



Vanessa A. Allen

January 12, 1964 - November 28, 2021

Vanessa's Life and Legacy

God called his servant, Vanessa Ann Allen, home on Sunday afternoon, November 28, 2021 at the age of fifty-seven (57), surrounded by family. She was born on January 12, 1964 to Janet Lee Armwood and the late Otis Lee Shelton. Vanessa was affectionately known as Nessa, Nana, VA and Lil Bits. Vanessa was educated in the Somerset County public school system, graduating from Washington High School in Princess Anne, Maryland in 1982. Later she attended and graduated from Wor-Wic Tech Community College in Salisbury, Maryland.

Her employment included several years at Avery W. Hall Insurance Company. She later worked for nineteen (19) years at Eastern Correctional Institute in Westover, Maryland before finally transferring to the Department of Rehabilitation Services, from which she retired. Vanessa truly loved and believed in God. Her Christian training began early in her life at St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church (West Post Office) in Princess Anne, Maryland, where she was an active choir member. She later joined Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Princess Anne, Maryland, where she attended faithfully and served as an usher, until her health began to fail. Vanessa was also President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Progressive Baptist Association of the Eastern Shore, Inc. and the Assistant Recording Secretary. As a foster parent for the State of Maryland, Vanessa cared for and raised

twenty (20) children throughout the years. Her unselfish acts of love and numerous sacrifices provided many of these children with opportunities they might not have had without Vanessa being a part of their lives.

Vanessa was united in Holy matrimony on January 12, 2016 to James Allen. To this union, they have one daughter, Shyashia Allen.

Precious memories of Vanessa's life will be cherished by: her husband, James Allen; three daughters, Courtney Cooper, Syrenthia Tingle and Shyashia Allen, all of Salisbury, Maryland; two grandchildren, Mya Tingle and Addison Ward; her mother, Janet Armwood of Princess Anne, Maryland (step father Aloin Armwood (by whom she was raised) preceded her in death in February 2021; one sister, Resena Armwood of Princess Anne, Maryland; one brother, Terrance Armwood of Rosedale, Maryland; four sisters-in-law, Jonell (Earl) Reeves, Jo Ann Allen, Harriett Carson and Tina (Jermaine) Fields; four brothers-in-law, David (Charlotte) Allen, Marshall Allen, Steven (Valeria) Allen and Carlos Jamison; one niece, Jasmin Armwood; two nephews, Khail Fletcher and Justin Armwood; seven aunts, Ruth Fisher, Olivia Hutt, Shirley Hutt, Dollie Wallace, Isabella Maddox, Corrandia Disharoon and Ethel Deshield; two uncles, Apostle A. Darnell Hutt and Joe Shelton and host of cousins and friends.

In addition, she was preceded in death by her grandmother, Annie Mae Hutt, who raised her and her 2nd grandmother, Hettie "Grammy" Polk.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 2:30 PM (ET)

St. James U.M.C (Westover)
8730 Crisfield Highway
Westover, MD 21871

Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

DEC 5. 2:30 PM.

Benniesfh Salisbury
<http://Facebook>

Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Vanessa A. Allen*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - December 05, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vanessa A. Allen.*



December 03, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ *Linda Wiles lit a candle in memory of Vanessa A. Allen*



Linda Wiles - December 03, 2021 at 06:58 AM

LW

“ Vanessa and I shared a mobile home for a while. I will never forget those Christmas Day mornings when she would come stomping down the hallway very early like a little child, so anxious to find out what Santa Claus had brought. We were such good friends since the 7th grade. My heart is breaking for our loss. Yet I know she is happy and whole, resting in the arms of her Lord Linda

Linda Wiles - December 03, 2021 at 06:56 AM

VH

“ Vanessa was my hospitality partner. I am deeply saddened about her loss. But I know she is a much better place..with our Lord. She showed me so much love when my mother passed away and I will never forget her kindness. May God continue to be with her family during this time and the days to come.



Vicki Harmon - December 02, 2021 at 10:30 PM

TB

“ My condolence to the family. Vanessa will be missed. I am sending lots of love and prayers to everyone.

Tyboria Banning - December 02, 2021 at 08:50 PM

TB

“ Tyboria Banning lit a candle in memory of Vanessa A. Allen



Tyboria Banning - December 02, 2021 at 08:47 PM

ES

“ I don't know what to say. When i heard that she passed i was so upset. Vanessa was a lovely person inside and out. Always ready to help others. She will be missed. Always ready to listen. She helped me a lot . I will miss her.

Elsie Stewart - December 02, 2021 at 04:40 PM

VW

“ Vanessa Ward lit a candle in memory of Vanessa A. Allen



Vanessa Ward - December 02, 2021 at 01:38 PM

TC

“ I really don't know where to began. My heart is broken right now but I know Vanessa is in a better place. I am really going to miss talking with her, as we will stay on the phone for hours laughing about our great memories she share at ECI-Annex. During Christmas, she will alway ask to see a picture of my Charlie Brown Christmas tree and we would laugh until we cry. She was beautiful, funny, gifted and caring person woman. Vanessa, you truly are going to missed. RIP!

Teresa Collins - December 02, 2021 at 10:25 AM

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CO

“ This lady is a very special person I had worked with her the whole time she was at ECI I am so very sorry to hear she has passed
Sending prayers to her family
Carol Oney

carol Oney - December 01, 2021 at 09:43 PM

ST

“ Sloan Trammell lit a candle in memory of
Vanessa A. Allen



Sloan Trammell - December 01, 2021 at 08:53 PM