

Acknowledgement

The family of Erica King wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Whether you sent a card, flowers, spoke comforting words, lent a shoulder, whispered a prayer or simply kept us in your thoughts, it has not gone unnoticed. We extend special thanks to Apple Inc and The House of the Lord Church.

Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,

I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,

especially at the very lowest and saddest times,

there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,

there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you

Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you."



To offer condolences to The King Family,
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*In
Loving
Memory
of*



Erica DeShaye King

JULY 31, 1981 ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

~Service~

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 ~ 2:00 PM

MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME

Chapel of Peace East

5456 E. Livingston Avenue

Columbus, Ohio

ELDER TOMMIE L. BUGGS

Officiating & Eulogizing Minister

Obituary

Erica DeShaye King, of Columbus, Ohio stepped into the loving arms of Jesus on September 24, 2021. She is deeply loved and will be forever missed.

Erica was born July 31, 1981 to the late Lucille King and Martin Smart. She graduated from Franklin Heights High School in 1999. She then went on to earn a bachelor's degree and two Master's Degrees. Erica could do anything she put her mind to. She was full of life and lived her life to the fullest. She was a teacher, guiding students through learning the English language through McDonald's Corporate Campus. She was a technical consultant, guiding customers and encouraging colleagues at Apple, Inc. for the past several years.

She was a fierce and loving mother who wanted to give her kids the world. She was a devoted aunt and daughter. She was a sister that embodied the best of what a sister is.

Erica was a lover of puzzles, Target, the Dallas Cowboys, Harry Potter and Charmed. She loved being the family Easter Bunny, making baskets overflowing with sweets as well as love. She was as smart as she was beautiful, as headstrong as she was kind, and as loving as she was giving. Erica had the biggest, prettiest smile and an even bigger heart. She had a light that drew people to her and brought joy and laughter wherever she went.

Our hearts do not understand why she is gone, but we know that she is with Christ. Erica was strong in her faith and lived it out day by day. She was strong in the Word and prayed beautifully with and for her family and others.

Erica was preceded in death by her mother, Lucille King; maternal grandmother Evelyn King, maternal grandfather, Walter King, Sr.; paternal grandmother Dora Smart; and paternal grandfather William Smart.

She leaves to cherish her memory, son, Jameson King and daughter, Aundrea King; father, Martin Smart; stepmom, Pamela Smart; sisters, Deanna Thomas (Keith), LaShonna Johnson (Larry W.), Shenise Smart, and Vanessa Gault (Christian); fiancée, Ozzie Mannwright; nieces and nephews who all loved Auntie Erica, cousins, aunts and uncles, and countless friends and colleagues

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDEMusic Ministry

SCRIPTURE READING Clergy

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament.....John 11:25-26

I Corinthians 15:54

Revelation 21:3-4

PRAYER Clergy

SELECTIONMusic Ministry

READING OF OBITUARY Melissa Bryant

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Elder Tommie L. Buggs

SELECTIONMusic Ministry

The Eulogy

ELDER TOMMIE L. BUGGS

BENEDICTION..... Elder Tommie L. Buggs

RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family & Friends



*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me
though he were dead yet shall he live.*

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26