



Ra'Tonya Machelles Willis-Friedman

May 20, 1975 - December 16, 2017

Ra'Tonya Machelles Willis-Friedman, 42, passed away Saturday, December 16, 2017.

She was a member of Southeast Christian Church; Mrs. KY 2008; Mrs. Kentucky America Family; Kate Spade Family and St. Mathews Elementary Family; and was a Consultant-Life Coach.

She was preceded in death by her brother, RaShaan Roland Willis and her mother-in-law, Nancy Friedman.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Friedman; sons, Noa'Sosa Ra'Shaan and Nehemiah Moses; parents, Robert and Marita Willis; father-in-law, Michael Friedman; grandmother; Bettie "Big Momma" Willis; brother-in-law, Donald Friedman (Gaby); great friend, Kenyata Rice "Skyye"; two nieces; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Visitation: Wednesday from 12-2 p.m. & 4-8 p.m. at A.D. Porter & Sons Southeast., 4501 Bardstown Road. Funeral: Thursday 11 a.m. at Southeast Christian Church, 920 Blankenbaker Pwy. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to The Team Shaan Foundation, P.O. Box 20487, Louisville, KY 40250-0487.

Tribute Wall

AT

“ I remember when u were my English teacher in high school u made sure I passed and everything miss u love u and rest easy love Andre aka Dre

Andre Thompson - June 01 at 01:59 PM

DF

“ We are so thankful you chose us to be a part of your life, love, and spirit. We love you in this world and beyond. Stephen, Tanya, Miles and Nia

Doc Franklin - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CH

“ There are no words. I am so sorry. Lifting you all up in prayer.

Cathy Hardin - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

PM

“ Marita and Robert, I am so sorry for your loss. You, Gary and the children are in my thoughts. Peace and comfort to you all.

Peg Moertl - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

AD

“ Your Male High School Family will miss you dearly. Your inner light showed through your beautiful smile and will continue to shine on above. God bless and comfort your sweet family.

Andrea Jones Deweese - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TH

“ No words can express what we are feeling right now. Our hearts are just breaking for her family. What a special young woman she was.....

Terry and Sue Hardesty - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Thinking of you and your family, wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the midst of pain. Marita and Bob our sincere condolences go out to you and your family. Will and Vivian Turner

June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MM

“ Marita-I am so sorry for your loss. Sending you lots of healing hugs.

Melissa Mershon - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LG

“ Marita, my heart aches for you and your family. I love you. Praying for all. Lisa

Lisa Grider - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

VR

“ Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. I know the pain and I'm truly sorrowful you and the entire family have to face. I love you both.. Bob and Marita call me if you need anything at all nothing is too big or small. May God grant you peace.

Valarie Roberts-Allen - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KW

“ Thinking of you and your family. There are no words that can comfort the loss of this beautiful soul. May God wrap His arms around you and your loving family during this difficult time. Prayers for comfort, peace, strength and love moving forward.

Kelly Willian-Higdon - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Bobby and Marita -- Please know that our prayers are with you at this time. May His peace be with you and may His love give you comfort. We love you -- Nathan and Michelle Gray

June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SB

“ Sending my Condolences and Prayers to the Willis and Freidman family, a Beautiful person inside and out in Heaven.

Sheila Bartlett - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Dear Gary, We love you and your family. We will always remember T with that gorgeous smile. Sending love to your precious boys and Mr. and Mrs. Willis. Love, Lainey and Mark

June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DG

“ Gary, So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family.

Dale & Susan Gann - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SP

“ Bob, Gary, Marita and entire family. We are so sorry for your loss and send you love and prayers. Every time we had the pleasure to meet Tonya, she was a beacon of light. - Sol and Amanda Perry.

Sol Perry - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RR

“ Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.

Rosie & Diana Ray - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LB

“ Gary, Thinking of you in these difficult times. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Laura Berry

Laura Berry - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

YR

“ Praying for Bob, Marita and the entire Willis-Friedman family. Words simply can not express the heartache that I feel for you all. Take comfort in knowing that earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Yolanda Reed - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Gary, Mr. Bob and Mrs. Marita, I am praying for comfort, peace and love during this time. Thank you for sharing Sweet T. with me. She was such an influential woman in my life and I will forever cherish our memories together. With love--Tasia

June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JC

“ Please accept my sincere condolences and prayers for you and your family.

