



Towanda Y. Chesley

October 25, 1965 - December 3, 2024

TOWANDA YVETTE CHESLEY was born on October 25, 1965 to Joyce Giles and the late Pat Lynn; and raised along with her devoted stepfather, Haywood (Nick) Nickels at a young age. She was the eldest of two daughters. On December 3, 2024, she departed this life suddenly after prolonged health challenges.

Towanda was raised in Baltimore and graduated from Perry Hall High School in 1983. On June 28, 1987, Towanda married Eric Chesley. This 22-year union was blessed with two beloved children, Erica and Derrick. Erica and Derrick were the center of her life. She was excited to embark on motherhood and nothing was more special than giving birth to her daughter and two years later, her son. She had the best of both worlds. As a loving mother, Towanda was always there to listen and offer support to her children. Towanda had a kind spirit and had a gift of making people laugh and smile. She showed amazing grace and remarkable strength. As a military family, they traveled throughout the country and abroad to Germany, Derrick's birthplace. Upon return to the United States, Towanda continued her career in retail and retired from the retail industry after 40 years of dedicated service.

At a young age, Towanda enjoyed skating with her sister Leah. In her leisure time, Towanda enjoyed listening to her favorite artist, Prince, watching game tv shows, gathering collectibles, and hosting family and friends for game night. She had a special interest for collecting beanie babies. Towanda shared a unique and deep emotional bond with her mother. Being neighbors to her

mother provided pleasure like none other, allowing access to her mother's joy and love freely. From Towanda's birth to her transition, Joyce, has always been

there, for and with Towanda. Their rooted connection was truly a forever masterpiece. On June 8, 2011, Towanda welcomed her first granddaughter, Desai Chesley who she adored endlessly. Towanda's love for her family was eternal.

Towanda was preceded in death by her dad, Pat Lynn; grandmother, Leah P. Giles; grandfather, Gerald Giles; and seven aunts and uncles. She leaves to

cherish her memory: her mother, Joyce Giles; stepfather, Haywood (Nick) Nickels; daughter, Erica Yvette Chesley-Bogues; son, Derrick Alvin Chesley; granddaughter, Desai Chesley; sister, Leah Giles; a niece Marlene Giles; and an

aunt, Anita Giles. Towanda also leaves behind to cherish one daughter-in-law, Diedre Chesley-Bogues; best friend, Danielle Jennings-Carter; godson, Noah

Cemetery Details

Private

Baltimore, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast For Funeral on Towanda Yvette Chesley in memory of Towanda Y. Chesley*



March Funeral Homes - December 19, 2024 at 02:09 PM

DC

Thanks to all family and friends for coming together and showing love for this occasion. Towanda will be missed but her spirit lives on.

Derrick Chesley - December 30, 2024 at 09:35 AM

 Sandy
Borgioni
Mantik

“ *Towanda and I work side by side for over 16 years. She was the most caring, hardworking and beautiful person to work with. I will miss the days she would say “Sandy, can you help me?” and lunches we had together. I really enjoyed going to her Birthday dinners with her close family and friends. She never worked on her birthday because she said it was a national holiday for her and that, it sure was. Rest easy my dear friend Towanda. Love you my friend*



Sandy Borgioni Mantik - December 31, 2024 at 05:35 PM

NA

“ *Real friends are hard to come by, you are missed and will be missed Tawanda was hard working and a beautiful person. I was bless you have known you, she got me my first little photo id holder. Love always*

Nadia - December 30, 2024 at 10:17 PM

AH

“ *Towanda was just as nice as her smile. I love when she wanted to have game night and we all cooked a dish. She always saw the best in someone and love to keep the peace . Towanda will be missed so much . I loved when she called me and would say Toni I have a question lol and that meant that she need me to help her with something. Love peace and rest you job is done .*

Antionette Harris - December 30, 2024 at 03:42 PM

DJ

“ *Towanda's was a genuine person always willing to help others. She was easy to talk to and always she would see the good in others. She will be missed*



Danielle Jennings - December 30, 2024 at 01:34 PM

EC

“ Hi Ma! Words can't fully capture the depth of my heartbreak, or how much you mean to me. Nobody can love you like a mother and I miss you more than words can say. I wish we had more time together, however I'm so grateful for the time we had and the opportunity to learn so much from you. I pray that as you watch over me that one day I make you as proud to be my mom as I am to be your daughter. Thank you for everything! I love you Mommy 😊.
Love Erica

Erica Chesley-Bogues - December 29, 2024 at 05:55 PM

DA

“ Dad planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Towanda Y. Chesley.

Dad - December 27, 2024 at 09:33 PM

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“ Dad purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Towanda Y. Chesley.



Dad - December 27, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Towanda Y. Chesley.



December 24, 2024 at 02:40 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 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM