



Takisha Stokes

August 13, 1978 - November 26, 2015

On August 13, 1978, the Lord sent to us one of his most precious angels, Takisha Cozette Stokes, to spiritually author the narrative of a selfless woman with unwavering faith. Takisha's story started when she was born to the late Eugene Stokes and Nellie Hunt Stokes in Danville, Virginia. With insurmountable faith as her guide and her beloved mother by her side, Takisha peacefully returned to her heavenly father on Thursday, November 26, 2015. After a short but courageous battle with cancer, she surrendered to the will of God with the same fearless spirit with which she lived and accepted that her task on Earth was complete. Though her time here with us on Earth was short, her impact was undeniably significant.

As the only child, Takisha was lovingly nurtured by her parents. She was baptized at an early age at Sassafras Grove Baptist Church in Yanceyville, North Carolina. Desiring to experience God in a personal way, Takisha frequently attended Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland and her family's bible study groups. A strong believer in the power of prayer, Takisha started a private text-based prayer line with a small group of persons she considered to be her spiritual warriors. It continues in her memory.

Takisha was a very smart child who never took for granted the value of an education. She attended and graduated Magnum Cum Laude from Bartlett Yancey Senior High School in 1996. Takisha furthered her education at North

Carolina Central University where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. Fully immersing herself in the world of academia, Takisha held the honorable esteem of president of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society and graduated in the Class of 2000 as a Cum Laude scholar. While getting the college experience was important, it was no substitute for a home cooked meal and no competition to precious time spent with loved ones. Without fail, she went home every weekend from college to care for her “mama” and grandmother.

Her love for scholarship and service led her to join Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated with 93 sisters on November 21, 1999 through the Alpha Lambda Chapter. She served on the Educational Development Committee, with most of her work focusing on the America Reads Initiative. Not just a Delta by name, she continuously supported the ideals of her sisterhood and personal endeavors of her line sisters. In 2008, she became a member of the Baltimore Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter. Takisha could be counted on to support transformational programs that had a significant impact on the local community in the areas of political awareness and youth programming.

Service was a common thread throughout Takisha’s life. She contributed over a decade of service to underserved and emotionally challenged youth in the District of Columbia, Baltimore and Virginia areas as a special educator and mental health counselor. Takisha’s loving spirit allowed her to accept all clients as they were but it was this same loving spirit that would not allow her to leave them unchanged. She unapologetically challenged them to demand more of themselves. Because of her rapport with them, her clients were willing to go the distance to meet the challenge. She would not allow others to be, feel or remain a victim of their circumstances so, she motivated her clients to become the authors of their own destiny. Where society had placed periods, Takisha gave her clients the resources needed to replace those periods with commas and the audacity to write more pages. When no longer able to give of her time

at her job, Takisha shared with the world her gift of writing. Until the last few days of her life, Takisha was a publicist who wrote persuasive press releases for small businesses.

What is it that we remember when we think of Takisha Stokes? Her sense of humor? Her affectionate smile? Her passion for social justice? The innumerable times we hit for ingenious, satirical, highly-opinionated social media posts? While all of these may be true, none compare to remembering how she made us feel. Her selflessness, thoughtfulness and loyalty to relationships made us feel valued and important. Takisha treasured her time with family and valued her friendships that grew from professional relationships or sisterly bonds with childhood friends. Her love understood no boundaries and was not predicated upon how much you gave to her first or in return. Her actions showed it and our hearts felt it!! She loved and looked out for her cousins, especially Tammy, Shannon, Shawn and Antoine as if they were her brothers and sisters. She worried about (her Mama and Buddy Boy), frequently called (Aunt Florence and Adell) and randomly took road trips to visit or support her elderly (Uncle Johnny) and younger family members as if she were their caretakers. Whether donating clothes to a food drive, helping others to write essays or sending a card to someone in need, friends could depend on Takisha to support them in reaching their dreams and getting through their biggest life moments with as much passion as she pursued her own.

There is no love like a mother's love and there was no tighter bond like the one shared between Takisha and her mother. Takisha's love and admiration for her mother is best described in her own words: "There's something to be said about a God-fearing woman who prays for me, is always by my side, and never fails to remind me of God's goodness. She loves me unconditionally and never waivers in her commitment to see me through this battle. My

Mother's Love is Priceless!" Takisha took her first and last breaths with her mother by her side and they were there for each other for all the moments in between. What a blessing to experience such love!

Takisha's last days may have been the final chapter to her earthly story, but it can serve as an outline for us who continue to write this book of life—live fearlessly, love without permission, trust in God unwaveringly and believe hard enough in what it is you want so that others are convicted to believe alongside you with the same convincing spirit. She personified how to live, not just survive, through the good and the bad. Her unconquerable spirit, faith, courage and perseverance are qualities we all should aspire to attain. Those impacted and inspired by her story will always be #TeamTakisha.

In addition to her mother Mrs. Nellie Hunt Stokes, Takisha leaves to cherish her memory and tell her story: aunts and uncles, Florence Harrison (James), Izetta Warner (Jacob) and Adell Edmonds (James); uncles, Rev. William Hunt, Chanston Hunt and Lenwood Stokes; great-aunts Susie Williams, Josephine Williams, Welchie Stokes, Addie Stokes; great-uncle Cecil Stokes; great-uncle and godparent, John Fulton; and a host of cousins, other relatives and devoted friends.