Janet Coffey - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LB

“ We have lost one of our brightest lights. My heart is broken. T was so full of love and life ... she was an inspiration to be around. She always shared her love of the Lord and her family with everyone. She never hesitated to share a funny event in her family. She spoke of her parents in almost hushed tones, she was so proud of her mom and dad. I know T is watching over all of us, especially her family. How grateful am I to have known such an amazing woman. I am a better person because of her.

Laura Babbage - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SN

“ To the Willis, Friedman and Horton Families, I am sorry for your lost and my prayers will be with you all thorough this most difficult time. Ra'Tonya was so sweet and her beautiful smile and her unique laugh will be greatly missed. I love you.

Sharon Newson - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TS

“ Gary & Bob , I am so sorry for your loss. I am out of town but please know your in my thought and prayer. My God comfort you. Tom Schifano

Tom Schifano - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

ST

“ My condolences are with the family this is Sandra Tiller I love you all

Sandra Tilker - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

BD

“ Gary,Buck told me about your wife. I am so sorry to hear this and hope that you are doing as well as you can at this time. I wanted to let you know that I am thinking of you.Sincerely,

Bob D'Amelio - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TS

“ She was a friend and mentor and ray of light so bright that she never failed to inspire me to be a better version of myself. I can only hope to continue to reflect the love and light she gave to me. I will miss you. I wish I could be in Ky to pay my respects in person. Prayers and love Gary, Bob, Marita and family. You all always made me feel like family.

Tarsha Stith - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LB

“ Mr. Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Willis, My condolences. I work with Denise Stover. I am so sadden by your loss. My hopes and prayers are with you and your family. I pray you will find peace during this time.

Leah Bracy - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JR

“ My prayers go out to this family and her boys although I really didn't know her personally but we knew some of the same ppl. I always admired her from a far she always seemed the same Happy. It was never a time I didn't see her out shopping at Nordstrom (lol) that she didn't greet me with a smile and always a compliment on something I was wearing. She was a true Diva and a shinning star. I pray that thur this difficult time God will give you the family peace and understanding that he needed a certain flower and she was it she was one of a kind Love and sympathy, Julia Humphrey Rhodes

Julia Humphrey Rhodes - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MT

“ Mrs. Willis was not only my Cheer coach, she was my friend and mentor. We lost touch once she relocated to Illinois and I have missed her since. I know she would be so proud of things I've accomplished and the woman I've grown to be. My heart goes out to her boys and to Gary. Being a Loving Wife and Mother made her so happy. Heaven has a new Angel!

Markeisha Todd - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

NB

“ Gary and all of Ra'Tonya's family - I met her through the Mrs. Kentucky pageant and loved her instantly. I emcee the pageant every year and always looked forward to her larger than life smile and magnetic personality. I am so shocked and saddened by her passing. Please know that you and yours are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God comforts you in this time and in the future. Your earth's angel has gone home to Heaven. xo

Nicole Brink - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

AW

“ I will forever miss you and that beautiful smile.....

Ayesha Watts - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RB

“ I met her through Mrs Kentucky. I'm so sorry for your loss. May the Holy Spirit bring comfort that only He can.

Robin Barks - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CB

“ THE WILLIS FRIEDMAN AND THE GRAY HAVE MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES . Ratonya was a rare jewel and such a unique person with such a charismatic smile she will be missed. I thank God that I was able to know her and be able to do her har, was such a blessing to have been a part when she won Mrs.Kentucky she now wears a bigger crown. GOD BLESS YOU ALLCHERI

CHERI BARTLETT - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about T's passing. She was an amazing mother and person. You guys are in my prayers.Jeremy Johnson, SME

Jeremy Johnson - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KA

“ A very beautiful woman and a friend of mines. u will be truly missed. heaven has another angel to look over us.

kimberly avery - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TT

“ Sharon Horton and family, my sincere condolences. May God comfort you and keep you!

terri todd - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DE

“ I was so sad to read about Ra'Tonya's death. She was a lovely young woman, wife, and mother who was taken away too soon. My love to you all! I am so sorry!

