



## LESHIA R. RADFORD

June 8, 1960 - November 5, 2013

Leshia R. Radford, 53, passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

She was a member of Little Flock Missionary Baptist Church and a Program Director for the YMCA.

Leshia was preceded in death by her son William Russell Radford.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years: Gerard Radford, parents: Mary Parchman (Royalle), and Claude Harris, children: Brandon (Lakitra) and Gregory Radford, grandchildren: Brandon Jr., LaBreah, and Gregory Radford Jr., siblings: Eldred Patton and Roderick Parchman (Chrystal), mother in law: Gwendolyn Radford, brother in law: Gregory Radford (Chevette) very special great- aunt Rosa Lee Mitchell and a host of nephews, nieces extended family and friends

Visitation: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Saturday, November 9, 2013, at her church, 1030 So Hancock St., with the funeral to follow at 11:30 am., burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted A. D. Porter & Sons, 1300 W. Chestnut St.

# Tribute Wall

RE

“ Gerard, I am so sorry to learn of your wife's passing. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. May special memories help ease your sorrow...God bless you and your family,Ree (SPI)

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**Ree** - November 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ I am so honored to have worked next to such an amazing woman. Leshia touched so many lives. We are all better for knowing her. RIP my dancing buddy.

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**Valerie Slaten** - November 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ RIP, Such a wonderful person. My prayers are with the family.

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**Felicia Puryear** - November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Our sincere condolence to the entire Radford Family. Gerard and Mrs. Gwen, we know this is a great loss. Our pray is that God will continue to bless and keep you until you shall see Leshia again. He needed another beautiful flower for his garden and now He has one. An angel that will watch over you.

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**Barr** - November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I will forever treasure the fun memories of days in our homeroom class at East Side and later the adventures at Illinois State. Those memories along with the gift of your friendship is something I will cherish always. Rest in the Lord's eternal care. Gone but never forgotten! Will be praying for your family.

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**Marla Phillips** - November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Very sadden at the lost of our niece. El and I will always hold a place in our hearts for her.

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**Josephine Patton** - November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Gerard Radford & Family sorry for your loss. We have lost one of God's angels. May you and your family find peace. God bless you'll.

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**Terry Ormond** - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ Leshia, my homegirl, classmate & dear friend thanks for the friendship, cheers7 that bright beautiful rest in love my friend. To the Radford to be absent from the body is to be present with Lord, she's be forever in your hearts God bless Butkus c/o 78 East Side High

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**William Butkus Johnson** - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KU

“ Dearest Gerard. We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Leshia, but please know she is resting comfortably beside GOD ALMIGHTY. Please know that her transition to God was necessary. He needed her smiles to help entertain his children in heaven. We are truly sorry for your loss. I remember the great times we all shared at Murray State and in Martin Tenn. We will miss her dearly. We love you Gerard and GOD BLESS

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**Kurt** - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Gerard I am so sorry for your loss. May your family be healed with tender mercies and many memories. Most Sincerely, Colleen O'Callaghan

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**Colleen O** - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Gerard, I just learned today about the passing of your wife. I am so sorry Gerard because I felt like I knew Leshia. We talked day after day about our families. Please know that you are in my prayers and if there is anything that I can do for you, please do not hesitate to call on me. I love you like a brother. GOD will take care of you. With Love & Prayers, Charlene (COLT)

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**A friendNov** - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

OD

“ Thanks for the happy memories of fun and those of your doing what's best for children at all times. I didn't see you often, but your presence will forever be a part of JFK.

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**Opal Dawson** - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ I want to send my sincere condolences to Gerard, and family. Leshia was full of life, there was never a dull moment around her. The one thing I love about her is that she loved her family and loved people. I remember sitting in her office talking about Y stuff and her family. It was though I knew them all. Thank you Leshia for all you've taught me as a site director thank you for allowing the opportunity to work with children and families at the Y. The SACC will never be the same matter of fact it hadn't been since you took sick leave. You will be greatly missed. I pray that the love you had for family will carry them through these difficult times.

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**Robbin Norfleet** - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Leshia, you were such an amazing lady. Always lit up the room when you walked in. You was so sweet, funny, and so caring. Im going to miss visiting you and saying hi at my work. Imma miss you. RIP. Fly high. Love you

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**Bethany Taylor** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ Gerard, sorry for your loss. Remember depend on the Lord, He will give you strength.

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**Frank and Linda Pope** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you .she was a very loved person .may God continue to be with this family.. Angie Mask

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**Angela Mask** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Leshia truly was a ray of light and laughter. I had the pleasure of working with her at the Southeast Y for many years. Leshia did God's work here on earth - making a real difference in the lives of the families and children and staff she was given the opportunity to serve. She always had a smile and a positive attitude to share with all of us. Thank you Leshia for all you did to make the world a better, happier and safer place for the children. Heaven's light is now brighter with you as an angel looking over all of us. My sincere condolences to Leshia's family for your difficult loss.

