



Vanessa Shanton

July 31, 1955 - October 28, 2014

Vanessa Williams Shanton, the daughter of Lillian Williams, beloved granddaughter of Azariah and Helena Williams, was born on July 31, 1955, in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life on October 28, 2014.

At an early age, she attended Faith Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland where she was baptized and received Jesus Christ as her Savior. She began singing at age five on the Children's Choir. Throughout her membership at Faith Baptist Church, she attended Sunday School, Vacation Bible Schools, and participated in Baptist Training Union.

As a young woman, Vanessa joined Mount Zion Baptist Church where she served as a member of the Ushers Board. She was an active and faithful member of the church. Vanessa's husband, also a member, and grandchildren, attended Mount Zion Baptist Church as they all worshipped regularly together.

Vanessa loved reading the Holy Bible at her family's Thursday bible study at the home of her late grandmother, Helena Williams. There she was raised up with her aunts, uncles and cousins. Vanessa was always prepared and ready to read scripture verses that she loved which meant so much to her. Vanessa was noted for her bold stand and witness for the Lord. She would

share her love of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ to her friends, family and co-workers. Vanessa had great faith and was a prayer warrior; and taught her children and grandchildren by example, how to have enduring faith, a life of prayer and a love for God.

Vanessa loved to sing 'praise songs,' cooking and spend time with her family and friends. She was a compassionate, humble person with a kind and loving spirit; always exhibiting the 'fruits of a Godly spirit.' She touched many children and young mothers' lives, such that they called her 'god mother' and 'grandmother.' Vanessa was a daughter, mother, and grandmother; a faith builder and a tower of strength to her family and friends, even to the very end of her life. She would say to those she knew... whatever I go through, 'God has given me great peace' and 'it is well with my soul.'

In 1973, Vanessa graduated as an honor student from Eastern High School, Baltimore, Maryland. During her high school years she was active in sports. As a senior, she was a member of the Math Club, Senior Planning and Yearbook Committee. Several years after high school she began working for the Social Security Administration, in Baltimore, Maryland. She retired July 2014 after 34 years of service.

Vanessa was united in holy matrimony on November 22, 1979, to Charles Robert Shanton; out of this union, she had two daughters Antoinette and Lisa Shanton. She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband, her mother, two grandsons: Jowell and Jamil Gault, one sister-in-law, Julia Knott, a brother, Jerome Fisher, a sister, Iris Brown, five aunts: Agnes Chambers, Dorothy Spriggs, Angelina Harrell, Martha Hall, Mary Davis, three uncles: Thomas Williams, Deacon Charles Chambers Sr. and Reverend Franklin Spriggs, a special dedicated friend, Donna McNair, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 3. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

NOV 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

NOV 4. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2000 E. Belvedere
Baltimore, MD

Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Vanessa Shanton*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *The Jackson Family lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Shanton*



the jackson family - May 13, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ *Vanessa will be greatly missed. She was an encouragement to me through my cancer diagnosis and treatment. We shared survivor stories often. Family she has transitioned to a better place. Hold to God's unchanging hands and the memories you have of Vanessa. She was one of God's Angels.*

Cassandra Levine - November 05, 2014 at 01:30 PM



“ *I will Always Cherish Vanessa she was an Angel sent to me in 1979. She saw me at my lowest point and she Always told me I would be Alright. Just go to God! She had an opportunity to see me at my best for the last 18 years. She will always be in my Heart. She taught me the True meaning of Friendship! I will always read the scriptures she gave me on Forgiveness and Marriage.*

Cynthia Tate - November 05, 2014 at 11:59 AM

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“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Vanessa, what a beautiful person Vanessa was inside and out. I could always count on a friendly smile and a warm hug whenever we encountered one another at work. May God continue to bless and strengthen her family.

Sheryll Morton - November 04, 2014 at 06:59 AM

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“ Your loved one has gone on, but her soul remains. You may not see her, but her memory's still there. Your heart will take time to heal and the sun will shine again as you remember how beautiful Vanessa was & still is on the inside & out. My deepest condolences during this difficult time. May God comfort to your family.



Jill R Avery - November 03, 2014 at 12:49 PM

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“ Flowers bloom , but for a time then fade away, as thoseGod brings into our lives bring Joy into each day . Your love one brought joy to those of us and especially me every day. GOD BE WITH THE SHANTON FAMILY

HOPE NICHOLS - November 02, 2014 at 08:15 AM

DA

“ I would like to express my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one . May the fond memories shared with her be a source of comfort doing this time of grief and pain . John 5 : 28,29

Delores Allen - November 01, 2014 at 08:32 AM

LC

“ *Love, The Mid-Atlantic District, Coach purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Vanessa Shanton.*



Love, The Mid-Atlantic District, Coach - October 31, 2014 at 06:28 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 - October 30, 2014 at 12:18 PM