



Yolanda M. Killian

August 25, 1972 - September 11, 2017

Yolanda Michelè-Lee Killian, a Christian was born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 25, 1972. She passed away at home on September 11, 2017. She is the first born daughter of Dorothy Louise and the late Perry Lee Gwynn. She was the only sister and best friend to Ericka Evette Fleet and had one younger brother Perry, Jr. For short she was simply known as “Yo”. She was the elder stateswoman of the family and gorgeous, poised, professional, dignified, loyal, as well as, a loving daughter, wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend.

She was a typical child coming of age in the 80's a latch key kid who grew up having to be responsible for her younger sister. If she wanted to go to a party, her little sister had to go. That was still the case when she went to the 25th high school reunion festivities, it was Yolanda with “lil Yolanda” tagging along to reconnect with her high school crew. She loved movies then and now. Growing up the family went to the movies at least once a weekend in the summer and almost every major holiday when stores actually used to be closed all day. She kept that love of movies up with her own family and every Friday night like clockwork she had at least 2 or 3 new DVDs in the house for the family to watch.

She was easy on the eyes. She was gorgeous. Those hazel green eyes were so unique. She was the only one in the family with those eyes—we are still trying to figure out whose side of the family they came from. She was always

dressed to the nines when she went to work or was going out somewhere. That's how she captured the attention of her husband, Douglas Killian. He will tell you in a heartbeat she came to the car dealership for some maintenance or repairs he got one look at her "in a suit" and that is all she wrote, he figured out quickly how to muster up some courage and get over there and talk to her. Upon meeting her, he immediately proposed on the spot. She had a hearty laugh at that, but did agree to go out with him on a date. On their first date they went to Baltimore Inner Harbor and talked for hours. That was 1995. Five years later, Valentine's Day 2000 they were married. Twenty-two years later there is no doubt or denying the unconditional love she has had for Doug all these years.

As mom, WOW! , she did everything with and for the benefit of Omar. They have a bond so tight and a playful love for one another that was funny and a joy to watch. She made every back-to-school night, every parent teacher conference, every baseball, football and soccer game. Yolanda was actively involved in every area of his life, in fact, she still has his elementary school, middle school and current high school on speed dial in her cell phone. Her yearly birthday party for Omar was a blast as she made the children's games so much fun and stimulating for all.

Yolanda had an incredible work ethic. At 16 she started working at a local auto insurance company during a co-op and never stopped. She even missed a family Disney trip to stay back and work. On top of her work day she went to college. She obtained an Associate's Degree from Montgomery College, a Bachelors Degree and Master's Degree in Business Administration from University of Maryland University College all while being a full-time insurance professional. Speaking of professional--she knew auto insurance like the back of her hand and was the family's and her colleagues go-to person for information. She was intelligent, loyal and an extraordinary asset to all of her employers. She was employed in the insurance field for over 29 years at Diehl

& Diehl, Allstate Portee Insurance Agency, and for the last 17 years she was a dedicated supervisor at the Maryland Auto Insurance Fund.

She was passionate about family and close friends and took shopping to an artform. Her list of had-to-haves were jewelry, coats, purses, wallets, sexy boots, fabulous shoes and dresses. You would find her with a smile on her face if sitting down to a good meal. A celery or carrot stick did not have a chance, because she nibbled veggies with ranch dressing or salsa practically all day long. She was quick witted, funny, and able to make light of any given situation.

She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved husband Doug, daughter Tyasia, handsome son Omar, mothers Dorothy and Asli, father Fred, sister Ericka, brothers Perry, Jr., Shawn and Darius, nephews Alejandro, Riley, Victor, Rowan and Xavier, nieces Ashley and Noelle, grandmother Arnetta, aunts Brenda, Carla and Deniece and a host of loving relatives, friends, and co-workers.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Laurel
7601 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, MD 20707
(301) 490-1550
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Yolanda M. Killian*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I was thinking about your mom just yesterday and I find your obituary today! I remember you and Erica when you lived in Severn, Md.*

I remember your beautiful smile, which lit up your whole face, the twinkling laugh, and taking care of your sister.