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**Theresa McCauley** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ To my second family, leshia has been a great person to me and my family, she was the one who gave me the opportunity to become a site director with the YMCA which has allowed me to better myself she called me her son i will always cherish the moments I spent sitting in her office, lying on her couch going to all the peddlers malls. I will miss my sugar luppis RIH. Thanks Gerald for allowing such a wonderful person to enter into my life.

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**Derrick Allen** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ To the Radford Family, my prayers go out to your family. May God bless you all. Pam Edmondson

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**A friendNov** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ I extend my deepest sympathy to the Radford family in their time of loss. May God keep you during this most difficult period.

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**Rex Valentine** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Gerard, Brandon ,Greg n Family, I am so sorry for the loss of Leshia She was a nice n sweet person n neighbor n will truly be missed. I know what you are going thru because I was there a few short yrs ago. Prayers, faith ,family n friends will see u thru this difficult time You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love and smooches!!!

Gaynell Coleman - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Gerard...I am sooo sorry to hear about your loss. I know it is a diffucult time for you right now. I have walked in these shoes many years ago. Remember that The Lord Jesus Christ knows exactly how you feel and he will be your comforter at this very difficult time. Let me know if you need anything. Sincerely, Shirley A. Dukes

A friendNov - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ PRAYERS TO YOU AND THE FAMILY GERARD !!! I CAN'T IMAGINE THE HURT AND PAIN BUT LESHIA IN A BETTER PLACE MY FRIEND !!! I HOPE THE MEMORIES OF YOUR LIFE TOGETHER COMFORTS YOU !!! IF YOU NEED ANYTHING HIT ME UP MAN

LaMont Brown Nov - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Gerard and family, please know you are in the thoughts and prayers of many. May you have abundant fond memories to sustain you in the days to come. God Bless you.

Brenda Gunn - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I was youngish newly divorced mom with two young children in the CEP program at Highland. Over-worked and often overwhelmed, I had put up a wall; trying to do it all alone. Leshia taught me to let others in; to partner with the amazing people I had entrusted to care for children, in their best interest. In this way, Leshia became an irreplaceable member of the small Village I had needed to raise my children. She and Mario, and the CEP team became family to us. I smile to know how she meant so much to others as well and saddened to know that we have lost an amazing woman who has touched the lives of so many families; a woman who has been an irreplaceable member of so many Villages.

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**marybeth delahanty** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Gerard i am SO sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers. chrissy {uofl}

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**christian greene** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ LESHIA R. RADFORD

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**Charlene and Carolyn Stevens** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Gerard, Brandon, and Gregory and Family; I am so sorry for your loss. Leshia was a beautiful woman with such a sweet spirit about her. Thank you for sharing her with us, she will be greatly missed.

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**Amy Vallieres** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Prayers and comfort to the family of Leshia. She was truly a remarkable person always helping others whether it be a coat drive, mitten and hat tree to make sure that children had what they needed to keep warm . She had a heart of gold and will truly be missed.

Sharon Bryant - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ To Leshia: Thank you for the laughter and friendship in college. Going to high school together was pretty cool because your were such a gem. But I was able to get to know you better in college. I feel sad because you are no longer here but I am happy to know you are in the arms of the heavenly father. To Gerard, and Leshia's family, please know your love one was an angel to many on earth but God needed her. Keeping you all in prayer and asking God to give you all strength during this difficult time.

Rose Jackson - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Leshia R. I. P. god keep her family in your prayers always

Linda Clark - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ I worked with Leshia for several years at the YMCA. She was always a joy to work with. She lit up any room she came in with her smile and laughter. I will be praying that your family can be comforted with all the great memories.

Tracy Thomas Nov - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Gerard, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Irene King Smith,  
JoWanda Smith Hendricks and Valerie Smith Perry

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**JoWanda Hendricks** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Gerard, so sorry to hear of your loss. I will continue to keep you and  
the Radford family in my thoughts and prayers. Continue to look  
unto the hills from whence cometh your help during this time and  
days to come.

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**Tina Carter** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ My sincere Condolence to the entire family. May God's grace and  
peace be with you all during your time of bereavement. Leisha and I  
were childhood friends, from elementary school to high school. She  
will certainly be blessed.

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**Evangelist Debra Harvey** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Gerard, I was saddened to hear of your loss. Leshia was a beautiful  
person full of joy. From the time we met, we often spoke of the  
goodness of our God. Remember, He is a comforter. My prayers are  
with you and the entire family.

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**Karen Justice Administration** - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

YO

“ It was a blessing to know & be called friend by Leshia & Gerard. Shared a table at the Outdoor concert on 4th Street several years ago, but was blessed to meet them thru Tara before they were married. Over the years chance meetings, but always updated thru Tara & Pam. God bless and keep the entire circle of family & friends for God has left you all with the Love of Leshia!

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**Yolanda** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

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**Emma Warfield** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Gerard, you and your family are in my prayers. I know it's hard, but keep God in your thoughts and you will make it. Beverly Coleman IT

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**A friendNov** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ To the family: Leishia will be miss. But she will not be forgotten.

