



Sarnya Michelle Howard

June 18, 1964 - February 28, 2015

Sarnya Michelle Howard, “Big Ma” was born June 18, 1964 in Richmond, VA, to Dorothy Mae and the late Theodore Louis James, Sr. She was the eldest of two girls and two boys from this union. She departed this life unexpectedly on February 28, 2015. She was educated in the Richmond Public School System where she attended Armstrong-Kennedy High School and graduated in June 1984.

Sarnya loved going to church. In 1985, she gave her life to the Lord. She was a member of St. James UHC in Richmond, Va. She loved bible study on Wednesday nights and was always full of questions, willing and eager to learn more and more about the Lord. She cried because she couldn’t go to church the day before her leg amputation, that’s how much she enjoyed worshipping the Lord in His house.

Sarnya was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She was known to the kids and others as “Big Ma.” She was a people person that loved to tell jokes and make you laugh. One of the words she always say when you converse with was “Cool”.Saryna was very out spoken and said what she meant. Sometimes she would say something and you’d ask yourself did she just say that..yes she did. She was never one to bite her tongue for anybody. If you needed a place to stay she would make her home available to you. Although she fussed about it, she wouldn’t see you in the streets

nevertheless. When you were ending a telephone conversation with her, she would always say "I love you, smootchesss!" Sarnya was very well loved by all who were connected or associated to her.

Sarnya was preceded in death by her father, Theodore Louis James, Sr. whom she loved dearly. She leaves to cherish her memories her loving and devoted husband, Tony Howard; two daughters, Shandra Burney and Alexandra Howard; one son, Glenn Burney; three grandchildren, Tyshawn Burney, Marquel Longus and Eleisha Longus; mother, Dorothy James; sister, Sherita Davis (William); two brothers, Terrence James (Sharon) and Timothy James, Sr. (Gwendolyn); two devoted family friends, Michelle Robinson and Glenn Walker; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAR 6. 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

viewing

MAR 6. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sarnya Michelle Howard*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Valorie Wesson lit a candle in memory of Sarnya Michelle Howard*



Valorie Wesson - March 07, 2015 at 07:54 AM



Elder James - our prayers are with you and the family. The VA District Ushers/Nurses Department were saddened by the loss of your Daughter...know that God had her in His Plan all the time.

Valorie Wesson - March 07, 2015 at 07:57 AM



“ *TO MY FRIEND :*
We just thought we would say
We love you
We will miss you dearly
We promise we won't cry.
We don't want to say goodbye
But we'll meet again someday
We'll pick up where we left off
From your friends,
Brother Henry and Minster Jacqueline Thorne and family

Henry@ Jacqueline Thorne - March 04, 2015 at 07:55 AM

HT

“ Henry Thorne lit a candle in memory of Sarnya Michelle Howard



henry thorne - March 04, 2015 at 07:49 AM

JT

“ Jacqueline Thorne lit a candle in memory of Sarnya Michelle Howard



jacqueline thorne - March 04, 2015 at 07:46 AM

CB

“ I will miss her smile and hearing her say "Hey, Mrs. Connie"



Connie Brewster - March 04, 2015 at 06:08 AM

LC

“ Lucille Burney Cuffy purchased the A Devoted Heart Casket Insert for the family of Sarnya Michelle Howard.



Lucille Burney Cuffy - March 03, 2015 at 04:46 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 - March 02, 2015 at 05:32 PM

SH

May your family receive comfort during this time of sadness and know that there will come a time when "death will be no more". Rev. 21:1-4

Sharon Harris - March 03, 2015 at 07:20 AM

SD

Will miss you peeping at me saying hey auntie

sarah b daniels - March 03, 2015 at 07:40 AM

SF

May the cherished memories of your loved help you through this difficult time. Our loving God gave us the wonderful hope of the resurrection at John5:28,29.

St. John family - March 03, 2015 at 05:23 PM

SF

*May memories of Sarnya sustain and strengthen you as you navigate the difficult days ahead. Please accept my condolences.
Sandra McWilliams Francis*

Sandra McWilliams Francis - March 06, 2015 at 09:07 PM