



Erika Anderson

December 5, 1989 - September 20, 2023

Erika Nicole Anderson, the beloved daughter of proud parents Jeffery & Elizabeth Dommond was born on December 5, 1989, in Atlanta, GA. Along with her older sister Pamela Danielle Dommond, Erika was an honors student in the Georgia public school system, earning scholastic achievement awards and graduating with honors from Stone Mountain High School. Erika, a self-proclaimed education enthusiast, earned Bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and Mechanical Engineering from Spelman College and Georgia Institute of Technology, respectively, again graduating from both schools with honors. Erika had been inspired by her grandmother Selonia Smith Blatch to attend Spelman, making Erika a 5th generation Spelman alumnus in an unbroken family chain of Spelman alumnae. While progressing through her college studies, Erika worked as a math tutor and teacher's assistant, serving as the Academic Excellence chair on the National Society of Black Engineers' executive board. Not only was she active on campus during the school year, she also spent her summers gaining real industry experience interning at NASA and GE Aviation in Alabama and Ohio respectively. After graduation Erika, along with her long-time sweetheart Chadwick Alexander Anderson, moved to Beaumont, Texas where Erika worked at ExxonMobil as a Reliability Engineer. The couple married in Texas but after 1 ½ years into the marriage, sadly Chadwick died unexpectedly. After his tragic passing, Erika persevered with her career at ExxonMobil for several additional years. Erika obtained a Master's Degree in Data Analytics at Texas A&M University. She continued

her enthusiasm for education by tutoring local grade school students in math, and joining various associations whose mission was promoting careers in science. In furtherance of this goal, Erika served as an If/Then Ambassador for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (“AAAS”). AAAS selected one professional female engineer from each of the 50 states to promote the sciences to young people, especially women. Erika’s enthusiasm for encouraging others to pursue science careers emboldened her to realize that:

“When passion meets purpose, the opportunities are endless.”

By July 2022, our family enthusiastically welcomed Erika back home to Georgia when she accepted a Reliability Engineer position with Georgia Pacific. Little did we then realize that our time with her would be so short.

Though Erika is departed in body, her luminous and loving spirit shall continuously shine in the hearts of our family. In addition to her many cousins, colleagues, friends, and fellow Spelman alumnae, Erika is survived by her parents Jay & Liz Dommond, sister Pamela, nieces Ma’Kayla, Drea & Erilyse, her grandmother Geraldine Watson, her Uncle & Aunt, Paul & Roberta Blatch, her Aunt & fellow Spelman alumnus Pamela Blatch, her Uncle Michael Dommond, her Aunt Lynette Dommond, her mother-in-law Stacie Hawkins, brother-in-law Chancellor Gregg and sister-in-law Tenaya Hawkins, and a host of other family and friends too numerous to list.

Our family gives thanks and praises to our loving God for having brought Erika into our lives and for allowing her to uniquely impact the lives of the many people she encountered. We thank each of you for your loving support through this difficult time. Thank you and God Bless you all.

Final services are entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home,

Scottdale Chapel, 351 N. Clarendon Avenue, Scottdale, GA 30079.

Celebration of Life Services for Erika Anderson will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM. These services will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/3762702>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home -Scottdale Chapel
351 N. Clarendon Ave
Scottdale, GA 30079

Family Hours

OCT 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home -Scottdale Chapel
351 N. Clarendon Ave
Scottdale, GA 30079

Celebration of Life Service (Live Stream service) Masks are optional

OCT 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home -Scottdale Chapel
351 N. Clarendon Ave
Scottdale, GA 30079

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ My grandson Krew and I watch the CBS show *Hope in the Wild*, which is a favorite show for us. I was telling him how inspirational Erika was on this show and she has a really awesome job!! Just explaining to him that he can be anything and that Erika was leading his way!! Then I saw the end of the show!! I am so sorry to see that. My prayers for her and her husband. Condolences to Erika’s family. What a huge loss for the world.