Donna Earley - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JH

“ I will miss you my friend your smile made my day. You are a Jewel that will be missed.

Janet Harris - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DC

“ You were a precious soul. I am blessed to have known you. My condolences and heartfelt sympathy.

Dr. Renee Campbell - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for the family!

Tianda Johnson - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

PB

“ There are no words Robert and Marita! Heaven has gained a beautiful Angel. Sending lots of love and prayers your way.

Pamela Fulton Broadus - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JF

“ May you find courage to face the days ahead as you lean on God's everlasting arms. Remembering your family in Prayer.

Joyce Cooke & Family - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TC

“ I knew T through the Mrs. Kentucky pageant. She was my Wick's Pizza buddy and style maven. I pray the God will give her family strength through his very hard time. I know she is up in heaven hanging with my sister. They are doing makeup and styling everyone for the ultimate pageant. You will be missed T!

Tracy Crist - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

VR

“ To the Willis and Friedman Family, God is still in control and loves you praying for the family love you

Vickie Thompson Riley - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KR

“ My deepest sympathies go out to the Willis-Friedman family. May God give you the peace that you seek. May the outpouring of condolences and prayers bring you comfort and ease the pain of this loss.

Kendria Braxton Rice-Locket - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SP

“ My heart is hurting at this time because I knew her parents whole family's. I was best friends to her aunt who recently passed. My condolences go out to the family. I'm here for you.

Shirley Phillips - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

AW

“ Praying for the family. Ra'Tonya was a wonderful friend over the past 20 years and she will be greatly missed. We haven't been in contact much since she came back from Illinois but when we did talk, it was like nothing had changed. I love you...this one hurts!

Antoinette Wright - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CL

“ Bob and Marita, We are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter and pray that God will continue to strengthen and comfort you. We extend our condolences to the Willis -Friedman family.

Carl & Sandy Ledford - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LT

“ Tom Johnson and I send our sympathies. We spoke this evening of a magic night at Center for Women and Families when this Angel offered up her shoe fund so that a children's area could be built and dedicated to her brother's memory by Team Sean. Bob and Marita, we love you.

Lisa Thompson - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Bob and Marita, I am so sorry to hear about Ra Tonya. You are in my prayers! Teresa and Paul Switzer

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NI

“ Marita Chandra and I are keeping your family in our prayers.

Nat Irvin - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

AS

“ I love you soooooo much.....you and Everett went over the color yellow. You all were jumping and was so vibrant. I'm so sad you're gone. I wish I could talk to you all the time and just capture what I feel like we missed. Your spirit lives on and you are with me daily. I thank you so much. I remember you telling us about The Rock at Uncle Joe's funeral. I've kept that with me for so long. You got sick and had a hemoglobin of 4! I couldn't guess that on your worse day. You were so vibrant and full of life! You showed me at a young age how to shave my legs lol. I love you Tonya. I'm gonna miss you. Your spirit is so bright that I look at your spirit being around for a really long time. Teach me how to support your kids. Tell me what they like and how they are so I can support our family. I have so much to say to you. I trust that you can still hear me and guide me along my way. I love you cousin. I plan to keep a fire going for you...if the flame happens to dwindle please help me. You have my blood cousin. I love you soooooo much. I'm not saying goodbye. You are right here with me and what you want me to do I will do. I love you. Tell Shaan Granny PawPaw Uncle Joe Tyran My Father Michael Maddox Aunt Cecil and everybody else I love them and miss them dearly. I love you girl! Thanx for visiting us at the hospital and bringing us oysters lol when I hadn't had any in a while. You helped my son latch! Thank You cousin! I love you! I look forward to being with the twins and cutting up in the name of Ra'Tonya Willis-Friedman. You earned your wings girl. I just want you to know I love you and I'm here. Use me...I got you babe. I gotta say...I love you once again. Muah! Talk to you soon! Muah! Love you babe! Rest easy. Muah!!!

