



## Zarissa Chrisstella Ayres

December 11, 1984 - January 10, 2015

Zarissa Ayres, 30, went to be with Lord on January 10, 2015. Born December 11, 1984 at Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox, VA, she was the daughter of Leon and Zanetta Ayres of Greenbush, VA. She attended the Department of Defense School system and Accomack County Public Schools and graduated with honors from Nandua High School. She later graduated from the University of Maryland University College with a Bachelors in Human Services and a Masters in Health Care Administration. She worked at SAS Corporation in Cary, North Carolina as an Audit and Compliance Specialist.

Zarissa grew up on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and was baptized at Metompkin Baptist Church by Reverend Earl Noel. Zarissa always found her way to the Shore on the weekends and was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, Pungoteague, VA. She spent many years living in the Baltimore-Washington area and had relocated to North Carolina in 2014.

Through all her life's travels and journeys, Zarissa made many friends along the way. She was intelligent, kind and caring and people gravitated toward her loving spirit. She was they type of friend to always be there at the drop of the

dime. Zarissa was also very dedicated to her family. Most of her weekends were spent with her parents, sisters, niece and nephew doing everything from family activities to just being together. She loved doing puzzles and math problems; she also had a passion for fashion and makeup. Zarissa was anxiously awaiting the arrival of her sweet baby girl Zoe, whom she loved more than anything.

Zarissa is survived by her loving parents, Leon and Zanetta Ayres, and her sister, Ebony Ayres of Baltimore, MD. She also leaves her maternal grandmother, Christine Ayres of Belle Haven, VA. She is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles and cousins and her special cousins Zatoria and Datwain, her "brother" Marcus, dear friends Brian, Akiva, LaToya, Monai, Melody, Aletheya, and Geneva. She was preceded by her paternal grandmother, Stella Ayres; maternal grandfather, Burleigh Hack; and uncles Benjamin Ayres and Zed Wilson. With Zoe in her arms, she smiling and shining in the light of the Father.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Happy Birthday!  
I miss you!!!!*

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**Aynier** - December 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *To the Ayres Family:*

*My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. Please know that you are in my thought and prayers during this difficult time. I also pray that GOD will give you comfort, peace, and strength on each new day and that he will keep all of you wrapped in his arms as you awake to each new day.*

*Sadly Submitted,  
Maretta Savage-Purnell  
Dover DE*

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**Maretta Savage-Purnell** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Praying that God will supply the utmost strength to the family in these great losses.*

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**Missy Burns** - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy goes to the Ayers family! your family are definitely in my prayers ❤️*

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**Ebonne Tate** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry

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**Thomas & Libby Widgeon** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. I didn't know the family, but this really touched me when I saw the story online. I pray for peace and strength for the family. God bless!*

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**Anna Slaughter(Atlanta, Ga)** - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM