

ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, April 8, 2023-11:00 AM

Holy Band of Inspiration Deliverance Temple  
2401 Norwich Street, Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
Bishop Iris Wright, Pastor  
Minister Jamie McNair, Officiant and Eulogist

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Soft Music

PROCESSIONAL

Ministers and Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament / Robert Hearn

New Testament / Tony McNair

PRAYER

Minister Jamie McNair

SOLO

Ni'chelle Leggett

POEM

Tiara Smith

REFLECTIONS

(LIMIT 3 MINUTES PLEASE)

As a Friend / Cameron Bakhshizad

As a Church Member / Pastor Laron Bennett

As a Family Member / Tameka Walden

SOLO

Ni'chelle Leggett

EULOGY

Minister Jamie McNair

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Martin Funeral Home Staff

RECESSIONAL



INTERMENT

Greenwood Cemetery  
3301 Newcastle Street  
Brunswick, GA

Service of Commendation

Committal – Prayer – Benediction - Interment

Mortician's Brief

PALLBEARERS

Sammie Merricks, Jr. Darrell Coleman  
Terry Collins Dion Coleman  
Marcus Smith John Davis

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Vatischia Letay Merricks would like to thank you for your prayers, love, phone calls, cards, visits, and expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement. We pray a special blessing upon each of you.

The Family

Professional Services Entrusted To:



Martin Funeral Home and Cremation LLC

161 Clarke Avenue, South Estill, South Carolina 29918

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(Second Location)

2005 G Street, Brunswick, Georgia 31520

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Program Design By: Epsilon Service Plus 678.673.6278

VOGUE

PREVAILING LIFE



Vatischia

LETAY MERRICKS

SEPTEMBER 19, 1994 - MARCH 28, 2023

## REFLECTIONS

"The Lord Giveth and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

The beauty of life isn't defined by the number of years we remain on this side; it's defined by the lives that one touches along the way, and how they treat others. It's hard to understand why people are taken from us so young, but on today we release her back to the giver of life because Vatisa was a special part of a well-lived life. When God called Vatisa home, He left behind two special gifts; her children, as a promise that her beautiful spirit lives on. She was a special and beautiful gift to her family, as well as a blessing to others. Our hearts are heavy and tears are falling. Today we find comfort in knowing that God allowed Vatisa's death to be a blessing to others through the gift of life, so she lives on through others.

On September 19, 1994, in Fort Pierce, Florida, God gave Doris Clark and Sammie Merricks, Sr. an angel which they named, Vatisia Letay Merricks. Her family was a vital and important part of her life. Their support provided Vatisa with the strength that allowed her to accomplish many milestones in her life. She received her formal education at Brunswick High School in Brunswick, GA. She furthered her education at Parisian Spa Institute in Jacksonville, FL and later became a certified esthetician. Vatisia accepted Christ as her Savior at St. Simons Community Church at the age of twenty-five. She was also a member of The Beloved Ministries on St. Simons Island, GA. She was employed by OPS Tech Alliance as a role player for 5 years. She was a member of Christ Church Of The End Times in Brunswick, Ga.

Vatisa's biggest accomplishment in life was being a mother. She found the time for her hobbies which included doing hair and make-up. Her favorite colors were pink and purple. She had a smile that lit up the room and a way to make others feel comfortable in her presence. Throughout life, she radiated her inner strength and beauty to everyone she encountered as she traveled through the world that we call life.

On March 28, 2023, God sent His Angels to bring His child home, which was much sooner than we planned, so we'll brave the grief that comes and try to understand. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Garfield Seymour, Sr.; uncle, Garfield Seymour, Jr and cousin, Shantonio Graham.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Doris Clark (bonus dad Anthony Clark) both of Brunswick, GA; father, Sammie Merricks, Sr., (bonus mom LaSheri Merricks) of Buffalo, NY; her children, Kairo and Cassidy Armstrong both of Brunswick, GA; significant other, David Armstrong of Brunswick, GA; brothers, Sammie Merricks, Jr. of Atlanta, GA, Markus Smith of Atlanta, GA, Malincoln Smith of Columbia, SC; sisters, Tiara Smith of Brunswick, GA, Harmoni Clark of Brunswick, GA, Samyra Merricks of Buffalo, NY; maternal grandmother, Gloria (James) Major of Columbia, SC; paternal grandmother, Joann Nixon of Ft. Pierce, FL; aunts, Donnica Seymour of Columbia, SC, Dorothy Seymour of NC, Karen Seymour of Darien, GA, Kim Leggett of Brunswick, GA, Catina (Charles) Coleman; uncles, Alex (Lavondrea) Seymour of Ft. Pierce, FL, Rodney Merricks of Ft. Pierce, FL, Courtney (Tanisha) Merricks of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; best friend, Kiana Meikle of Brunswick, GA; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends that will miss her dearly.

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took his hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
  
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

