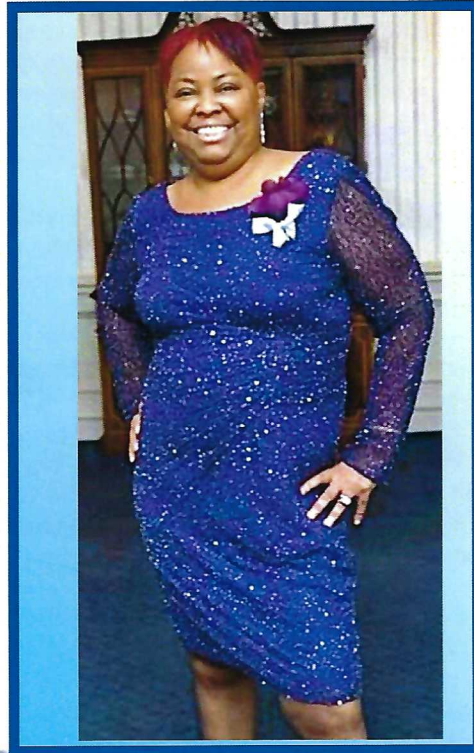


**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
MICHELLE YVONNE HAM  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022  
VIEWING: 2:00pm - 3:00pm  
HOMEGOING CELEBRATION  
3:00pm - 4:30pm**

**SUNRISE  
APRIL 29, 1959**



**SUNSET  
JANUARY 22, 2022**

**Pastor Vernon Robinson  
Associate Minister Paul Simms Sr.  
Peoples Community Church**

**Host Church  
The Takoma Park Seventh-Day  
Adventist Church  
6951 Carroll Avenue  
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912**

## Obituary

Our beloved Michelle Yvonne Ham was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Michelle was born April 29, 1959, with her twin sister Rochelle Gordon to Frances Gordon (Stewart) and the late Reginald Johnson. At eight months old, Michelle was blessed with a bonus father, Charles Stewart, who nurtured, protected, and loved her unconditionally.

In 1975, Michelle became the proud mother of Makeda, who she loved and adored. Their mother-daughter bond remains unbreakable.

Michelle attended District of Columbia Public schools. She graduated from Cardoza Sr. High School in 1978. While attending Cardoza, Michelle met her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Willie Ham, Jr. They married in 1983, and from their union, they had three beautiful children, Ricardo, Steven, and Damika. During their marriage, they had shared many beautiful moments. They loved to hit the road to Carolina, where they enjoyed spending time with their relatives. They also enjoyed going to comedy shows, concerts, and dining out. They especially enjoyed spending time with their seven grandkids; the newest edition was the beautiful Amiyah, who was born six months after the birth of the amazing Tripps. Michelle being a twin, loved that she was the grandmother of triplets. Michelle was a proud and devoted grandmother. Her first three grandchildren were boys. She always bragged about her eldest grandson Cory, the scholar and gamer. She couldn't get enough of "Double Trouble 1 & 2" Josiah and Noah.

Willie and Michelle were married for 39 years and together for 45 years. Their love spanned more than 4-decades, where they built a home of love with an open door policy; all of the families and friends would come for reunions, graduation, birthdays, you name it, and they would host it. Their home would ultimately serve as the backdrop to a lifetime of great memories that will live in our hearts forever.

Michelle had a successful 25-year career with the federal government, which she began immediately after graduating high school. She worked as a Human Resource Specialist at the U.S. Housing of Urban Development (HUD) agency. She was responsible for assisting government employees with their compensation and benefits needs. Michelle was promoted several times and recognized for her dedication and exceptional customer service throughout her tenure. In addition to being a great employee, she was very popular. HUD was more than a place of work for Michelle; this is evident by the countless friendships that she made that she would hold dear to forever. However, Michelle's time at HUD would end due to an untimely illness that resulted in early retirement.

Michelle had extraordinary strength; God has blessed Michelle time and time again as she battled with her illness for 15 years until God gave her a renewed chance at life in 2014. At this time, Michelle committed to living life to the fullest, and for the next five years, Michelle attended every celebration she could, hosted parties of her own, went on cruises, and even traveled to Spain. Despite COVID, during the summer of 2021, she attended a family trip to Cancun and most recently traveled to Philadelphia to attend her nephew's basketball game. These were the moments that Michelle lived for! Michelle did not let her illness define her! Throughout the ups and downs with health struggles, Michelle maintained a positive attitude, never complaining, no matter how hard the struggle.

Michelle's fun and loving personality were contagious. She would often say, "everyone likes me," She was right because everyone truly loved Michelle. She was very caring, easy to talk to, and never judged anyone. Michelle was fiercely protective of her family and friends. Even during her most challenging days, she ensured everyone felt special and knew how much she loved us each **INDIVIDUALLY**.

Michelle is survived by her husband, Willie Ham; parents Charles Stewart and France Stewart; sons Ricky Ham and Steven Ham (Shunnon); daughters Makeda Ham and Damika Ham; sisters Rochelle Gordon and Tisa Gill (Terrence); nieces - Tiffany Williams (Damany), Brittney Richards and Aleya Gill; nephews - Aaron Gill and Anwar Gill; great-nieces - Taylor Williams and Kennedy Williams; grandchildren - Cory, Noah, Josiah, Nori, Nyla, Niko, and Amiyah; aunts and uncles Gertrude McClough, Delores Sullivan, Tanya Johnson, Gary McDuffie, and Joseph Johnson.

Michelle will be missed by her sister-in-love Angela Allen (Jerome), nieces and nephews-in-love Maya, Timothy, Nina, Jacia, Devon, David, Nigel, Chris, Daniel; her "Carolina Family" and a host of family and friends.

She also leaves to cherish her memory: her closest friends, Carmelita, Janice, Darlene, and cousin Marion. Michelle will now be reunited with her confidant and sister-in-love, the late Ann Ham.

Everyone loved Michelle; she leaves behind an endless list of relatives and friends who will forever mourn her passing. We must all honor her legacy by living our lives to the fullest! Michelle would not want her death to define us like her illness did not define her.

# Celebrating The Life of MICHELLE Y. HAM

Order of Service

Officiant, Associate Pastor Paul Sims Sr.

Prelude

Processional.....Musical Selection

Soloist.....Pastor Whitney Curry  
Word of Grace Worship Center

Letter from Mom.....Angela Stewart

## Tributes (Reflections)

Acknowledgments.....Marion Belser

Solist.....Wanda Banks

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalms 23.....Carmelita Williams

New Testament - Matthew 6: 9-13.....Reginald Stewart

Prayer of Comfort.....Cory Ham

## Obituary Reading (Silent)

Soloist.....Pastor Whitney Curry

Eulogy.....Pastor Vernon Robinson  
People Community Church

Musical Selection

## Benediction



**OUR HERO**

**Michelle**

**Ham**



**A JOURNEY REMEMBERED**

As some people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go - footprints of kindness and love, courage, and compassion, humor and inspiration, joy and faith.

Even when they are gone, we can still look back and clearly see the trail they left behind - a trail bright with hope that invites us to follow.

**Willie Ham (Husband)**

**THANK YOU, MOMMY**

While there are no words for us to express just how phenomenal you are, we will try. We have all experienced your love, compassion, and grace in our own ways; you managed to cover each one of us with your loving and infectious spirit. You made all of us not only feel loved and protected but made sure to instill in us a wealth of security and knowledge to prepare us for our respective futures and paths.

While you have impacted the lives of so many positively, nothing compares to the engulfing way you surrounded us with compassion and tenderness. No one will ever understand how astonishingly beautiful our bond is and how you have connected us all. Because of you, we will forever have each other to hold on to during the sadness of grief and to make sure your life shines bright through your memories. Because of you, we can forge a path throughout this world to honor your memory and make you proud.

We make this promise to you that we will move forward, and one day our sadness will turn to laughter and joy as we remember all of the extraordinary ways you lived and cared for us. We will honor you by leaning on each other to ensure all of your children are okay. Your grandchildren will know your love for them, and we will share all of the memories and stories to make sure your spirit shines bright through them. It is okay, mommy, you can rest now, and although it is devastating for us not to have you with us, we will come through strong, just as you wanted. We promise this to you.

We love you, mommy, in this life, the next, and every one after. This is not goodbye, until we meet again, Lady.

**Love Makeda, Ricky, Steven, Damika**



## MY BELOVED DAUGHTER MICHELLE



From the moment that you and your twin sister, Rochelle, were born, my unending love has beat in my heart for you. I thank the Lord for allowing me the privilege of being your mother. It is the joy and honor of my life to share so many wonderful and happy times with you.

Michelle, you have been a ray of golden sunshine, and you have shown the grace of Jehovah God in being a loving, caring and giving gift from God. As my daughter I have seen the goodness of God in you throughout your years of growing up as a beautiful baby, as a beautiful young child, as a beautiful young woman, and as beautiful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, family member and friend to many.

You always radiated a calm serenity and a demeanor of elegance, a soft voice and so much love and concern for your family and their well being. I watched you grow in grace, maturity, a sweetness which was always on display for all to see. You loved your family with an unconditional love and they loved you unconditionally. I remember all our good and happy times as a family. I remember the joy I have being the mom to my three beautiful daughters, and the great

pleasure we have had as a loving family. Michelle, No trip, no vacation, no occasion, or anything that we did as a family was ever complete without your presence. Your steady presence, your sweetness and your gentleness will forever live in my heart. Your beautiful smile is ever imbedded in my heart. Michelle, even though you endured much suffering and pain, you never complained. You were an example to me of God's grace and mercy. You are now resting and no longer in pain or suffering. Throughout your times of sickness, your thoughts and concern were always of your family and your prayer to see your children grow up and be able to care for themselves. The Lord answered your prayers. You were a faithful and devoted wife and companion to your husband, Willie. I know that we will be reunited and when I see you again, it will be a glorious reunion, where there is no more pain, no more suffering and no more death.

O, my beloved daughter, until we meet again, as Jehovah, said to Daniel, "Go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand at the end of the days" as a new creation without suffering or pain. Thank you for all the joy and happiness you were and will continue to bring to me and our family. **Lovingly, your Mom, "Fran"**

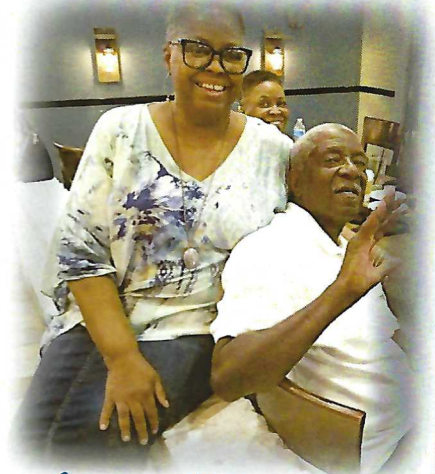
## GOD SAW

God saw the road was getting rough; the hill was hard to climb. He gently closed those loving eyes and whispered, "Peace Be Thine."

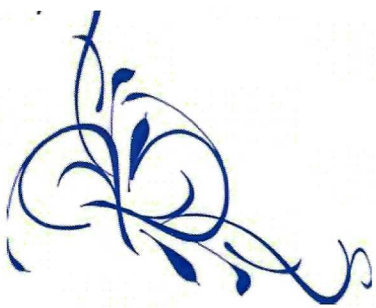
The weary hours, the days of pain, the sleepless nights have passed. The ever-patient worn-out frame, He found sweet rest at last.

God saw that you were weary, so He did what He knows best. He came and stood beside you and whispered, "Come and rest."

You bid no one a last farewell, not even a goodbye. You were gone before we knew it. And only God knows why.



*Love Charles*



### To A Loving Sister

Although our worlds are different now  
Or is that just how it seems  
For I see you when I close my eyes  
Because you're always in my dreams

I know you're up in Heaven  
And looking down on me  
And when I look up at the stars  
I know that's where you'll be

Even though I miss you  
You're not too far away  
Because my heart is full of memories  
And I treasure them everyday

Our time on Earth was special  
But it's only the very start  
So please keep watching over me  
While we're not so far apart

Someday the time will come  
When I no longer feel this pain  
That is the day when Heaven call  
And we will meet again

Love Tisa (Sister)

LOVED BY SO MANY!

## GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb. So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

LOVE ROCHELLE



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Michelle, you were my second mom, my "AuntyMommy." You became my friend, mentor, and kee-kee partner as I got older. Learning that you took your last breath was one of the worst days of my life. I thought to myself, how in the world

would I go on without you, your smile, and your laugh that would fill a room. God could have given me a million more years with you, and that still would not have been enough time. However, I take comfort in knowing that when it comes to you, I have no

"shoulda, woulda, coulda's." We spent our last conversation doing what we enjoyed doing the most with each other, which was laughing!



While I doubt I will ever be able to fully accept that I have to live the rest of my days without you, I will honor your life by living the life I have left to the fullest. I will bury in my heart the many pep talks we had where you told me not to worry about all my burdens, things will be ok, and "Tiffy, don't be sad, I hate it when you're sad." I love and already miss you so much - **Your Favorite Niece, Tiffany**





*Precious Memories*



*Michelle, Lover of Life*





I'll miss your kindness and your love,  
 I'll miss your happy smile,  
 And I promise that every single day  
 I'll remember for a while.  
 We shared something truly special,  
 Something that can never be replaced.  
 A bond that the years can never fade,  
 Memories of that time cannot erase.  
 To lose you brings such sadness,  
 But know that you live on,  
 In my heart and in my memory,  
 I wish you peace in your eternal rest,  
 For calling you my auntie was the best  
 We love you Aunt Michelle  
 And don't you ever forget

Love Aaron Gill & Kennedy Williams



**Pallbearers**

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|-------------|---------------|
| Ricardo Ham | Shawn Julian  |
| Steven Ham  | Omar Richmond |
| Anwar Gill  | Steve Proctor |

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