Ashley Stover - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss!

Angelia H. Walker - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LT

“ This candle is lit to show the light that she possessed inside out her shine was out of this world. Her Heart ?was as big as big gets. Her smile stood out in any room. Her spirit was faithful. Her fashion style was unforgettable.... her connection with god was strong &faithful. But none other than her love was genuine & selfless my cousin was also true to self. She was an amazing awesome angelic sweetheart. Her love will be missed Rest easy QUEEN

Laquita Tiller - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DM

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

Darlene Mays - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

BS

“ Bob and Marita, My heart is broken for you all. I know that she is with Shaan now, and they are together. Your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers. Love Becky and Roger

Becky Scott - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MC

“ My Prayers are with the entire family. Ra'Tonya was always joyful, and with a smile that could light up any room. God comfort her Husband, Children, Family and Friends that had the Awesome pleasure of knowing or meeting Ra'Tonya.

Marie Clay - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SF

“ My deepest sympathy in the loss of your daughter. May God heal your hearts.

Sandra French - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

WM

“ My prayers are with the entire family. My deepest sympathy for your sorrow in the loss of your daughter.

Walter"Flip" Malone - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RG

“ So sorry to learn of Ra'Tonya's passing. She was one of my most memorable customers at Macy's Furniture. She always brought joy with her. I will miss her.

Robert Geoghegan - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RD

“ Bob and Marita, I am so sorry about your loss. When Rick and Treva called to let me know of this sad news- I am still in disbelief! As you well know, Tonya was a beautiful young lady inside and out. It was an absolute pleasure meeting her. I've never lost a child, so I cannot begin to tell you I know how you feel, but I do want you to know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers for strength and comfort. You have my deepest sympathy. - Niece of Rick and Treva

Renee Donnell - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SC

“ May Our God give to comfort during this. My prayers are with you'll.

Samuel Cook - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JL

“ My heart aches more when my mind is no more in disbelief. Words can't express my sadness and sorrow for Willis and Friedman Family's loss. She was such an elegant, beautiful person, she lit up the room wherever she went. Nobody could forget her beautiful smile and cool and fun personalities! She was such a fun and loving mother to her boys! Play dates, pool side meets, birthday parties, sleep overs.... she planned so well for her boys! Please let her boys know that our door is always open to them, come whenever they want to play with their friends, we will try to have fun while T is watching over in heaven! She will be missed! We will keep you all in our prayers, may God heal your hearts, bring you comfort and courage.

Jianzhu Luo - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MT

“ Bobby Jr. & Marita, I light a candle for Ra'Tonya in beating the odds of her many challenges in life, to her major accomplishments, success, marrying her partner for life and most importantly, the gift of motherhood. She comes from a family rich in the love of God, strength and perseverance. I hope you have peace in knowing that God, Rev. Nelson & Mary Willis, Zenia, RaShaan, Aunt Alva (momma) and Janice welcomed her with open arms. Like them, she glows amongst the stars, shining ever so brightly. We will continue to pray for and with you and God will send a comforter to you during your time of need. We love you always, Mary Sue, Duane, Phillip & Uriah

Mary Turner - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CD

“ Holding you in our thoughts and prayers and grieving with you at the loss of this bright light. May God comfort you and bring you peace. Cathe & Dan Dykstra

Cahe Dykstra - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

BW

“ Bob and Marita, Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathies to you, your son in law , your grandsons and the entire family. May the memories of Ra'Tonya's life comfort you now and forever. Beverly Watts

Beverly Watts - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DW

“ You will always have loving memories of Ra'Tonya. Thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Deloris White - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MO

“ Bob and Marita, May your cherish your memories and keep them dear to your hearts. There is o loss as great as that of a child. My heart aches for you. You are in my prayers. Fondly, Melanie Onnen

Melanie Onnen - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

WW

“ I only knew her a short while but everything I heard about her was true from my nieces. What very nice , talented young lady. Touched the hearts of infants, toddlers, young, adults, and old.