May you rest peacefully in one of the many mansions with the lord and sing his praises forever more.

Gloria Gaines - September 06, 2021 at 03:00 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yolanda M. Killian.*



September 23, 2017 at 09:51 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Yolanda M. Killian.*



September 22, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Yolanda M. Killian.*



September 22, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ *Christine Crawford lit a candle in memory of Yolanda M. Killian*



Christine Crawford - September 20, 2017 at 08:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Yolanda M. Killian.*



September 19, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *Janet Reid lit a candle in memory of Yolanda M. Killian*



Janet Reid - September 19, 2017 at 01:01 PM

SH

“ *Shelia Howard lit a candle in memory of Yolanda M. Killian*



Shelia Howard - September 19, 2017 at 11:47 AM

SH

“ *Sheila Harris lit a candle in memory of Yolanda M. Killian*



Sheila Harris - September 19, 2017 at 01:38 AM

SH

The world is a dimmer place now that the light that was Yolanda has been extinguished. Hearts hurt with the pain of losing a soul so full of life and love. Though she will live forever through her son, her mother, her sister and the rest of her loving family, her presence will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace, Yo.

Sheila Harris

Sheila Harris - September 19, 2017 at 01:47 AM

RI

Once in a great while, a person so full of Light and loving generosity will enter your life and immediately -- everything is luminous. Yolanda had such a magnificent spirit, brimming over with so much joy and laughter, you instantly loved her. Her beauty glowed from her heart and radiated throughout her entire being. Her Light will forever shine and her Love will always remain. The Word says, Blessed are the Pure in Heart for they will see God. Yolanda was so Blessed, she saw Joy, Happiness & Love overflowing with her husband and family here on earth. Now she shines that love in the presence of God. May overwhelming peace and comfort surround each of you like a blanket and keep you always. ~ Rita Maverick

Rita - September 22, 2017 at 02:04 PM

SD

“*Sending my sincere and heartfelt prayers & condolences to Yolanda's family. I have worked with Yolanda for many years, and she has been a delight, and a one of a kind classy lady. I will truly miss Yolanda, aka sunshine.*”



Stephanie Duncan - September 18, 2017 at 08:37 PM

TO

“*MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MAY GOD WRAP HIS RIBBON OF COMFORT, PEACE, AND PROTECTION AROUND YOUR HEART. BE STRONG AND STEADFAST IN THE LORD FOR WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT, BUT JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING. I BELIEVE THIS TO BE TRUE. HOPING YOU FIND PEACE. PRAYERS TO YOU TOMMIA (CO WORKER)*”

TOMMIA - September 18, 2017 at 05:53 PM

SM

“ *Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same. I will miss her. She was one of a kind. Always smiling and happy at work. I wish her family peace and healing during this time.*



Stacey Mcitnyre - September 18, 2017 at 03:55 PM

WF

“ *With all of our love: Ray, Mindie & family purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Yolanda M. Killian.*



With all of our love: Ray, Mindie & family - September 18, 2017 at 11:57 AM

JB

“ *Joel B. lit a candle in memory of Yolanda M. Killian*



Joel B. - September 18, 2017 at 11:25 AM

LS

“ *Lynne Stopford lit a candle in memory of Yolanda M. Killian*



Lynne Stopford - September 18, 2017 at 09:20 AM

LS

Want to express my deepest sympathy to the family. I had the pleasure of working with Yolanda. She was a beautiful lady inside and outside. I will miss you tremendously.

Lynne Stopford - September 18, 2017 at 09:25 AM

AN

“ *Aunt Niocy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Yolanda M. Killian.*



Aunt Niocy - September 17, 2017 at 11:17 PM

DD

“ *My dearest niece Yolanda, I love you & will cherish your memories forever, I am happy to know I will see your beautiful face again. I hold you in my heart, I remember the day you were born and how I bragged about your beauty. Until next time my sweet.*

Deniece Davis - September 17, 2017 at 07:59 PM

DM

My sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers to Yolanda's family .

David Marshall - September 20, 2017 at 11:06 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 - September 17, 2017 at 03:56 PM