

*A crust of bread and a corner to sleep in,  
A minute to smile and an hour to weep in,  
A pint of joy to a peck of trouble,  
And never a laugh but the moans come double;  
And that is life!*

*A crust and a corner that love makes precious,  
With a smile to warm and the tears to refresh us;  
And joy seems sweeter when cares come after,  
And a moan is the finest of foils for laughter;  
And that is life!*

*Paul Laurence Dunbar*



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**THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE**

The Family of *Ashley Emilia Smith Peterman* wishes to express  
our deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to all who have offered  
their prayers, support, and words of condolence during this difficult  
time of our loss. It has been through God's strength and your shoulders  
to lean on that have been able to sustain us through our pain and  
sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

~ The Smith-Peterman Family

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of  
man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*



We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the  
trust you have placed in us during the Homegoing Services of your loved  
one. Our fervent hope is that all measures of assistance rendered to your  
family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in  
our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.

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September 4, 1991

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January 7, 2026

CELEBRATING HER LIFE  
Saturday, January 17, 2026  
11:00 Ante Meridiam

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# Ashley Emilia SMITH PETERMAN III

SEPTEMBER 4, 1991 - JANUARY 7, 2026

*Ashley Emilia Smith Peterman III*, a powerhouse of advocacy, intellect, and love, was the beloved daughter of Michael and Sonya Smith. She was born on September 4, 1991, in Panama City, Florida, and resided there during her formative years. The family later established their permanent residency in Tallahassee, Florida.

## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

*Ashley's* life was marked by a commitment to excellence and communication. She was a proud alumna of Florida A&M University, where in May 2015, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations. Relentlessly pursuing her purpose in being of service to others, she later combined her communications expertise with a passion for systemic change, to earn her Master of Public Administration (MPA) in May 2025 from Florida State University. Her primary focus was Emergency Management because she wanted the assurance that individuals living with disabilities were cared for during natural disasters.

## A NATIONAL VOICE FOR MS RESEARCH

In every adversity, there is opportunity to triumph. Following her diagnosis with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in August 2017, *Ashley* became a tireless Ambassador for the National MS Society. She was a familiar and respected face in Washington, D.C., where she walked the halls of Congress advocating for MS research funding and a better healthcare policy. She attended the National MS Society Conference in March 2020 which helped her to raise the bar of excellence in her activism. Her unique ability for blending her PR background with her MPA training made her a formidable and effective voice for the MS community. She also served on the North Florida MS Society Board and was a fundraiser for MS Research. Because of her determination and commitment, *Ashley* transformed her personal challenges into a platform for national change.

## A DEVOTED FAMILY LIFE

While her public work was extensive, *Ashley's* heart belonged at home. She was the devoted wife of Frank Peterman III and the proud mother of Frank Peterman IV, affectionately known as "Q" or "Quattro." Everything she did - every milestone she reached and every battle she fought - was fueled by her love for her son and her desire to build a bright future for him. She took care of him until her last breath.

IT'S NOT THE STRENGTH OF THE BODY THAT COUNTS, BUT THE STRENGTH OF THE SPIRIT  
Everyone's journey is different. *Ashley Emilia Smith Peterman III's* journey may seem too brief, but "time is not measured by the years that you live, but by the deeds that you do and the joy that you give." On Wednesday, January 7, 2026, she transitioned from this world of illness to her eternal home that is free of MS. Just as she often affirmed, "I have spun this hard life into gold."

*Ashley Emilia Smith Peterman III* leaves a legacy of resilience that will inspire many for years to come. Those who will forever embrace her love and memory with fondness are her devoted husband, Frank Peterman III; beloved son, Frank Peterman IV; parents, Michael and Sonya Smith; sister, Alexius Smith; parents-in-love, the Honorable Reverend Frank and June Peterman, Jr.; sister-in-love, Sydnee Peterman; brothers-in-love, Jordan Peterman and Taffrey Peterman; grandparents-in-love, Frank and Audrey Peterman, Sr. and Willie Mae Morgan; uncles, Kenny Morgan and Julius Morgan, along with many other sorrowing relatives, caring friends, and her loving MS Advocacy family.



# The Divine ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude..... Bible Based Church Choir  
 Processional..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family  
 Parting Glance & Seating of the Family ..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff  
 The Prayer of Consolation..... The Honorable Reverend Frank Peterman, Jr.

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament .... The Honorable Reverend Frank Peterman, Jr.  
 New Testament ..... Minister Adrienne Webster-Hampton  
 Selection..... Bible Based Church Choir

## REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES (Three)

*Two Minutes Each, please*

As a Sister ..... Sister Alexius Smith  
 As A Wife..... Brother Frank Peterman III

Acknowledgements & Resolutions ..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff

Selection..... Bible Based Church Choir

Words of Comfort ..... Elder Darrick D. McGhee, Sr.

Mortician's Brief..... Mr. Jamarion "J.P." Moore, LFD

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

*"Weep if you must; Jesus wept. But weep not as those who have no hope, for in Christ Jesus, there is hope and eternal life."*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14