

*Celebrating the Life of
Christina-Taylor Smith*

Sunrise: August 8, 1995



Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Memorial Service: 10:00 a.m.

In the Main Chapel
Joseph H. Brown, Jr. Funeral Home
2140 N. Fulton Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217



Remembering Christina

Christina-Taylor Smith was born on August 8, 1995, to Lisa Coles and Christopher Smith. Maternal grandmother, Ellen Newman, paternal grandmother, Helen Smith and paternal grandfather, Stanley Coles, preceded Christina in death.

Christina received a private school education and graduated in 2013. Throughout her schooling Christina played musical instruments including piano, clarinet, and the bells. Christina later took an interest in learning to play the guitar. After high school Christina enrolled in classes at BCCC Essex campus to further her education. She later went on to complete courses to obtain her CNA/GNA certification. After receiving her certification, she worked in the medical field before becoming employed at her recent job with the Internal Revenue Service.

Christina had a plethora of hobbies. Professor Adrienne Washington at BCCC Essex, introduced her to traveling, and Christina became a complete hodophile. Her travels abroad had just begun but included trips to Ireland (her favorite place), Nicaragua and New Mexico. Her passion for traveling inspired her to have a compass tattooed on her right leg. Next up, we have **"Crafts by Christina"** inspired by her love for crafting in all capacities. Her specialties were crocheting, personalized business cards, customized clothing, hats, mugs (Cricut Queen), pillows and so much more. During the height of the pandemic due to the mask shortage, Christina took advantage of the opportunity to fill the need by making custom masks, which she often donated (with genuine care and concern) to essential/front line workers. Out of all of Christina's hobbies and passions, cooking was not one of them!

About Christina – She was genuinely kind, dependable and compassionate. There was nothing she would not do to help anyone in need. Christina took pride in helping to take care of her surviving Aunt Daisy, creating a special bond with the same aunt who helped her mother take care of her. At any given Christina was always available to help with her nephews, nieces, and little cousin Kori, all of whom she loved, with no questions asked. Buddha helped Alyssa with EVERYTHING and was the only person EVER allowed to put her in her place. Chrissy would often disappear for hours at a time taking her Aunt Lynnette to run errands and whatever else she needed. All these little (BIG) things Christina did with the expectation of nothing in return and she did them all with love.

"Christina's Favorite Things" – Her signature PINK hair, The Royal Family (with an extended knowledge of the family history), Harry Potter novels and movies, Twilight Series, The Beatles, reading, music (all genres), The color "Tiffany Blue" and getting her nails done. Let us not forget those O's, she loved the Baltimore Orioles.

Christina leaves to cherish her memories: her devoted and loving mother, Lisa Coles; her father, Christopher Smith; grandfather, Orson Smith; brother, Gerrard Williams, Jr. (Tabatha); sister, Juanita Ball; nephews, Tariq and Drake (affectionately known as "My Fatboy") and Cam; nieces, Kaylie and Kaylani; her beloved aunt, Candice Johnson and cousin, Baby Kori, aunt, Wanda Clark; great aunt, Daisy Jenkins; her fur babies, Charlie (Brown), Papi and Savannah; her bonus mother, Demetria Davis; Godmother's, Alisa Sharp and Lynnette Wilson; best friend, Jasmine; and a host of uncles, cousins, and friends.

A Mother's Love

Christina-Taylor

I wish I could see you one more time,
walking through the door,
I know that is impossible;
I will hear your voice no more.

I know you do not want me to cry,
yet my heart is broken
because I do not understand WHY.

WHY, my sunshine had to leave.

You would always say, "What would I do without you"?

Sadly, I now must envision my life without you!

Mamas, I will cherish our special bond
and memories FOREVER!

Love Always,
Mommy



Order of Service

CHRISTINA'S SONG
"Beethoven Moonlight Sonata"

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE
Old Testament: Psalm 91
Lynnette Wilson

SOLO
Kenisha Lee

CARDS
Alisa Sharp

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
Kristine New

WORDS TO CHRISTINA
2 minutes

OBITUARY
Shellon George

**SPEAKER AND ANNOUNCEMENT
OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**
Professor Adrienne Washington



Her Journey's Just Begun

By an Unknown Author

Don't think of her as gone away
her journey's just begun
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.
Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days or years.

