



Okemia L. Epps

March 29, 1970 - December 2, 2012

In Baltimore, Maryland, on Easter Sunday, March 29, 1970, God blessed the union of Gregory and Patsy Epps with the birth of a bouncing and delightful baby girl, OKEMIA LASTECIA EPPS; a very precious gift, a rare jewel, a bright and shiny star, a beautiful flower. Suddenly and without one goodbye, Okemia departed this life during the early hours on December 2, 2012, in Baltimore.

Okemia and her sister, Nichelle were raised together in nurturing Christian Home, surrounded by love, support and guidance from their parents. She was taught positive values, manners and morals at a very young age. Her large extended family of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins reinforced all of the teachings of her parents and provided her with additional love, guidance and support during her developmental years throughout adulthood. She learned early in life that in every situation to always do what is right and to treat others in the manner you wish to be treated. It was not long before it was recognized that Okemia was, indeed, a "very special person". It was during those formative years that a relative gave her the nickname "Mommie" and it was not long before everyone began calling Okemia "Mommie".

As a child and adolescent, Mommie attended the Saint Paul Baptist Church. She later joined and was baptized by the late Dr. George A. Crawley, Jr., and became an active member. She participated in the Youth Department, Sunday

School and Vacational Bible School. She delighted in being a member of the Church's Girl Scout Troop and developed a lifetime bond with the troop leader, the late Sister Helen Woods. Needless to say, Okemia got away with what others could not, "she was special".

Mommie attended Baltimore City Public School; Cecil Elementary, Hamilton Middle and Eastern High Schools. Upon graduated, she enrolled in a health care training program and earned her certification, Mommie worked for a number years at various health care facilities in the area. In 2011, she landed the job of her dreams, she became a driver with Veolia Transportation (MTA). She often exclaimed to her sister and others "I love my job" She enjoyed her work and looked forward to going each day.

As a young Mom, Mommie worked hard to provided for herself and for her daughter, Meishon, and yes, sometimes there were struggles along the way, but Mommie preserved through the difficult times. She realized that all of her good days outweighed the bad days and she would not complain. Mommie also knew that she could depend on the close knit Williams and Epps families for assistance in every situation and they knew that Mommie reciprocated, if there was anything she could do for others. It was done, when Mommies had everyone had, she would share her last . You see Mommie had a huge giving heart a servant's heart forever concerned about the welfare of others. Mommie loved life and she loved people. Always encouraging others to reach their fullest potential. She wanted everyone to live the best life possible. She was people" full of joy and infectious happiness, she was "special"

When Mommie entered a room, the room belonged to her. Her radiance, her captivating presence, her joy, her laughter, her goodness and her light so shone that it illuminated the room and everyone in it Nothing or no could ever take that away from her Again, just 'special" She was family peace keeper.

The close knit first cousins who grew up as sisters and brothers often told Mommie not to tell when up to youthful pranks explorations.

Mommie could not keep the secret. When pressed by her mother, aunts and /or Grandparents, honest Mommie told the truth, even when implicating herself. On occasion, she was jokingly called “:the tattler -tale”.

Mommie loved to entertain to cook and to decorate. She was excellent dancer and she absolutely loved the King of Pop – Michael Jackson. She was known for the weekend cookouts, family get- togethers and her annual “all -white” party to celebrate her birthday. Interior design was a favorite hobby and herhome, the exterior and interior, was decorated for every holiday and occasion, Her vintage movies. Mommie was die-hard Raven's fan. A perfect evening for Mommie would be a fantastic dinner and watching a great movie a great movie with family and friends or even alone. She really being comfortable at home, she was content in every situation. Mommie was “special” .

And so our flower has faded, the jewel no longer shines, the laughter is now an echo and the flame, not even an ember, all gone much too soon; as it is in all things. For as it is written in the Scriptures “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever. (Isaiah 40:7-8 KJV). And so we take comfort in God's Word and stand on his promises. “Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” (Corinthians 5:6-8 KJV) Okemia is now absent from her body and she is present with Lord. We

also confident that through our belief, our faith and obedience we will see “Mommie” again. Until then, we will forever, forever, and forever bask in her afterglow, holding fast and cherishing the dear and precious memories. Okemia “Mommie” Lastecia Epps, Oh so “special” in our hearts and minds.

