



Keisha D. Burkes

November 28, 1973 - May 17, 2016

Keisha Darice Burkes was the second child born to Elliott and Wendy Burkes, entering this world on November 28, 1973, at Lakeside Hospital in Copiague, New York. She graduated from Wyandanch Memorial High School in 1991 and continued her education at Briarcliffe College, where she received her certification as a Medical Assistant. She later attended Suburban Technical School and studied court reporting as well. Keisha was employed at United Cerebral Palsy in Hauppauge, New York as an ICP Specialist for over eighteen years and was currently studying medical billing and coding at Sanford-Brown Institute. She was due to graduate in June at the top of her class.

Keisha was known for her sense of humor and everyone who was fortunate enough to have been in her presence will remember her infectious laugh and warm smile. She always tried to make the people around her laugh or smile as well, lending a listening ear and offering words of encouragement to anyone in need. She did not believe in being angry and did not like to see anyone sad. She loved music and more than anything she loved spending time with family, especially the children. "Aunty Keesh" loved the kids.

Keisha Burkes was a devoted mother, daughter, sister and aunt. She was called to eternal rest on May 17, 2016 and will be missed terribly by all who knew her. She leaves to cherish her memory two sons, David Pilgrim and Reneris Santuches; grandson, Javid Pilgrim; mother, Wendy; sisters, Ramona and Demetria Burkes; brothers, Elliott Burkes and Curtis Felton; nephews, Demetrius Garrett, Elliott Burkes, Jr., Silas Burkes and Reginald Flowers; nieces, Ashonti Merritt, Ayanni Merritt (goddaughter), Ariana Lyles and Sariyah Burkes; great niece, Malaysia Garrett; fiancé, Vernon Johnson; and a host of beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Cemetery

Amityville Cemetery

55 Harrison Avenue
Amityville, NY, 11701

Events

MAY **Wake** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Slinger-Hasgill Funeral Home
155 Sunrise Hwy., Amityville, NY, US, 11701

MAY **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Miss you so much at UCP my dear friend. Your loving, caring spirit lives on in every corner of every room at Echo. Your beautiful smile and laughter are surely missed along with your funny stories and your contagious smile. Sweet and gentle, kind and friendly to all. Always willing to lend a helping hand even before you were asked. I can still see you sitting at your desk and shouting out a hearty "Good Morning" and always making myself and everyone around you feel so special. I Thank you for your friendship and am so grateful to have known you. You will remain forever in my heart. Now Rest Peacefully in the arms of the Angels. Until we meet again.

Debora McCloud - May 03, 2017 at 10:50 PM



“ Melissa Barksdale sent a virtual gift in memory of Keisha D. Burkes



Melissa Barksdale - October 05, 2016 at 09:36 PM



“ I will miss u Keisha..gone, but never forgotten! Seems just like yesterday!. I'll never forget our great friendship & all the fun we've had growing up! We were even born at the same hospital in the same year just a few months apart! U were a gem & always will be!..my deepest condolences & sympathy goes out to the family & friends..Rest In Peace My Friend!
Love,
Cassandra Garrett

Cassandra Garrett - June 08, 2016 at 01:15 PM



“ So loving, generous, forgiving, kind, free, happy, spontaneous, funny, trustworthy, a dear friend, a beautiful person inside and out. My heart aches. I miss you so much! You're in my heart in my thoughts in my life, Always. May you rest in peace.

Love,
Nayda Ortiz-Hedgepath

Nayda - May 25, 2016 at 11:46 PM



“ My deepest condolences & sympathy goes out to Keisha's family & friends!. I'm just so sad & shocked to hear this! Keisha & I were long time childhood friends & attended school together. Although I hadn't seen her in a while, it's just like I've seen her yesterday!. She was the most sweetest person who made me laugh all the time. I remember we used to spend the night over each other's houses & just had fun!. Keisha always had a serene kind heart & soul!. She will be dearly missed!...RIP Keisha!..

With Love,

Cassandra Garrett

Cassandra Garrett - June 08, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“ I just got the news that my friend passed. She was kind hearted and i love the whole family. Her mother treated me like i was one of her children. Kiesha was a great friend and she will be missed.

With love.

Iris Carter

Iris Carter - July 04, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ Love you baby..... Until we meet again.

Melissa Barksdale - October 05, 2016 at 09:32 PM