Wanda Irvin White - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JD

“ Bob and Marita, May cherished memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength during this difficult time. Joe & Tracy Donnell

Joe Donnell - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DT

“ Dear Rita and Rob, our thoughts and prayers are with you now and always. Praying that you'll be surrounded by His comforting love and filled with the peace that only God can give. Lonna and Darrel Traynor
Madison, TN.

Darrel Traynor - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LK

“ Bob, Marita, Gary, Noa' Sosa, & Nehemiah: Leon and I love you all and wish we could be there as you celebrate RaTonya's life and homegoing. We don't have the words to express our heartfelt condolences for the loss of OUR family. We are blessed to have had RaTonya in our lives for her short 42 years. The world won't be the same without her but she has spread enough love to sustain us with special memories. God Bless the entire Willis-Friedman Family. We Love you !!!!!

Lisa & Leon King - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CP

“ Bob and Marita and to the entire family of Ra'Tonya, may the peace, serenity, and strength of the Lord be with you today and for the many days that you will reflect back on such a beautiful spirit. You have my deepest sympathy. Stay in faith, even when it feels like you have lost all hope. Keep leaning on the Lord and read the story of Job. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust Him....." there's a brighter day ahead. Love you all and you remain in my prayers!!

Christopher Posey - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LM

“ Marita and Bob I am so sorry to hear about your daughter Ra'Tonya's passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Linda Morton - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MG

“ Praying for the family, didn't know her personally but would see her @ the Dillard's sale every New Years Day!,going to miss seeing you!, Gone but never forgotten!

Mitzi Glenn - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CE

“ I am so sorry for your loss! RaTonya is a beautiful person and always lights up the room with her beauty and charisma!

Carmen Evans - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

BH

“ Marita and Bob, I am so very sorry about the loss of your lovely daughter. She was an incredible young woman and she will be sorely missed. You and your family remain in my thoughts and prayers. Brenda Hart

Brenda Hart - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KD

“ My sincerest sympathy goes to your family in the loss of Ra'Tonya. Stay strong as you go through these tough times.Kelvin J. Douglas

Kelvin Douglas - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

GB

“ I wish I had the right words, just know I care.

Gwen Bedford - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

NW

“ May your beauty and your memories rest in His eternal peace.

Nina Wilson - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

OP

“ Dear Willis-Friedman Family, Words cannot express how deeply saddened we are to learn of Ra'Tonya's Home going. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this trying time and beyond. Osei, Shannon, and Elijah

Osei Paddymo - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MP

“ My deepest sympathies on your profound loss... Meg

meg peavy - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

PT

“ Marita and family, my heart breaks to hear of the loss of your beautiful daughter. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Patricia Tennen - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

HC

“ Dear Marita, Bob and Gary Words cannot express how sad I am to learn the passing of Ra'Tonya. A huge loss for your family, her friends and Louisville. I am so sorry. Ra'Tonya, I will miss you and our Derby times together. Will be praying for you all. God bless you all.

Hervil Cherubin - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ To the Friedman and Willis family, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever". Psalm 73:26. No words can express how deeply sadden we are to hear of your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family during this difficult time. Eric and Sharita Martin

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VK

“ My deepest condolences to the family and our prayers are with you.

Victoria King - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

PH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart breaks for her family. Ra'Tonya was a sweet and loving soul. I worked at Jeffersontown High School when she was there. She had real compassion for the students. This is a huge loss.

Peggy Hedges - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JN

“ Marita-I am heartbroken by this news. Please know that you and your husband, along with your son-in-law and grandchildren will remain in my thoughts and prayers. I know that you have gained yet another angel in heaven looking over you and those you love, and I hope this will provide you some level of comfort during this incredibly difficult time. With deepest sympathy, John

John Nevitt - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SS

“ Marita, Bob, and Gary we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our prays and thoughts are with you and your family. Steve and Robin Sedita

stephen sedita - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

AS

“ Marita and family, Words can't express how sad I was to hear of your loss. If there is anything your friends at Kentucky Youth Advocates can do to provide some measure of comfort during these difficult times, please let us know. You will remain in our thoughts.

