



Shakiyla De'Von Sample

November 23, 1991 - September 20, 2021

Sherlene Sample Coles and Cleveland Lee Reid gave birth to an angel on November 23, 1991, in Nassawadox, Virginia, and on September 20, 2021, at 4 am, Jesus called Shakiyla DèVon Sample home.

Shakiyla attended Occohannock Elementary School in Exmore, Virginia, and Dyer Elementary School in Dacula, Georgia. As she grew up in Georgia, she attended Dacula High School and graduated from Faith Academy in Buford, Georgia.

Shakiyla was full of life, free-spirited, and kept her family busy at a young age. She studied hard throughout school and loved to stay active as a hummingbird. She participated in both gymnastics and karate. She loved being in front of the camera, and, hence, this led to career interests in both modeling and code-reading. Shakiyla was left-handed, which is usually associated with artistic and creative talents. These gift were truly displayed in Shakiyla - she could play piano melodies by ear. Jesus knew who he molded, and the strength and courage she displayed prepared her for what was coming ahead in her life.

Shakiyla always wanted to be the first, and, when she was little, everything was "Mine," even when it wasn't hers – her family found this funny and cute. Shakiyla was beautiful both, inside and out. She was devoted, loving, never

talked negative, always smiling, and remained determined and focused throughout her entire life. These remarkable character traits that she regularly displayed shielded any turmoil within. Jesus answered her calling of “Speak Lord, Speak to Me” by responding, “Come unto me, Shakiyla, you are weary and burdened, and I will give rest” (Matthew 11:28).

Despite the tremendous loss we are experiencing, Shakiyla won in the end, earning her golden wings to heaven while leaving a tremendous amount of love behind. She is survived by her “Holy Spirit-driven” Mother, Sherlene Sample Coles of Auburn, Georgia, two “Devoted” Fathers, Quintous (Pops) Coles of Philadelphia and Cleveland Lee Reid (Wendy) of Painter, Georgia; the “Praying” Grandmothers,” Shirley Temple Sample of Seaford, Delaware and Edna Coles of Painter, Virginia; Grandfather, Robert Lee Byrd of Exmore, Virginia; two “strong-spirited” Sisters, Shomona Sample Bolden (Shawn) Ross and Quinnechia Coles; four “Men of Valor” Brothers, Clevon (Cleo) Sample, Quintous (Tynisha) Smith; Demetrius (Stephanie) Smith, and Tyler Bynum; three “Mighty Women of God” Aunties, Jetuan (Charles) Tingle, Denise (Emmett) Lenoir, and Katina (Juan) Rosario; six “Courageous” Uncles, Andre (Tressa) Sample, Steven (Alberta) Sample, Jerry (Valerie) Sample, Keith (Fran) Coles, Ozell Coles and Jerry Batson Jr. There are many angels receiving Shakiyla in heaven, including her deceased Grandmother, Bessie Mae James of Painter, Virginia, deceased Grandfathers, Jerry H. Batson and James Coles of Painter, Virginia and one deceased, Uncle, Carl (Leslie) Trammell.

Shakiyla would have wanted to acknowledge all of her “We Ride Together, We Fly Together” cousins, Andrea (Gordon) Asante, Andre (Jasmine) Sample, Joshua (Yamani) Sample, G’vanti (Madison) Sample, Shakia Brown, Craig Sample, Tiana (Jemery) McDaniel, Amaya Rosario, and Juan Rosario Jr. Shakiyla didn’t have any children of her own but whenever one of her cousins or friends had a child she was a second mom to them. She loved all of them

the same and they all had nicknames she made up just for her use. Shakiyla's "children" are Dai'Mere, Shareef, and Nazir Sample, Serenity and Jetuan Asante, Jayla and Lyric Porter, De'Ana Ross, Skylar, Alyssa, and Da'Quann Mitchell Jr.

Shakiyla is, and will always be, loved by her family and friends.

We will always love you, baby girl!

Acknowledgement

The Sample-Coles family would like to thank each and every one of you for all the support and prayers during this time of bereavement. Your presence has made this Homecoming service for Shakiyla special and meaningful. The family also extends a heartfelt thanks to the Holy Spirit for leading us and guiding us through this difficult time. If it wasn't for God on our side, where would we be? Please continue to pray for the family as we come to terms with this loss.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25.** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Shakiyla De'Von Sample in memory of Shakiyla De'Von Sample*



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - September 23, 2021 at 05:31 PM



See in behind those golden cakes baby girl !!

Christina Edwards - September 26, 2021 at 08:21 PM

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“ *Shomona Sample lit a candle in memory of Shakiyla De'Von Sample*



Shomona Sample - August 01, 2022 at 09:48 PM

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“ *SHIRLEY SAMPLE lit a candle in memory of Shakiyla De'Von Sample*



SHIRLEY SAMPLE - November 10, 2021 at 01:09 PM

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“ We are saddened to learn about the loss of your loved one. May God comfort you through his Word the Bible and the gift a prayer. Truly sorry for your loss.

Evans family - September 30, 2021 at 05:11 AM