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**Terry Ormond** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Leshia was a big part of my Y life. She is the reason i am the person i am today. She never let me quit and kept pushing me to do bigger and better things. I owe everthing to her she was so sweet and understanding full of energy and life. She helped me understand the meaning of being a parent when i adopted my son and that i will charish forever. Leshia was my rock and will always and forever be TEAM LESHIA...Love you mamma leshia you will always be in my heart thank you for being you. Gerard, Brandon and greg you all hang in there you all are such a loving family and i know you all will get through this Love you all and let me know if you need anything.*

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**Ben Taylor** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *So privileged to work with Leshia for 28 years and cherish her friendship and all she taught me. Your YMCA family will never be the same without you but the great memories will last forever.*

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**Becky Gamm** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *My prayer for Leshia's Family... Dear Lord allow your Peace that surpasses all understanding to be with her hubby, her boys, her girls and all the family and friends who lives she has touched in a wonderful way by being just who she was... a good daughter, wife, mother, friend, co-worker, neighbor, church member. Lord comfort those who mourn with knowing that she has reached the ultimate goal...resting in your arms, GOD. Free from pain and suffering. Leshia is at Peace and may Peace be yours. With Love, Karla Wright*

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**Karla Wright** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I have few words, I love you Leshia and miss you more than anyone will ever know. Rest now, and tell my mom I love her...

Tangie Horn - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Greg and Gerard, You have our sincere condolences and prayers.

Stephone Mack - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Leshia you were more than an usher and a sunday school memeber to me - you were a friend- God Bless, Kathy Hyatt

A friendNov - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Gerard and Family, there are no words that can express the sorrow that I feel for you all right now. Gerard you were here for me just two months ago telling me that although it seems hard, be strong when I lost my father. Now I want to extend the same words of encouragement to you and your family. I KNOW this is hard but God will grant you all the needed strength to get through this. Leshia is at peace now and she no longer has to live in pain. WHATEVER AND WHENEVER, you know my number! I will keep you in my prayers and may God bless each and everyone of you.

Kim Ross - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ To the Family of Leshia, My heart is sadden that my childhood friend that I grew up with in a little town called Fulton, Ky. Leshia was a very sweet funny young lady that I was able to share summers with Leshia when she came to Fulton to spend with her family. As Adults we loss contact until June 2008 I saw my friend for the first time in years and she was just a beautiful and funny as she was when we were children. When I recieved the call the other night that my childhood friend had gone home to be with our Lord and Savior my heart is sadden. But to know that God chose one of his best Angels on this earth I know he didn't make a mistake. Even though we hadn't seen each other in years she will be truly missed and I will always remember my friend when we meet in a little town called Fulton Ky. I pray for the Family and I am so sorry for your loss of the Sweetest person I have ever known but I thank God for the time that he allowed us to share with Leshia. Love Regina(Pearson)Thomas

Regina Pearson - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ R.I.P

A friendNov - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ You will always live in our hearts and prayers.

Tammi Geftos - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ GERARD, I KNOW THIS IS THE HARDEST THING YOU WILL EVER GO THRU BUT YOU HAVE LOTS OF GREAT FRIENDS AND FAMILY THAT WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU TO LEAN ON . I AM SO SORRY BUDDY IF YOU NEED ANYTHING PLEASE LET ME KNOW .

TROY TUGGLE - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *I will always cherish my memories! And my Mask(s) will always be some of the greatest gifts I've ever received! Thank you God for blessing me with the honor to love her too! She was one of the best Bosses in the world! Sherell Y. Rice*

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**A friendNov** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *May God bless your grief-stricken family and friends. You touched so many people with your warm, friendly smile and your strength to push yourself. You made so many of us proud of your accomplishments in the short time that we knew you here. To us, you will always be one of our "success stories". You may be gone, but you definitely won't be forgotten.*

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**KHJ** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *You will always live in our hearts.*

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**Shannon Noonan** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ This world, however beautiful, was never meant to be the place that we would call our home for all eternity. And though we would not choose to leave, a loving God knows best, and in His time, He lifts us to a place of peace and rest. For He has built a mansion where His children will abide, free from pain and sorrow, forever at His side. And though these one we love so much have left our present sight, and passed into a better world of majesty and light. Someday we'll be together in our Father's home above, where we'll thank Him for His mercy and praise Him for His love. Gerard, Brandon, Greg, Ms. Gwen, Denisha & Little Brandon, Look to the Hills which cometh your help; for it is in His loving arms that He mends the wounded spirit and heals the broken heart. Leslie Brown & Family

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**Leslie Brown** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ My prayers are with you all Gerard, Lil Greg, Brandon, Gwen, Greg and family. May God bless your family in this time of sorrow.

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**Angela Leonard Mathies** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Gerard, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. God Bless you all.

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**Lynda Gholston** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Sending love and power to Gerard and all the family and friends. You are in our prayers.

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**Carol Cummings** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ So sorry my prayers are for you to hold on to God he will help you in your time of need . Lori Roberson

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**A friendNov** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ Gerard and family: Please accept my condolences with the lost of Leshia. Continue to hold God's hand and pray. Vicki Davis-Hamlin

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**Vicki Davis** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM