



## Shaunda Rae Smith

August 4, 1963 - August 12, 2021

On August 12, 2021 we said goodbye to our dear loved one, Shaunda Rae Robinson Smith. She fought a courageous battle and outlived the predictions of doctors which exemplified “the essence of Shaunda.” She lived her life that way until her last breath. Thankfully we all have wonderful memories of that essence that continues to shine in our hearts and minds.

Born in Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, NY to Patricia Melvina Freeman and Arthur Earl Robinson on August 4, 1963. She grew up in a large blended family. She attended Edward Smith Grade School and Holy Cross middle school in Syracuse until the 6th grade. Her mother’s family moved to Victor NY in 1975 where she attended Victor Middle School and graduated from Victor High School in 1981. She moved back to Syracuse in 1981 where she worked for a data processing company and Chemical Bank. Her final career move was to ADP in July 1988 where she worked for 30 plus years; her final position being Payroll Manager. In 1985 she was diagnosed with sarcoidosis which forced her to stop working in 2015. During her ADP career, she transferred to the Buffalo office in 1995. That decision led her to meet the love of her life, Ricardo Smith.

Shaunda met Ricardo in 1997. She knew early on that he was her soulmate and they married on May 15, 1999. They both transferred in their respective jobs to Rochester, NY in 1998 where they had three children, Alejandro, Alexis, and Alonzo. In 2005, shortly after Alonzo's birth, the family relocated to Georgia. She found and purchased their home in Lawrenceville, GA (a suburb of Atlanta). In Atlanta, the family of five grew by one more, Sadie (their beloved poodle). Sadie was Shaunda's constant companion. Everyone felt better knowing Sadie was by her side. Shaunda was a loving and devoted wife. She had an amazing bond with the love of her life, Ricardo. Together they built a solid and stable family. She was a strict yet free spirited Mother when it came to raising her 3 beautiful children. Each child was raised in a way that complimented their individual personality and strengths. This allowed them to grow into the amazing independent people they are today.

The love that Shaunda shared with her husband and children also transcended that tight knit unit and was shared with her extended family and friends. Shaunda was an integral part of her huge family, she helped her family and friends in countless ways and was the person many of them depended and relied on. She had a true heart of gold and a generous nature. She also always kept it real and would give honest advice, which included tough love when necessary. Getting together with family and friends was so very important to her, even during her weakest moments, she always preserved. She attended every family event including, every 5K walk in Honor of her Nephew Michael who preceded her in death. She was the Class Mom, the Lacrosse Mom, and the President of her Community's HOA. She attended these events no matter how ill she felt, she was there to show love and devotion to her family and friends. Even in the last month of her life she found the strength and will to organize a reunion with some of her siblings. Shaunda

was also an exceptional and loyal friend, her friends received all the perks of being an honorary sibling without the blood connection. She would do anything for you and always found time to let you know you were important to her. Shaunda was a fighter, her faith and tenacity allowed her to be with us longer than expected. She was a faithful member of Springfield Baptist Church (Conyers GA) and loved the Lord. This faith allowed her to bless all of our lives with great memories and love that transcends death. These memories will live in our hearts forever.

Shaunda was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Melvina Freeman; her grandparents Ethel Freeman, Wheeler Freeman, Ernest Robinson and Marie Gray, also her beloved nephew Michael D Kennedy Jr.

She is survived by her father; Arthur Robinson; husband, Ricardo Smith; three children; Alejandro Leonardo, Alexis Rae'Shaun, Alonzo Alberto, and her special companion, Sadie Smith. Siblings: Joseph (Cherry) Baker, John (Robin) Baker, Christina Baker, Patricia (CJ) Baker, Talballa Freeman, Peter Haske. Elijah Robinson, Dion Robinson, Kyle Robinson Sr., Rachael Robinson, Nicole Robinson, Shonteya Robinson, Marcus Robinson, Vanessa Robinson, Art Robinson Jr., Tosha Arriola, Eric Robinson, Annette Brennan, Andre Anderson, David Maddox, Tina Robinson, Tracey Robinson, Timmy Robinson, Kenneth Rhodes, Dana Grant, Tracy Walker.

Memories of Shaunda will be cherished by Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, In-Laws, extended Family, and Friends.