Okemia leaves to mourn their loss, her devoted daughter, Meishon Latriese Moore; loving parents, Patsy and Gregory Epps; sister, Nichelle Shakira Epps; grandmothers, Alverta, Williams and Delores Epps God -children, Donald Jackson, Allen Johnson and Shakia Brown; dear friend, William Cunningham and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends, all of Baltimore, Grandfathers Charles S. Williams and Malikiah Epps preceded her in death. Lovingly Submitted; The Family

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill

5829 Ritchie Highway
Brooklyn, MD 21230

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Wake

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul Baptist Church
The Alameda & 33rd
Baltimore, MD 21218

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Okemia L. Epps*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Carletta Lewis lit a candle in memory of Okemia L. Epps*



carletta lewis - December 09, 2012 at 03:02 PM



“ *Jay Jackson lit a candle in memory of Okemia L. Epps*



jay jackson - December 09, 2012 at 09:27 AM



“ *May God bless her daughter and the rest of her family. I never met her but I can tell she was a pretty special person.*

Jessica Price - December 08, 2012 at 01:34 PM

KB

“ *Kizzy Bivins lit a candle in memory of Okemia L. Epps*



Kizzy Bivins - December 07, 2012 at 01:12 PM

MF

“ *Margaret Fortune lit a candle in memory of Okemia L. Epps*



Margaret Fortune - December 07, 2012 at 07:38 AM

MS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - December 04, 2012 at 09:14 PM

KC

“ To the family of Ms. Epps, I am truly sadden by her death. I was her bailiff in the courtroom on Friday when she came to get a stay-away order or him. I didn't know her at all, but I know that she was a great person. Before she left the courthouse, I gave her a hug and told her keep her chin up everything will be ok. Please know that Okemia and her family are in my thoughts and prayers. God Be With all of you. R.I.P. Ms. Epps.



Sincerely
Kathy Conrad, Bailiff
North Ave. Court

Kathy Conrad - December 04, 2012 at 06:32 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 04, 2012 at 12:28 PM

VM

I was so stunned to hear of the tragic passing of my Cecil Elementary #7 classmate...we shared many fun times and I remember her being affectionately called "Mommie." God Bless her family especially her daughter. May the Lord keep you in perfect peace during your time of bereavement.

-VRM-

V. Renee McKee - December 04, 2012 at 03:09 PM

HC

Sorry for your loss. This has indeed been a stunning loss for this time of year. May Blessings be with you.

Harold Crosland - December 05, 2012 at 11:20 AM

MF

To the family of Okemia (Mommie) , You were so blessed to have had such a wonderful daughter ,sister and mom, she was truly a blessing. She had a personality, that was truly to be envied.She was my customer,for a little more than four years,but it seems as if I had known her for a life time, Mommie was the only customer who could turn my well known infinite "No" , into a "OK Mommie!,She was bold, courageous,confident and more than anything she had a heart of GOLD and a laugh that could make a lemon smile ! She will never be forgotten,I truly loved her and always will. "May God Bless You All And Continual To Comfort You Though These Tough Times". Love you all, Ms Margaret

Margaret Fortune - December 07, 2012 at 05:22 AM

DW

May God bless and keep your family in your time of bereavement and give you peace.

Dale Wilson

Dale Wilson - December 07, 2012 at 07:16 AM

KB

I lived on Swansea with Mommie for a little over 5 years. In that time, she became a good friend to me and an aunt to my children. We laughed, cried and shared many good moments together. She supported me and my children and we supported her. I can still remember her smile and warm personality that made you instantly gravitate to her. She loved everyone. She had no problem opening her doors to anyone, She had such a motherfully spirit about her. My days haven't been the same since I heard of this tragedy, I've lost a good friend but the world lost one of God's best angels. My prayers go out to her daughter, family and friends. She will NEVER be forgotten. Mommie - you will always be in our hearts.

Kizzy, Makhai, Maliek & Elizah

Kizzy Bivins - December 07, 2012 at 01:10 PM

VD

To just come home and to hear this hurt's "love you Mommie you were a big sis and mom... you and the family have my condolences and had good times with u..R.I.P

Veronica (Tweety)

Veronica Davis - December 07, 2012 at 07:43 PM

RJ

I am so sorry for your loss

Roslyn Jennings - December 09, 2012 at 03:00 PM