & Small Family

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CELEBRATING THE
WONDERFUL LIFE

of

ASHLEY

Lavonne Marks

JULY 23, 1990 | JANUARY 13, 2022

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022 - 11:00AM

Wayman Temple AME South Campus
8855 Sanchez Road

Reverend Reginald Johnson, Officiating
Pastor Mark L. Griffin, Sr. Pastor Presiding

"Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me"

Obituary

Ashley LaVonne Marks was born on July 23, 1990 in Miramar, Florida, to Herman Norris and Kimberly Marks. Ashley received her high school diploma in the Miami and Volusia County School system.

Ashley was a high-spirited child due to Autism and her Developmental Delay. This never stopped Ashley from being a happy go lucky child and adult. She loved playing basketball, dancing, listening to music, going shopping, watching Barney, swimming, dressing up, being with people, and most of all going to church. Every Sunday morning without fail she would tell you she had to put on her dress, stockings, and black shoes. She loved to be in the presence of the Lord. She would sing songs with her grandmother who was always singing to her. She loved her grandmother, Auntie Bon, Cool Ed, and Uncle Matt. Spending time with them was the ultimate outing for her. In Miami Rev. Kevin Desire and Rev. Conrad Jenkins were her best buddies. If Ashley was acting out, one of them would talk to her and she would calm down and be just fine. Somehow, she understood about having a spiritual connection with people of God. As we struggled with her disability, Ashley progressed to the best of her ability and always had a smile on her face and would always say "I love you". When asked, "how ya doing Ash?", she would always answer, "Fine!" She always wanted to help with any and everything. She wanted to be apart of whatever anyone was doing. We always had to watch her because she didn't know a stranger and she had a trusting spirit.

Ashley participated in Special Olympics and was so proud to bring home awards and metals. She loved to buy clothes and would make up an excuse to change clothes regularly. After moving to Deland, Florida, Ashley found many new best friends but her best new buddies were Bernard Gibson and "Johnson". Rev. Johnson never tried to get her to call him Rev. or Pastor, and he was always happy to greet her as she was when greeting him on Sunday mornings or on any other occasion. Again, always clinging to a spiritual person. God brought so much joy into her life despite her health issues. Ashley gave our family and so many others so much joy as well.

On January 13, 2022, Ashely was called home to be with the Lord. She closed her eyes and began singing with the angels "It is Well with My Soul". Leaving to remember this beautiful baby girl is her mother Kimberly Marks-Emerson, sisters: Tracy Marks and Aysha Washington; brother: Chason Marks; aunts: LaVonne Small of Deland Florida, Angela Dawson (Michael) of Baton Rouge, LA., Tammie Emerson of Savannah, GA. (Matthew), and Carol Marks of Marianna, FL; uncles: Edward A. Small, II. of Deland, FL, and Daniel Marks of Miami, FL., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Goodnight, rest with the Lord till we meet again.



Order of Service

REV. MARK L. GRIFFIN, PRESIDING

Parting Glance

Processional

Song of Praise

Invocation

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Solo

Resolution

Hymn

Words of Comfort

Recessional

I Thank you Lord

Oh Happy Day

Rev. Conrad Jenkins

Rev. Kevin Desire
Rev. F. Mechelle Brown

Rev. Kevin Desire

P. Wilson

There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit

Rev. Johnson

I Love to Praise His Name