Donna Jones - October 26, 2024 at 11:50 AM

KL

“ Hello. I just wanted to leave a message of condolences for Erika’s loved ones, and to let you know that she is still making positive impact in the world. I’m in Austin, TX, and just watched CBS “*Mission Unstoppable*” with a STEM story about reliable engineering featuring Erika. As I was watching, I swear to you I was thinking what a beautiful, vibrant and intelligent role model for young women learning about this field! Incredibly impressive. At the risk of sounding silly, I thought how wonderful for youth to see that yes, you can have a gorgeous manicure AND design a functioning car model 😊
At the end of the show, when the “in memory of” came up with her beautiful smile, I felt the shock through my entire body. I searched her name and found this. I have said prayers for Erika, her husband, and your family today. I am so very sorry. What a loss to the world. Rest in peace, Erika.

Kimberly LeGrand - October 26, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ Happy to have shared moments with you Erika. Your positive and enduring spirit has always been so inspiring to me. You are missed! Take care!

Mohammed Usman - February 28, 2024 at 01:45 AM

SA

“ Will miss this awesome and hilarious friend. Bright, kind, passionate and down-to-earth, we will miss you Erika.



Sumiyah Ahmed - February 28, 2024 at 01:31 AM

MJ

“ Thank you so much for streaming the service.

I've always been inspired by Erika and everything she's accomplished. If I'm blessed to have a daughter, they will know the life that Erika lived and I hope she's one of the many who look to her as a role model and example of what's possible when you wholeheartedly pursue your dreams.

Matthew Johnson - October 07, 2023 at 02:21 PM

MJ

“ Matthew J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erika Anderson.

Matthew J. - October 07, 2023 at 02:11 PM

AA

“ Thank you Erika for taking your time to inspire our Girls Inc. Of Bay County girls to be all they can be.

Amanda Alexander - October 07, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Erika Anderson.



October 06, 2023 at 04:50 PM

CS

“ Erika’s life beautifully and completely reflected the purpose of the IF/THEN Initiative - If she can see it, then she can be it. Her memory will live on in all those she inspired to pursue science by sharing her passion. With sincere condolences from LHP's IF/THEN Team.

Christina Symons - October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Erika Anderson.

October 06, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Erika Anderson.*



October 06, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erika Anderson.*



October 06, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erika Anderson.*



October 05, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ *Tamia Middleton (Spelman '20, DDEP '21) purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Erika Anderson.*



Tamia Middleton (Spelman '20, DDEP '21) - October 05, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Erika Anderson.

October 05, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Erika Anderson.

October 04, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Erika Anderson.



October 04, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Brian Skoney - October 04, 2023 at 02:57 PM



Great pic, that was during her first visit to the Darlington facility, great memory!

RW - October 04, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Erika Anderson.

October 04, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Erika Anderson.

October 04, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Erika Anderson.



October 04, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Erika Anderson.



October 03, 2023 at 06:16 PM

RW

“ I am so fortunate and blessed to have met and worked with such an exceptional person, your humble nature hid so much, yet you gave so much in everything you did. Your inquisitive nature, you were so comfortable not knowing and so at ease to find the answers, we all learned from you. Relentless, there was nothing left unturned, there was no challenge to big, there were no obstacles left to block the way. Your gracefulness, such an ability to persuade and convince the unyielding without a glimpse of pride, your passion was conveyed, facts and logic, compiling the data to lead to the resolve. Always the professional, regardless of the scenario, it was never about you, it was always about the quest for knowledge, for you to use and express to others to steer the next opportunity. You were so brave, always eager, never settled, there was always more to uncover, connecting the dots, bit by bit on the way to a resolute. Your purpose, determined yet poised, it was clear to me you had depth that is uncommon, your Love for what is right always shinned, we teased each other about “until we know what right looks like” yet our journey feel short. I will remember you asking me “is it ok to hug” after a great discovery in our work, I will keep it with me and cherish the impact our short time together had on me. I will use that which I learned from you to impact another, just as you did for countless others.

RW - October 03, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Erika Anderson.

October 03, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Erika Anderson.*



October 03, 2023 at 11:35 AM