

The Love SHE LEFT BEHIND

*Today, we gather with heavy hearts
to honor a life that touched so many—
a beautiful soul whose love remains
in every treasured memory.*

*As a mother, she gave her whole heart—
a love both gentle and strong.
She guided, protected, and encouraged her children,
and through them, her light will continue to live on.*

*As a sister, she shared a special bond—
laughter, secrets, joy, and tears;
a connection woven throughout a lifetime
that will endure through all the years.*

*As a fiancée, she was deeply cherished—
a devoted partner and a beautiful promise.
Though the future changed far too quickly,
her love remains in everything.*

*As a friend, she was a place of comfort—
a listening ear and a faithful hand.
She offered kindness without condition
and gave more love than she could ever understand.*

*She was many things to many people,
yet there was only one Kawona—
one unforgettable smile,
one beautiful spirit,
and one presence that made life brighter.*

*Although we wish for one more conversation,
one more embrace, and one more day,
we know that love does not end with goodbye—
it simply learns to live another way.*

*It lives within the stories we share,
within the lessons she taught,
within the laughter she gave us,
and within every loving memory she created.*

*So today, we will not say she is forgotten,
for her love was far too strong.
She has only stepped beyond our sight,
but within our hearts, she still belongs.*

*Rest peacefully, beautiful soul.
Your earthly journey may be complete,
but as a mother, sister, fiancée, friend, cousin, and daughter,
your love will remain with us always.*

*With everlasting love,
Your Sister, Samone*

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS
Patrick Franklin, Sr.
Dexter Davis, Jr.
DeBrosha Smith
Cedric Colson
Shamir Franklin
Braelyn Morris
Ronald Nash, Jr.

ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS
Family & Friends

EARTHLY BED OF SLUMBER
Spring Hill Cemetery
1800 San Pedro Road * Perry, Florida 32347

REPAST
Immediately following the Interment, the family invites family and friends to
join them for a time of fellowship and remembrance
at the Jerkins Community Center,
1201 W. Martin Luther King Avenue | Perry, Florida 32348

THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE
The family of KAWONNA SHERIKA DUMAS extends our heartfelt
gratitude for every prayer, comforting word, loving embrace,
thoughtful gesture, and expression of kindness shown during this time.
Your love and support have strengthened our hearts and reminded us just how
blessed we were to share Kawona's beautiful life.

May God richly bless each of you for helping us celebrate and honor her
memory.

With heartfelt love and appreciation,
- The Family

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust
you have placed upon us during the Homegoing Service 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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A Beautiful Spirit · A Giving Heart · A Life Filled with Love

*Blessed
Beyond Measure ·
Devoted to Family ·
Forever in
Our Heart*

*"Every good gift
and every
perfect gift is
from above..."
- James 1:17 (KJV)*



Kawonna SHERIKA DUMAS

EARTHLY ENTRANCE
November 24, 1983

HEAVENLY DEPARTURE
August 10, 2026

Saturday, August 22, 2026
3:00 Post Meridiem

J.P. Moore Mortuary Celebration Center
2555 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Pastor Willie Murray, Sr., Eulogist

J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing



“She considered herself the luckiest person in the world—not because she had everything, but because she knew she was blessed.”

Some people spend a lifetime searching for happiness, while others discover that life’s greatest treasures are often found in the simplest places—in family, in laughter, in giving, in new experiences, and in making beautiful memories with the people you love.

KAWONNA SHERIKA DUMAS understood that kind of happiness.

She considered herself one of the luckiest people in the world. Not because life was always perfect, but because Kawonna recognized her blessings. She appreciated the people God placed in her life, treasured the moments she was given, and understood a lesson that became evident in the way she lived: It is better to give than to receive.

KAWONNA was born on November 24, 1983, to Frankye Yvonne King Cook and Charles F. Dumas. From her earliest years, family became an important part of the woman she would become. Her love for those closest to her remained at the center of her life.

She attended Taylor County High School, where she completed her secondary education and continued forward into adulthood with an outgoing spirit, a strong work ethic, and a desire to enjoy everything life had to offer.

