



R. Crystal (Roneshea) Stanley

April 21, 1975 - February 9, 2020

Our beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, Roneshea Victoria Crystal Stanley, was born on Monday, April 21, 1975, in Salisbury, Maryland, to Marilyn Faye Stanley and Ronald Arniz Stanley, Sr. With her loving family by her side, she transitioned into eternal rest on February 9, 2020 at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware.

Roneshea or Crystal, (those who knew her growing up in Salisbury knew her as “Roneshea”, or “Neshea”, and those who knew her when she migrated to Delaware knew her as Crystal, or as she always signed her name “R. Crystal Stanley”) had a light that illuminated souls and eradicated all darkness. She was so special. Those who knew her even just for a snippet, will remember the positivity, enthusiasm, and love that she exuded in her actions, and through her infectious smile.

She was a nurse by profession; however, she was a healer by human nature. God blessed her with the innate ability to love, and to have unyielding passion. Throughout her school days at Bennett Middle School, and Parkside High School, she was an excellent student. She earned high marks, while playing clarinet in band and being an athlete. At Wor-Wic Community College, she began her career in the medical field by becoming a pharmacy technician. She later attended the Delaware Skills Center, where she became a CNA and then an LPN. Someday, she was going to be a Nurse Practitioner.

At the age of 24, she moved to Delaware, and resided with cousins in Dover. She commuted to her job at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware, via public transit for quite some time before securing housing in Wilmington. She served at the VA Hospital for 17 years. She had a way with the Veterans and loved helping them. While at the VA she developed and maintained many friendships. Of these friendships, her “Sister Friends”, were her companions with whom she created very fond memories with inside and out of the VA. Being around her was always a fun time filled with laughter and joy.

She loved her family and friends immensely and supported their dreams constantly. She was always at her best when she was around those whom she genuinely cared about, and those who genuinely cared about her. This support started at home with her children, Taijae Latavia Wheeler and Morgan Tremar Smith. She made sure that her children were getting the best education they could get, so she placed both Morgan and Tai in better schools with productive before and after school programming. She educated family and friends about different cultures through her love of different cuisine and fashion. She enjoyed sushi, as well as oriental themed clothing and décor. She loved to travel, and always had a good time no matter her circumstances. Throughout her life she remained prayerful, and she made sure that she knew Jesus. It is with heavy hearts, and tearful eyes that her family and friends accept that although she is not here with them physically, she will always be here spiritually, an angel from above.

Crystal is survived by her parents, Marilyn Stanley and Ronald Stanley, Sr.; her children, Taijae L. Wheeler and Morgan T. Smith (his wife, Taylor Quick-Smith and family); her brother, Ronald “Jay” Stanley, Jr.; nephews, Cameron Stanley and Caron Stanley; nieces, Jaila Stanley and Gracyn Stanley; cousins, “the Jersey Cousins”; her boyfriend, Gregg Lambert and his family;

and many, many, many dear friends.