Link For Livestream

<https://vimeo.com/588330508>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service - Live Streamed

AUG 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ *May You Rest In Peace Shaunda! My prayers and condolences go out to all of your Family and Friends. You were a very special person and will be missed all.*

*Troy and Rhina Smith*

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**Troy Smith** - August 30, 2021 at 03:55 PM

CW

“ *Chunda Walls lit a candle in memory of Shaunda Rae Smith*



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**Chunda Walls** - August 24, 2021 at 11:49 AM

CM

“ *RIH Shaunda with Jesus precious arms around you. Thank you so much for being there for me an my family. You will truly be missed. Enjoy your eternal place in peace. Alejandro, Alexis, Alonzo, Ricardo will deeply miss you. Like I always told you God's got them, an me an my family got there back as I always told you.. Deepest condolences to the family. Love China an family. 💕💕*

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**China Mason** - August 22, 2021 at 03:36 PM

JM

“*Shaunda was a beautiful, strong and loving friend - we are all better people for having known her and having been loved by her. Her amazing children are a testament to the love and care she and Ricardo poured into them. May God wrap the entire family in His embrace of comfort as you go forward - while she is not here with us physically, she will continue her watch over us as an angel of Heaven. Our love and prayers are with the family and all those who loved her.*

*Julie LaMadrid and Family*

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**Julie La Madrid** - August 21, 2021 at 02:15 PM

MB

“*I didn't know Shaunda but I do know that she was very good to our niece Samantha and was loved very much by her. For that I will always keep Shaunda & her loved ones in my heart and prayers.*

*Mary Lou Carney Bignami*

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**Mary Lou Carney Bignami** - August 21, 2021 at 02:15 PM

NF

“*Cuz you will be Truly Missed you Always Kept family together and you were always right there no matter what was needed you always had it under control Sleep well our Angel until we Meet Again.*

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**Natosha Freeman** - August 21, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“*Shaunda was always a joy to be around. Her tenacious, go-getter demeanor was always refreshing. She will be missed greatly. All my love to Ricardo and the kids.*

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**Cathy Alvarez** - August 21, 2021 at 01:19 PM

HA

“ You remain in our thoughts and prayers. We offer our heartfelt sympathies to Ricardo, Alejandro, Alexis and Alonzo.

*Hector and Martha*

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**Hector Allen** - August 21, 2021 at 12:53 PM

BH

“ Shaunda touched a lot of lives, including mine. I will miss her greatly. She was a wonderful mom and so proud of her children. Shaunda had a great sense of humor. I remember laughing with her often. To her family, please know we are thinking of you.

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**Betsy Hill** - August 21, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shaunda Rae Smith.



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August 20, 2021 at 10:00 PM

DH

“ May you rest in peace sweet Shaunda. Blessings to your family.



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**Denise L. Henley-Henry** - August 20, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Shaunda Rae Smith.*



August 20, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ *Ricky and Rosita Price purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Shaunda Rae Smith.*

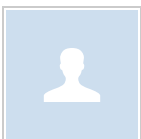


**Ricky and Rosita Price** - August 20, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *I am proud to say i was a freind of Shaunda. She and I served on the HOA Board of our neighborhood. We quickly became friends. She was one of the kindest, most caring people I have ever met. Even though she was fighting her health battles, she still gave her all to make the neighborhood a better place. I trust that she is in a better place, but it is so sad for all she left behind. I will continue to pray for her family. I Miss You Shaunda! I am glad I got to know you!*

**Vince Robleto** - August 20, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shaunda Rae Smith.*



August 20, 2021 at 08:45 AM

NC

“ We will continue to cherish her loving heart, strength and grace! My condolences, love Nakeia and the Edwards family!

Nakeia Chambers - August 19, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Shaunda Rae Smith.



August 19, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Shaunda Rae Smith.



August 19, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shaunda Rae Smith.



August 19, 2021 at 09:16 PM

SE

“ Rest in peace my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

*Senetra Beatty*

Senetra - August 19, 2021 at 11:15 AM

ET

“ Esteban & Macienne Trotman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shaunda Rae Smith.



Esteban & Macienne Trotman - August 18, 2021 at 05:49 PM

MT

“ Shaunda is a bright spirit that warms everyone! She's caring, funny and too the point. Family is everything to her and may her love continue to flow in everyone she loves. Love Macienne & Esteban Trotman

Macienne Trotman - August 18, 2021 at 05:28 PM

PB

“ Sister Sister I Love You💕

Patricia Baker - August 18, 2021 at 09:13 AM

DH

“ Rest in peace sweet angel. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.



Deidre L Henley - August 17, 2021 at 10:38 PM

KH

“ I love you so very much you will be truly missed 😞 you were a loving, warm-hearted, strong, intelligent, incredible women. I will never forget you. RIP



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**Kayle Handford** - August 16, 2021 at 08:25 PM

DF

*Shaunda will truly be missed by all. She was an amazing person fully of love. Shaunda God has you in heaven but I have you forever in my heart. Love You my beautiful cousin*

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**Danita Freeman** - August 22, 2021 at 09:17 AM