Cemetery Details

Sassafras Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

3254 Old Nc Highway 86 N
Yancyville, NC 27379

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sassafras Grove Baptist
3254 Old Nc Highway 86 N
Yancyville, NC 27379

Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sassafras Grove Baptist
3254 Old Nc Highway 86 N
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Tribute Wall



“ *Takisha Stokes*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Roslyn Thorpe lit a candle in memory of Takisha Stokes*



Roslyn Thorpe - December 06, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ *I remember you being a sweet and kind young lady. You touched the hearts of many and was a blessing to all. Rest easy sweet friend.*

Roslyn Thorpe - December 06, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ *Kris Watlington lit a candle in memory of Takisha Stokes*



Kris Watlington - December 03, 2015 at 07:17 AM

JW

“ *Johnnie Kris Watlington lit a candle in memory of Takisha Stokes*



Johnnie Kris Watlington - December 03, 2015 at 07:16 AM

B9

“ *As a collective body, we send our condolences to the Stokes Family during this time and we pray for your strength now and the days to come.*

The Bartlett Yancey High School Class of 1996

Bartlett Yancey High School Class of 96 - December 03, 2015 at 04:42 AM

MF

“ *Mickie Kennedy and eReleases Family purchased the Finest Farewell Spray for the family of Takisha Stokes.*



Mickie Kennedy and eReleases Family - December 02, 2015 at 10:59 AM

Irol
Smith

“ I was out sick from work yesterday. This is the only time I'm able to watch *The View*. I had the immediate urge to text Takisha to discuss the wacky things Raven-Simone had to say. Even in the midst of her battle, she still encouraged me to keep going. My problems were so small compared to what my friend was going through. She really is my hero. My thoughts and prayers are with Takisha's mother, family, and friends. Love and light.



Irol Smith - December 01, 2015 at 02:43 PM

TW

“ To Ms. Nellie and Shannon, please accept my deepest and sincerest condolences on the loss of Takisha. She was a kind spirit and I will never forget her witty humor. It was a real pleasure knowing her. I pray that GOD comforts you during those times when you miss her the most and that one small memory of her is enough to put a smile on your face, letting you know that her presence is still near. She will be dearly missed...

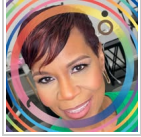
Trish Johnson (March West) - December 01, 2015 at 12:09 PM

NT

“ Nancy Wade Townes lit a candle in memory of Takisha Stokes



Nancy Wade Townes - December 01, 2015 at 10:41 AM



“ I am so grateful to have known such an amazing spirit. Thank you Stokes family for sharing Takisha with us. From a distance she sent prayers and well wishes to me and my family from the time we first met at a PartyLite Candle show. I will light a candle for Takisha on our birthday, Aug. 13, for the rest of my days.



Piper Seven - December 01, 2015 at 04:26 AM



“ Tywanda Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Takisha Stokes



Tywanda Willis - November 30, 2015 at 05:39 PM



“ Dear Stokes Family, Death was not God's original purpose for us. It is something for which we can never be completely prepared. The Bible says: "Time indefinite God has put in our hearts" (Ecclesiastes 3:11) He created us with the desire to live forever. And he opened the way for that desire to be fulfilled at John 3:16.

Michelle - November 29, 2015 at 06:48 PM

AR

“ My heart is sad after learning of the death of Takisha! She was such a loving person.I cherish being her first teacher .And, will remember her smiles and compassion for others.My love and prayers are extended to her Mother who was such a loving and dedicated Mother to Takisha! "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". Rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus,Takisha!



Alice G. Robinson - November 29, 2015 at 06:04 PM

LJ

“ Lonya Johnson lit a candle in memory of Takisha Stokes



Lonya Johnson - November 29, 2015 at 03:27 PM

JJ

“ Jacqueline Jones lit a candle in memory of Takisha Stokes



Jacqueline Jones - November 29, 2015 at 01:05 PM

JJ

My heart is so heavy but I am truly thankful for the life & love of my cousin Takisha Stokes. She became one of God's angel today. She is resting in the arms of God now she is healed.

Jacqueline Jones - November 29, 2015 at 01:08 PM

JJ

May God comfort your family & friends.

jacqueline jones - November 30, 2015 at 02:34 AM

GH

*Even in times like these, we still give God the praise and worship Him. He will continue to bless and keep you. It was a blessing to have known Takisha as a part of our March Funeral Home Family.
Glynis B. Harris*

Glynis B. Harris - December 01, 2015 at 06:13 AM

DW

“ *May God bless and sustain you during this difficult time. Will miss Kisha's warm and inviting smile. Much love to the family.*

Cousin, Donna Alston Wardrick



Donna Alston Wardrick - November 28, 2015 at 09:19 PM



“ *I was so surprised when you came to my 42nd birthday party a few years ago. Going to miss you at Family reunions. Rest in God's arms my dear cousin.*



Yolanda Thomas - November 28, 2015 at 12:52 PM

MB

“ *Monica L. Barbara lit a candle in memory of Takisha Stokes*



Monica L. Barbara - November 28, 2015 at 12:45 PM

RS

“ *Ron Slade lit a candle in memory of Takisha Stokes*



Ron Slade - November 28, 2015 at 12:30 PM

JJ

“ *Jacqueline Jones lit a candle in memory of Takisha Stokes*



Jacqueline Jones - November 28, 2015 at 11:47 AM



“ *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 - November 28, 2015 at 11:18 AM