Amy Swann - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SS

“ To the Family.....I Love you all, we are lifting you up in prayer. Sleep RaTonya a place in Heaven is reserved for another Angel. We will see your beautiful smile and intense love of the Lord again. God Bless you all.

Sylvia Sirmons - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Marita and Bob- Sad to learn of your Ra'Tonya's passing. Will keep you all in my prayers. Memories, love and laughter of your loved daughter will always remain in your hearts. Fondly, your host family friend, Anne Burkley

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LW

“ Ra'Tonya was a true beauty inside and out. She was my style guru and inspiration to so many. I feel blessed to have known her friendship. Sending love and peace to her family during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Always, Leigh

Leigh Watson - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LH

“ Ms Marita and Bob My prayers are with you! We may not know why but God needed her most. You will see her again. She's with her brother in the heaven of heavenlies! God bless you and the entire family.

Lisa and James Hodge - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LF

“ Kevin and I were so sad to hear the news of your daughter's passing. We will hold your family in our hearts.

Lori Flanery - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RS

“ I have lost a great friend, she will be in my thoughts always. I share your grief.I will always be thankful that Kevin and I had the opportunity to know her.T has left us with so many memories,we will cherish forever.

Rosie Smith - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SM

“ Though we never got to know our "cousin-in-law," we're heartbroken and shocked that such a vibrant young woman was taken, so suddenly, from life and from her family. Our hearts go out to Gary and the boys and everyone whose life she touched.

Steve and Karen Motenko - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

EC

“ So sorry for your lost.

Eboneka and Amber Coleman - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TS

“ Marita , Bob & Family members,I am so sorry of the loss of your beautiful daughter.I will light a candle and keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Toni Skiles - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Robert and Marita, words can not express my sincere sympathy. There are no words for the pain that you feel right now, but what I do know is that GOD is alive and he hears and knows your pain. Trust him, hold onto him and believe he will bring you through. Much love and many prayers my friend. The latch is on the outside of my home, by that I mean your always welcome. Vergil RatliffHouston Texas

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“ Love ? and prayers to your your family. She was a wonderful woman ?

Donna Klein - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Bobby & Rita im so very sorry for your loss. My mother just shared with me of her passing. Words cannot express my deepest sympathy. Although I didn't see her in our adult years, I have fond memories of our youth together and hearing about her many accomplishments. Sending love and peace to you all during this difficult time.

Burgess Byrd - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Ra'tonya you will be missed by so many! Even though our hearts are overwhelmed I feel truly blessed to have shared time & space with such a compassionate, loving & truly beautiful young woman. Ra'Tonya was my best friend's friend but I will always remember her for the way she made me feel, strong, fearless and invincible. I'll always love you for that Ra'TonyaTo the family:Matt 5:4Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted

Funchal Fawn Jones - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SH

“ I LOVE YOU T...I will never forget what you taught me.

Shayla - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CM

“ Our heartfelt condolences are sent to the Willis and Friedman families. Ra'Tonya was a beautiful woman, inside and out. Her smile, energy and warmth is what we will remember most. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Carmen and Anthony Mathis - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DI

“ Ra'Tonya Machelle Willis-Friedman

Diane Ingram - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DI

“ Marita, Bobby and Family Today and always may loving memories bring you peace, comfort and strength. My deepest thoughts are with you at this difficult time. I will continue to keep you in my prayers. I love you all.

Diane Ingram - June 13, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ All of us here at Fern Creek Baptist Church and Fern Creek Child Development Center were sorry to hear about Ra'Tonya's passing. We really appreciated having the opportunity to meet this family. She will be missed. We will continue to keep your family in our prayers. God Bless you all!!

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“ *Marita, This is Laura Puckett. I just found out thru a co worker at JCPS that Ra Tonya had passed. I want you to know I would have been there if I had known. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love Laura Puckett*

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“ *May you Rest in Peace my friend. This really saddens me.*

December 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM