



## Kewanda Smith

August 16, 1980 - March 16, 2021

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 26, 2021 noon until 5 p.m. at Lee-Sykes Funeral Home of Columbus. Services will be held Saturday, March 27, 2021 11 a.m. at Prairie Chapel Church.

Kewanda Tenika Smith was born August 16, 1980 in Columbus, Mississippi to the late Mr. Mack Arthur and Mrs. Lula Bell Smith. “Nika” as she was affectionately called, grew up in Columbus with her parents and her siblings. She confessed her life to Christ at an early age and united with the Prairie Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi. Her upbringing in church had a strong impact in her life and was the foundation of her faith. As a devoted Christian, she was a member of the choir where she used her sweet voice to glorify God through song and praise.

Kewanda was known amongst her family and friends for her inspiring character, huge “bigger than life” smile, positive loving attitude, and enchanting words of wisdom and encouragement. She was always an inspiration to others. She imparted her thoughtful and edifying words to not only family and friends but to many in conversations and through social media communications.

Kewanda graduated from West Lowndes High School in 1998. She continued her education by attending Mary Holmes Junior College and received an Associate Degree in Science in 2001. Kewanda always had an immense desire for more knowledge, so she furthered her education by attending

Mississippi State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 2004.

In 2005, Kewanda relocated to the Mississippi Gulf Coast where she worked for the Mississippi Department of Revenue for over 14 years as a Special Agent. While on the Gulf Coast, Kewanda made the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church her new place of

worship and continued to use her voice by singing in the "TAB" Choir.

Kewanda enjoyed spending time with family and friends, traveling, shopping, taking selfies...many selfies, and using social media. In 2009, she gave birth to her beautiful daughter, Kiersten Williams and instilled in her Godly values, to have faith, strength, a calm spirit, and show acts of kindness.

Kewanda departed this life on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 10:23 a.m. At the time of her passing, she was surrounded by her brother and sisters when the angels of God came to escort our blossoming flower home for her heavenly rest.

♂Nika as we called her, was a beautiful and wonderful young lady that was loved, will be tremendously missed, and will always be cherished. She is preceded in death by her parents Mark Arthur and Lula Bell Smith and older brother, Eric Henderson.

♂Kewanda leaves loving special memories for her daughter, Kiersten Williams of D'Iberville, MS, her brother, Cornell (Kristi) Smith of Upper Marlboro, MD, two sisters: Renate Mitchell of Fulton, MS; Dwylia (Kenneth) Elliott of Starkville, MS; six Uncles: Fred Jennings, Sr. of Columbus, MS, Eugene (Bunetta) Smith of Fork Ft, IL, Houston (Maxine) Smith of Abilene, TX, Clarence (Mearion) Smith of Tupelo, MS, Norris Smith of Columbus, MS, and Melvin (Stephanie) Smith of Brandon, MS; four Aunts: Leola (Jessie) Sherrod of Columbus, MS, Annie (Clyde) Edwards of Columbus, MS, Shirlean (Roosevelt) Smith of Jackson, MS, and Mildred Gatewood-Smith of Columbus, MS, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Kewanda Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ *Tabernacke MBC Special Touch Ministry lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith*



**Tabernacke MBC Special Touch Ministry** - March 30, 2021 at 05:14 AM



“ *Lee M Rice lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith*



**Lee M Rice** - March 27, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Cora Williams lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith*



**Cora Williams** - March 27, 2021 at 01:01 AM

MT

“ *Monica Taylor lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith*



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**Monica Taylor** - March 26, 2021 at 09:50 PM

LE

“ *Kewanda, was a beautiful young lady, inside and out. She had the most beautiful smile and was always very kind. My heart and prayers, goes out to her Family, especially Lil Kirsten.*



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**Lutrina Evans** - March 26, 2021 at 05:02 PM

RS

“ *Nika, I am going to miss our talks and your smile. To the family, Look to the hills from whence cometh your help, all of your help comes from the Lord! Praying for all of you.*

*Robin Simon and family*

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**Robin Simon** - March 26, 2021 at 11:11 AM

MG

“ *Kewanda always had a million dollar smile. Kept her faith in God until the end. She will truly be missed by lot of people*

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**mae willie givens** - March 26, 2021 at 07:41 AM

MG

“ Mae Willie Givens lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith



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**mae willie givens** - March 26, 2021 at 07:38 AM

DC

“ Diane Thompson Clemons lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith



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**Diane Thompson Clemons** - March 25, 2021 at 10:04 PM

LF

“ Laura Edmond, Family lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith



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**Laura Edmond, Family** - March 25, 2021 at 08:28 PM

LC

“ LA Clayborne lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith



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**LA Clayborne** - March 24, 2021 at 12:44 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith



Patricia Jones - March 24, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kewanda Smith.



March 23, 2021 at 11:38 PM

CB

“ Chekita Brown-Turner lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith



Chekita Brown-Turner - March 23, 2021 at 11:23 PM

AB

“ Andrea Brown lit a candle in memory of Kewanda Smith



Andrea Brown - March 20, 2021 at 02:53 PM