

## Order of Service

Rev. Dennis Hempstead (Minter's Chapel), Presiding

Prelude .....Soft Music

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Opening Solo

Scriptures.....Elder Alton Harper, Macedonia HBCOG

*Old Testament*  
*New Testament*

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Reflections:

As a Friend.....Charvonna Stackhouse

As a Cousin .....Donald Smith

Remarks (2 minutes, Please)

Tribute .....LaCresa P. Morgan  
Eli Martin, III

Acknowledgements & Obituary ....Sister Charlotte Troy

Song

Eulogy .....Bishop Michael Christian  
*Pastor of St. Mary Holy Bible Church of God*

Recessional ..... Mortician in Charge



## Life Reflections

**LaShawnda Moneke Powell Massey** was born on May 2, 1978 in Lumberton, NC to Cynthia Smith-Martin and the late Dwight Powell. She was loved dearly by her bonus father the late Eli Martin, Jr. On Sunday, October 16, 2022, at Atrium Health Cabarrus in Concord, NC, she completed her journey on this earth.

**Shawn**, as she was affectionately called, attended and was in the marching band at Lumberton Sr. High School, where she graduated in 1996. She began her college education at Campbell University and earned a BS degree in Social Work from Livingstone College, graduating in 2002. As a Social Worker, she worked for Hospice of Albemarle, Mecklenburg County DSS, Union County DSS, Safe Alliance, Cabarrus County DSS and most recently NC Integrated Care for Kids (NC IncK) where she advocated to ensure children are connected to the appropriate services.

**Shawn** was an active member of the Livingstone College Alumni. She loved her college and college family and participating in Homecoming was one of her favorite things. Shawn was always happy to support her alma mater.

In addition to her fathers, she was preceded in death by her grandparents; William C. and Margaret Powell; Malissa Smith and her father-in law, Charles Massey Sr.

**Shawn** grew up attending and serving at St. Mary HBCOG. She sang in the choir and was a member of the Jr. Usher Board. She became a member when she was a teenager.

**Shawn** was a devoted wife, daughter, granddaughter, sister, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend. On October 25, 2019, she married the love of her life, Charles Massey Jr. They shared a beautiful love.

**Shawn** leaves to cherish her memory her beloved husband, Charles Massey, Jr., of the home; her mother, Cynthia Martin, of Lumberton, NC; her grandfather, Milton Smith, also of Lumberton, NC; mother-in-law, Magdaline Massey, Monroe, NC; one sister, LaCresa Powell Morgan, Charlotte, NC; one brother, Eli Martin, III, Atlanta, GA; one sister-in-law, Tia Massey Malone (Garrett), Concord, NC; one nephew, Dorian Miles Morgan, Charlotte, NC; one niece, Skylar Malone, Concord, NC; two Aunts, Cathy Carter (Hugo), Charlotte, NC and Delphine Withers (Darrell), Kannapolis, NC; four 1st cousins, Trevor Carter, Brycen Hampton, Jillian Hampton and Brianah Carter all of Charlotte, North Carolina; two special friends, Charvonna Stackhouse, Salisbury, NC and Equila Scott-Paul, Kannapolis, NC. Shawn also had a host of aunts, cousins, family and friends that she cherished deeply.



### I Thought She was Mine

*I Thought She Was Mine*

*I thought she was mine, to have and to hold in my embrace,*

*I thought she was mine, her hair, her arms, her legs,  
her face.*

*I thought she was mine because she was my wife,*

*I thought she was mine for the rest of my life.*

*Although she had family and friends who thought she  
belonged to them you see,*

*They were wrong, I was convinced she belonged to me.*

*Today I found out we were all wrong,*

*Turns out.....she belonged to God all along.*

*I'm not disappointed for you see,*

*I can't think of a safer place for her to be.*

Lovingly submitted by your husband, Charles.



### *Floral Bearers*

Livingstone College Alumni

### *Pall Bearers*

Livingstone College Alumni

### *Honorary Pall Bearers*

Jimmy Massey  
Tory Paul  
Eric Bussey  
Rashid Muhammad

### *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that we saw  
sitting there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any  
friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just  
thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our  
hearts, we thank you so much for whatever part.  
The Family

### *Interment*

Lakeland Memorial Park  
1901 Lancaster Avenue  
Monroe, North Carolina

### *Repast*

The Old Armory Community Center  
500 South Johnson Street  
Monroe, North Carolina

### *Special Thanks:*

The Ladies of Omega Essence & Friends

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### **If I Could**

*If I could but see, again your face,  
Oh how much my heart would race,  
And nothing could ever efface,  
The mem'ry of our last embrace.*

*If I could climb to Heaven's gate  
And just look in to watch awhile,  
Then I know I could joyfully wait,  
If I could see your happy smile.*

*If I could hear the song you sing  
And our laughter bless my ears,  
Then grief would lose its sting  
And a smile would dry my tears.*

*But faith would lose its esteem,  
And Heaven'd lost its stealth,  
So we must be denied this dream,  
If Heaven is to keep its wealth.*

Love, Your Mother



# **Honoring the Life**

of

*LaShawnda Powell Massey*

**Sunrise**

05/02/1978



**Sunset**

10/16/2022

**Tuesday October 25, 2022**

**11:00 am**

**Bennie Blakely Jr.  
Memorial Chapel**

**Blakely's Funeral & Cremation Service**  
714 East Franklin Street  
Monroe, North Carolina 28110

**Rev. Dennis Hempstead**  
*Officiating Minister*