From the Family

Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
And think of her as living
in the hearts of those she touched
for nothing loved is ever lost
and she was loved so much.





*Mommy: Hey Christina, what kind of moon is it tonight?
 Christina: Ohhh.. It's a waxing crescent moon Mommy
 August 21, 2023*

Dear Christina,

It's been 2 weeks and I miss you so much. I am still lost and confused. Whenever I needed help, I could always call you. "Christina, my mails aren't working" ... "Okay give me a minute", "Christina, I need you to watch the kids". "Okay". "Christina, I need the Netflix password, lol". You never told me no. Now I guess I must figure things out on my own. I appreciate your kind heart and the love you showed to Tariq, Drake, Kaylie and Kaylani. They all loved you so much. You were a perfect example of what a wonderful person is. Thank you for accepting Tabatha and loving her. You were my baseball/football chat buddy. After every Ravens game, I knew I was getting a text, "did you bet on the game?". Now all I can do is scroll through our text thread. Christina, I will forever love and miss you.

Gerrard



Tina, Kori will miss you most of all.

Candice

You were my aunt, but you'll always be my overprotective big sister.

Tariq

You were a good aunt and a good family member. You always made sure I had something to eat and that I was okay. You were nice and kind.

Drake

Sis

I thought of you with love today
but that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday
and days before that too.
I think of you in silence
I often speak your name
All I have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is my keepsake
with which I'll never part
God has you in his keeping
I have you in my heart.

Author unknown

Juanita

"Hey Mama Tina"

Jody



I'm still in disbelief that you are no longer here. I miss our conversations. We have been through a lot together. Thank you for allowing me to love you as my child,
I will FOREVER, love you!

Dee

My Sweet Buddha! I have loved you from the first day I laid eyes on you. You are the daughter that I never had. I always thanked your Mommy for sharing you with me. Yetta used to say Alisa you need to have a daughter because when you get older you are going to need someone to take care of you. I would tell her... I am good I HAVE CHRISTINA!!! I don't know what to do now without you. You were always there to help me with Nicholas and Pop-Pop no matter what it was that we needed. You truly helped me to be a better person and I was thee adult. Thank GOD for the 28years I had with you. I love and I miss you so much!!!!

Alisa



Chrissy, my heart is broken in ways I didn't imagine was possible. Thank you, for all the rides, conversations, shared secrets, tv show recommendations, laughs and for loving me unconditionally. I will miss you!

Lynnette

Christina was a great friend and will be truly missed by all. She brought a light into everyone's lives that will never be forgotten. Even though we were only friends for a few years, I felt like we had known each other forever. I will always be thankful for the friendship we shared. I will also always be grateful for the way she loved my son, her Kiki, and how she spoiled him like he was her own.

Jessica and KiKi

My dearest Christina, there aren't enough words to express how wonderful you are and the impact you made on each person that had the pleasure of crossing paths with you. A light that shines bright, ever caring, helping and giving. I am forever honored to have had you as a stitch in the fabric of my life.

Shellon

I always asked why God put us together, but he simply knew how much I needed a friend like you. Sharing laughter and wiping each other's tears, it was like our hearts were connected. Like I've known you forever. The love and support you were always so willing to give me. A constant light in my life. When I was sad, I called Christina, when I was mad, I called Christina, when I was happy, I called Christina. The "bestest" friend a girl could have. I will forever carry you in my heart. My friend, my sister. I Love you always, Jam!

Jasmine

**Until we meet again,
We'll be loving you "ALWAYS"**





November's Butterfly

*Sometimes in November
When the sun is sitting high
A warm fall breeze will steal the leaves
And cause the trees to cry*

*Sometimes in November
A butterfly will appear
A cherished thought, a battle fought
For one you loved so dear*

*Sometimes in November
A daughter will pass away*

*You wallow in grief, seek relief
And then you learn to pray*

*Sometimes in November
An angel gets its wings
It's good and bad but always sad
Both joy and pain this brings*

*Sometimes in November
A family must say goodbye
As Heaven awaits to open its gates
To November's butterfly*

Acknowledgements

The family of **Christina-Taylor Smith** with gratitude acknowledges the many kind words, beautiful expressions of love, sympathy and support shown during our hour of bereavement.

Arrangements

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