Throughout her working years, *KAWONNA* demonstrated versatility and dedication. She worked for McDonald’s, Frito-Lay, and Amazon, and also served in management at Circle K. Wherever she worked, she carried with her the same personality known and loved by family and friends—a woman who knew how to work, how to connect with people, and how to keep moving forward.

But *KAWONNA* understood that life could not be measured by work alone. She believed in living.

She loved to travel and experience new places. She loved concerts and the excitement of hearing music come alive. She enjoyed making memories, laughing, spending time with those she loved, and embracing opportunities to experience something new.

Yet no destination she visited and no concert she attended could compare to what mattered most to *KAWONNA*: her family.

KAWONNA was deeply family-oriented. She loved her children, cherished those closest to her, and found joy in simply being connected to the people who made her world complete. Becoming a grandmother added another beautiful dimension to that love, giving her yet another reason to count herself blessed.

She also possessed a giving heart. *KAWONNA* understood that generosity was about more than material things. Sometimes the greatest gifts are your time, your presence, your encouragement, your laughter, and simply showing up for the people you love.

That was part of *KAWONNA’S* gift to this world—she gave of herself.

On Monday, August 10, 2026, *KAWONNA’S* earthly journey came to an end. Though her 42 years seem far too brief to those who loved her, the value of her life cannot be measured by its length alone. It must also be measured by the love she gave, the memories she created, the places she traveled, the laughter she shared, and the family she treasured.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her father, Charles F. Dumas of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; her mother, Frankye (Jerry) Cook of Quincy, Florida; her devoted fiancé, Christopher Saulsberry; her sons, Kareem Dumas, Michael Saulsberry, and Christian Saulsberry, all of Tallahassee, Florida; her daughters, Triston (Tarik) Waheed and Markayla Williams, both of Tallahassee, Florida; her sisters, Samone Franklin and Hawanna Dumas, both of Tallahassee, Florida, and Valshantaya Cook and Jazzmine Cook, both of Perry, Florida; her beloved grandson, Ali Ahmad Naseeer Waheed; along with extended family, friends, coworkers, and all whose lives were touched by her presence.

Today, those who loved *KAWONNA* will undoubtedly feel that something precious is missing. There will be trips where someone remembers how much she would have enjoyed being there. There will be songs and concerts that bring back memories. There will be family gatherings when her absence is deeply felt.

But there will also be laughter. There will be stories. There will be photographs that bring smiles.

And there will forever be reminders of a woman who knew that life was meant to be lived, loved, shared, and appreciated.

Perhaps *KAWONNA* called herself the luckiest person in the world because she had already discovered what so many spend their lives trying to understand:

Being blessed isn’t having everything you want. It’s recognizing the value of what—and especially who—you already have.

KAWONNA recognized her blessings. She loved her family. She enjoyed her journey. She gave from her heart. She made memories. And she lived.

Though her earthly journey has ended, the love she gave remains woven into the lives of her children, grandson, parents, siblings, fiancé, family, and friends.

And now, perhaps those who loved her can say what *KAWONNA* so often understood herself:

We were the lucky ones—because we were blessed to have her.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



THE DIVINE ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance & Seating of the FamilyThe *J.P. Moore* Staff

The Prayer of Consolation..... Sister Sandra Clayton

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament – Reverend George Clayton, Sr.

New Testament – Pastor Pamela Miller Williams

Solo Sister Barbara Plummer

FAMILY TRIBUTE & REFLECTIONS

Two Minutes Each, Please

Family & Friends – Limited To Three

Acknowledgements & ResolutionsThe *J.P. Moore* Staff

Solo Sister Barbara Plummer

Words of Comfort Pastor Willie Murray

Mortician’s Brief..... Mr. Jamarien “J.P.” Moore, LFD

Recessional..... Clergy & Family

We Were the Blessed Ones

*She loved, she laughed, she gave, she lived,
and treasured each new day.*

*She called herself the lucky one—
but we were blessed to know her along the way.*