

Acknowledgements

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Pallbearers

James Reed III
Savon Gibson
Antonio Smith
James Briggins

Ricardo Howell
Ivor Hampton
Ohmar Gibson
Lorenzo Hampton

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Boyden Jr.
Brandon Reed
Alan Winters
Deonte Jackson

William Johnson
David Stratton
Zontay Gibson
Aaron McClure

Flower Bearers

Jasmin Jackson
Brielle Reed
Octavia Jarrett
Justus Alston
Jamila Bonner

Shaqunia Benion
Karis Beatty-Hill
Makayla Albright
Felicia Sangare
Yolanda Briggins



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Celebrating the Life of



Ke'Asha Janae Murph Reed
"Kee"

DECEMBER 21, 1993 - DECEMBER 11, 2025

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Visitation- 10:00 a.m.

Funeral Service- 11:00 a.m.

Bethel Baptist Church

2712 Alms Pl.

Cincinnati, OH 45206

Her Story

Ke'Asha Janae Murph Reed was born on December 21, 1993, at Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the daughter of Richelle and Kenyatta Gibson. From a young age, Ke'Asha shined brightly. She was an all-star athlete, excelling in T-ball, cheerleading and soccer, where her discipline, confidence, and radiant spirit were evident to all who knew her.

Ke'Asha attended Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (CHCA). In high school, she studied diligently and formed lifelong friendships with her dear friends Maya and Janessa. Her academic excellence earned her a scholarship to Ohio University, where she studied at the Scripps College of Communication. During this time, Ke'Asha met some of her closest friends, including Jasmine-Reneé and William. Ke'asha also became a member of the Delta Phi Lambda 20/20 line of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Here, she gained cherished sisters, including Adrienne, Gabby and Val. In 2015, Ke'Asha earned her Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies.

In 2016, Ke'Asha moved to Washington, D.C. There, she continued her pursuit of excellence by earning a Master of Professional Studies in Hospitality Administration from Georgetown University in 2018. Throughout her professional career, Ke'Asha was a natural leader, serving in coordination, managerial, and, most recently, directorial roles with Planned Parenthood Federation of America, where she was known for her compassion, integrity, and commitment to service.

Above all, Ke'Asha loved spending time with family and friends. Ke'Asha's heart was deeply rooted in her love for her parents, Richelle and Kenyatta. Her mother was her first best friend, her confidant, and her safe place. She adored her father and carried a protective, nurturing spirit toward both of them, always striving to ensure their happiness and well-being and dreaming of a life filled with peace and abundance for them.

Among her many treasured family relationships, Ke'Asha shared a particularly close, sibling-like bond with her cousins Brandon, Karis and Michael. This connection was built on love, loyalty, and a lifetime of shared moments. She found joy in traveling and exploring the world with loved ones, being the best DJ in Cincinnati (DJ "Kee Gotti"), tailgating at Cincinnati Bengals' games, exploring the best restaurants, and indulging in her favorite shopping spots—Sephora, Ulta, Target, and Bath & Body Works. Ke'Asha was full of life, laughter, and a beautiful spirit that touched everyone she encountered.

She was preceded in death by her cousin La'Dre Malika Gibson and uncle Kedrick Duane Lover Murph.

Ke'Asha is lovingly survived by her parents, Richelle and Kenyatta Gibson; her grandparents, Arleen Strum, Valerie Murph, Zelmar Gibson, Barry Hopkins and James Reed Jr.; her significant other, Alan Winters; and her siblings, Ashanti Gibson and Lachelle Brooks.

She is also survived by her Aunts: Shavon, Carla, Connie, Lana, and her beloved cousins: Brandon, Karis, Makayla, Justus, Brielle, Shaqunia "Shay," David "Scoop," Octavia "Tay Tay," Michael, Deonte and Jasmin, along with a host of cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.



Words of Love

“Ke'Asha was my best friend and sister by choice. She was the smartest, funniest, and most authentic person I have ever known. To those closest to her, she was our Beyoncé; admired for her grace, beauty, strength, and the way she lifted others simply by being herself.” - Maya McCollum

“How do I even begin to describe THEE Ke'Asha Reed. A devoted daughter, sister, niece, granddaughter and cousin who adored her family. The most loyal friend you could wish for. The funniest person you knew (as did she, the way she would fall out laughing at her own jokes). I count myself so lucky to have spent the last 20 years laughing at all our inside jokes and nicknames, loving Beyonce and dragging her husband, spending way too much time on Twitter and in Sephora. From CHCA to OU to our years in DC, and all the trips we took, we made memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I know you're somewhere cracking yourself up right now. Thank you for being the little sister I always prayed for. Rest in paradise!”— Janessa Harris (aka Ruby Dee)

