



## Shanee C. Townsend

August 28, 1991 - May 15, 2019

Shanee Curslyn Townsend was born on August 28, 1991, to Sheverne Y. Oney and Curtis Townsend. Shanee was a little, premature baby, with a whole lot of determination and spunk. She defied all odds and grew up healthy and happy, with a smile that melted many hearts. Sometimes you just could not tell her “NO”, even when you should. As a child, she quickly learned how to fit in and blend with her peers. As tiny as she was, she made sure you heard her opinion loud and clear.

Shanee attended Delmar High School in Delmar, Maryland. She was outgoing, fun-loving, and popular. Shanee graduated from Delmar High in 2011, and attended Prince George’s Community College in Largo, Maryland, to study photography. Later on, she decided to enter the workforce. Shanee was a quick-study and moved up the corporate ladder to become Branch Manager at Chuck E. Cheese Family Fun Center. Shanee was diligent and displayed professional decorum at all times. She was fair and earned the respect of her staff. After 10 years, Shanee felt that she needed more for her boys, Shawn and Shane, and wanted to spend more quality time with them. She loved her boys more than anything in this world, taking them to church on Sundays, to give thanks and praise and to learn of God, at Sunday School. Shanee empowered herself with maturity, self-determination and always making her children her first priority. Recently, Shanee became a proud member of the Customer Service Team at M&T Bank. She loved her

new job and spoke highly of coworkers. Shanee remained employed at M&T Bank, until the time of her demise.

Shanee loved her family, and enjoyed spending time with them. From sleepovers with her cousins, mom and sisters, to hanging out in DC with Mom, Auntie Kish and Auntie Roc for a night excursion at the National Harbor. She enjoyed crab feasts and seafood buffets at Grandma Brown's house. Let's not forget the picnics, birthday parties and having fun with her numerous friends and cousins. She was known to take her boys on excursions such as Hersey Park and Sesame Street. She spent time chilling with her brothers; Mikey, Muhammed and Martell or relaxing with fun times with her little sister, Shamiya. Life is what you make it!

Shanee loved her Mom very much. She would sit playfully in her lap and hug her. Nee, as she was affectionally known, was a big fan of her older sister, She'Don. They were as thick as white on rice; they always had each other's back.

Shanee was classy and fashionable, with style. She had a confident walk and a bedazzling smile. She had a big, generous heart; always willing to help or go the extra mile. Anyone who knew Nee, knew she loved to eat. Her favorite foods were Grandma Brown's curried chicken, Aunt Vennie's macaroni and cheese and her Mom's ham hocks and black-eyed peas, just to name a few.

Shanee's life was short but well-lived. She was a dedicated mom, loving daughter, an awesome sister, loyal friend, faithful church member, special granddaughter, and fantastic auntie.

Shanee was preceded in death by her grandparents, Rose Ann Kellam and Rosie Lee Townsend and uncles, Robert Kellam and Alvin M. Brown II.

She is survived by her sons Shawn Allen Smith Jr. and Shane Amani Alvin Smith; her parents, Sheverne Oney and Curtis Townsend; grandparents, Alvin Sr, and Lynda Brown; brothers, Cameron Johnson, Michael and Muhammed Purnell, and Martell Oney; sisters, She'Don Hayes, Kurtisha Miller, and Shamiya Oney; uncles, Albert and Otis Kellam, Stephon and James Tanker; aunts, Estella Kellam, Rosalie Custus, Geneva Watson, Jeanette Phillips, Etta Watson, Kishma N. Brown, Raquesha A. Wilson, Brenda Reid, Vanessa Williams, Angela Wilson, Eunice Townsend and Patricia Street; nephews, Antonio Perdow, Jason and Jasaan Hayes; niece, Kinzley Purnell; best friends, Rebecca Roe and Charné Leatherbury and closet friend, Michael Chaikel; and a host of cousins, friends and acquaintances.

Goodbye Shanee, gently lay your head upon your Savior's breast.  
Yes, we loved you but JESUS loved you best. We Bid You Farewell, until we meet again!

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ I like to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. It was never God's intent that death should rule over mankind. - Romans 5:12; 1Corinthians 15:26, 55; God will do away with death. But for now God has provided hope-as stated at John 5:28, 29. During this most painful time please find comfort from God's word.

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**Artina** - May 31, 2019 at 11:29 AM

BP

“ I am truly sorry about your loss it's hard when we lose a loved one. However, I wanted to let you know that we can be comforted by a future hope. Soon there will be no more pain or sorrow. All the former things have passed away. (Rev 21:3,4)

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**BP** - May 29, 2019 at 07:36 PM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on God's promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces." 201c

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**Hinton F.** - May 27, 2019 at 07:19 PM

MW

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Jesus Christ boldly promised: Just as the Father raises the dead up and makes them alive, so the Son also makes those alive whom he wants to. Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his [Jesus] voice and come out.” (John 5:21, 28, 29)

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**Ms Woodson** - May 27, 2019 at 12:51 PM

JH

“ **THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS** We are so very sorry you have had to experience the loss of a child or children, and we are here for you. The Compassionate Friends is a national nonprofit, self-help support organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents. There are no religious affiliations, membership dues, or fees. We meet together to learn to cope with the struggles of living life without our precious children. We, too, are on this journey of grief and extend our hearts and arms to you. Please feel free to join us on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Branford Lounge at Epworth Methodist Church on Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth, Delaware. For more information call Bill & Jill Hicks 610-368-0236 or e-mail us at: [lighthousectcf@gmail.com](mailto:lighthousectcf@gmail.com). We wish you peace and healing. Your Lighthouse Chapter of The Compassionate Friends

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**Jill Hicks** - May 26, 2019 at 08:25 AM

JO

“ My deepest condolences to the family. May God be with you and give you peace In your time of grief. Reading from the Scriptures can help. (Roman 15:3 ).

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**JoyceA** - May 23, 2019 at 03:38 PM

YB

“ Townsend Family, We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Your friends at M&T Bank** - May 23, 2019 at 12:49 PM

LO

“ To the family and friends, I am so very sorry to hear of your great loss. I hope you can find comfort in the words at Revelation 21:4 where it says: "And he (Jehovah God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

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**Lauren O** - May 19, 2019 at 08:54 PM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. Times like this are so difficult to deal with as we mourn those we love. May you find some comfort in the promises Almighty God gives us in His Word, the Bible (Hebrews 4:12). One outstanding promise He gives is that one day his only-begotten son, Jesus Christ has been given the power and authority to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29). Jesus showed he could and would do this when on earth he raised a dear friend from death (John 11:43, 44). Death is an enemy even to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is why He is going to have death removed forever along with other things that cause mankind pain and suffering (Revelation 21:3, 4). Keep that real hope alive and it will strengthen you in the days ahead! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**George & Christine Ragusa** - May 18, 2019 at 09:14 AM

IR

“ *Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Isaiah 25:8 for words of comfort and peace.*

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**Irene** - May 17, 2019 at 02:08 PM

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“ *Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You*

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**Thomas Widgeon** - May 16, 2019 at 09:46 PM