“You would hate me for being this earnest, but you are the best thing that ever happened to me. You made a decade of sisterhood easy just by being your loyal, hilarious, unserious, principle-of-the-matter self. You were easy to love because you were 100% yourself, every minute of every day. We had a BALL! Thank you for always forcing me out of my shell and onto the dance floor (even when the dance floor was just our living room). I'm a better person today because you run a strict program and I was always trying to make you proud. I'm going to do everything we talked about. You better be up there telling Luther and Whitney something GOOD!” - Adrienne

“Friends are the family you choose. To have a friend like Ke'Asha is a blessing; she is truly one of a kind. She's the funniest, most authentic person who taught me so much in life without even trying. We've shared enough laughs to last a lifetime, and it's been a gift to call her a sister and friend.”- Valerie Thompkins

“Friend is an understatement and sister still doesn't feel like enough. Ke'Asha was such a shining light, someone I knew I was going to do life with. AKA might have brought us together, but our bond was so much deeper than that. I will miss singing Luther, bonding over Casserole Bangers, celebrating birthdays, and laughing at any and everything, especially when times were rough. I can never repay you for the love you poured into me, checking on me when I had no words or no fight left. You instilled a sense of self within me that is impenetrable, teaching me lessons I didn't know I needed, like “everybody is not your friend”. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your sacred life and letting me adopt your family as my own. Although there is a hole in our heart that will forever be there, we will hold your spirit near. I'll continue to uphold the tradition of irritating you, even as you watch me in heaven. Until we meet again. My dearest Sistah guwrl! Love you DEEP!” -Gabrielle Douglas

Words of Love

"She was my older sister and my best friend, my safe place, my protector, my home. Life will never be the same without her, and the ache of losing her will stay with me forever. She loved me fiercely, guided me through life, and stood by my side no matter what. I will carry her love, her laugh, and her spirit in my heart as long as I live."- Ashanti Gibson

"What a blessing it is to be born with a best friend. A blessing to spend 31 years of my life with someone who truly understood me and accepted me for everything I am. Life is such a messed-up thing, but you were the universe. I will fight every day for the rest of my life to honor your name, memory and energy. Every move I make in life will be for the both of us now, I still got you." - Lachelle Brooks

"Ke'Asha Reed, OKAY I know I can already hear you scoffing & laughing at me but I'm going to be serious for TWO seconds here: You and I are INSEPARABLE, even now. You are a part of me and always will be! I promise to continue the crazy shenanigans & tom-foolery, to keep laughing and remember you as the BRIGHTEST light. You are my literal person. I love you so much, to the UNIVERSE and back. Mmmmmmkay-bye.?"- Karis Beatty Hill

"Ke'Asha was truly different. She could light up a room with her laugh wherever she went. She was one of the few cousins I actually grew up with and basically my little sister. All the laughs and good times we had, she will definitely be missed. I still can't believe it, I love you." - Brandon Reed

"My Sister-Cousin, I'll miss you immensely. The bond we created as children, that remained throughout adulthood, will continue on even still. No matter how busy or how far we were, we remained locked in. You always brought a smile to my face, whether it was blowing up my TikTok at all times of the night, or your laughter filling up the room. We had plans, but God had a different one. I know you and La'Dre are having a ball in heaven. Shay and I will be okay, holding it down for the Sister-Cousins. Love you always."- Octavia Jarrett

"Kit Kat! Thank you for always being 100% authentically, yourself; and embracing the real me in the same way. I thank God for literally every moment together. Until we meet again. Yours, forever" - Alan Winters (aka Woody)

"Thank you for 14 years. 14 years of laughs. 14 years of love. 14 years of being. 14 years of hugs. 14 years of music that will never sound the same. 14 years of inside jokes and changing people's names. 14 years of sisterhood; a replacement could never! I'll keep you with me 14 more and 14 after forever."- Jasmine-Reneé Riley

Order of Service

9:00 a.m.

~Private Ceremony~

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Musical Prelude	
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Pastor Bryan Walker
Scripture	Savon Gibson Revelation 21:4
Selection	Rebecca Gibson
Acknowledgements	Latisha Montgomery
Poem	Celeste Dyer
Remarks	Two Minutes
Obituary	Read Silently "Missing You"-Brandy
Selection	Joy DeRamus
Eulogy	Pastor Jason Harris
Benediction	Pastor Jason Harris



Final Resting Place

Crown Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleum
11825 Pippin Road, Colerain Township, Ohio 45231



"The Broken Chain"

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.



Revelation 21:4

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

