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Acknowledgments

The Family of Octavia Tara George thanks each of you for your many acts of kindness. Your generous expressions have sustained us, as we approached today. May you continue to pray for us as we continue life without our "Tara". Rest assured that these acts of love and kindness will forever be in our memories.

Thank You so much!



Celebration of Life For



Octavia Tara George

Sunrise
December 15,1978

Sunset
January 18,2023



BRONCO PRIDE

Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church
5548 Silver Spoon Road
Whiteville, NC 28472
January 25,2023

1pm

Reverend Dr. Timothy Lance, Eulogist
Reverend Algernon McKenzie Presiding

Order of Service

Prelude.....Reverend Cornell Singletary, Pianist
Processional.....Family & Ministers
Opening Selection.....Mount Olive Mass Choir
" Oh, Magnify the Lord"

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Minister Kendall Thurman
New Testament.....Pastor Corey Lyons

Prayer

Prayer of Encouragement.....Elder LaDontae Wooten
Response..... Mount Olive Mass Choir

Obituary Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Jackie P. Williams,
Church Secretary

Solo.....Reverend Algernon McKenzie

Reflections.....(3 minutes please)

Church.....Deacon Clarence H. Williams

Friend/Classmate West Columbus High Class of 1997.....

Coworker/Supervisor Cumberland County Department of Social Services
.....Ms. Beverly Young
Family.....

Musical SelectionBenny and the Gospel Angels,
Chadbourn, NC

Eulogy..... Dr. Timothy Lance, Pastor

Recessional

Morticians in Charge

Internment

Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery



Obituary

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" John 13:34

Since, Our Heavenly Father saw fit to remove from our midst our beloved "Octavia Tara George", We bow in humble submission to the will of God.

Octavia Tara George was born on December 15,1978 in Columbus County Hospital to the late Valerie Jean George and the late Harold J. Stephens. She departed this life on January 18,2023 at her residence in Hope Mills, NC. Octavia was preceded in death by her Mother Valerie Jean George and Maternal grandparents Ottie Pearl and Robert Ted George. Father Harold J. Stephens, Paternal grandfather Willie "Pete" Stephens and Uncle Charles Stephens.

Octavia was raised in the Mount Olive community Whiteville NC and known from a young child to be loving, respectful and kind to those she encountered. These positive compliments were instilled and reflected in her adult life. Octavia at an early age joined the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church and worked as she was taught to give her best to the "Master". Octavia was educated in the Columbus County schools graduating from West Columbus High School in 1997. Octavia desired to continue her education and



Fayetteville State became her home away from home as she developed lifelong friends who became her Bronco family.

Octavia was well known at Fayetteville State, as she was eager to attend Homecoming annually, and did not want to miss any of the celebratory events. Octavia continued her thirst for knowledge as she graduated from Webster University with a Masters of Arts Degree in Human Resources Development in 2013 and returned to obtain a Masters of Health Administration in 2016. Octavia was employed with various jobs including Community Innovations, Inc. and Robeson County Health Department, leading to the Cumberland County Department of Social Services where she was dedicated for the last 10 years.

Expressions describing Octavia George continue to be heard as others say she had an infectious smile, was friendly, full of joy, had a beautiful personality, hardworking, loved to shop especially for Louis Vuitton purses, loved to drive a classy car- Lexus, enjoyed life, enjoyed a good party or get together to eat or for fellowship. Many reported being greeted with Hello How are You? As she never met a stranger. One would enjoy a conversation with Octavia that ended with "I love You" and of course if you were willing, an impromptu photo shoot/Yes, a Facebook post.



Those who met Octavia for a short time, learned that precious in her sight were her babies "Stumpy and Biscuit". Octavia loved God and her family and enjoyed life as she missed very few events.

Dear family and friends specifically "Getaway Queens" shared they had plans for the upcoming weekend and wished they had done so, before her demise. Friends and family, Octavia would want you to remember your last social gathering, and the great time you had. Know, that God had other plans for her upcoming weekends.

Memories

Octavia leaves to cherish her memories, loving Sister Kehaulani L. George of Whiteville, NC; Sister Treka Shipman, Whiteville NC Paternal Grandmother, Alice "Gaynell" Stephens; a Special Aunt Reverend Sandra G. "Taffy" Powell of Fayetteville, NC. Aunts Bettina Stephens, Elaine George (Morris Jr.), Tarsha Featherson (Ernest Jr.) of Whiteville, NC. Audrey McCullum (Rickey) of Hallsboro, NC. Uncles Thomas Stephens, Frederick Stephens (Brenda) of Whiteville, NC. "The Loves of her life", nieces Tiye N. Scott and Najah H. Scott of Whiteville, NC. A host of very special relatives, great Aunts, and friends.





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MARCH 19, 2019



"Thanks for being You"

Thanks Tara, for being you, Thanks for not one specific thing, but for the many ways you touched my life. Thanks for the caring and kindness you displayed. I am proud of the young lady you grew up to be. I will forever cherish the wonderful times and moments we shared with each other. Nothing could be more beautiful Than the memories I have of you. To me you were so special. God must have thought so too.

Forever in my heart, Aunt Taffy



"Remember Me"

Don't remember me with sadness
Don't remember me with tears
Remember all the laughter,
We've shared though out the years
Now I am contented
That my life it was worthwhile,
Knowing that as I passed along the way,
I made someone smile
So, when you are walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only half a step behind
So family, please don't be unhappy
Just because I'm out of sight
Remember that I'm with you
Each morning, noon, and night.

Love The Family

A Very Special Sister

For many years we've shared our lives one roof we once lived under. Sometimes we laughed, sometimes we cried through winter storms and thunder. The younger years have faded fast. We've gone our separate ways, But through all time our friendship lasts Our bond in life remains As spring brings the happy times, The Winter winds will whisper, A closer friend I'll never find Than the one I call my Sister!

Missing you, Keena



"Auntie

"May You Always Walk in Sunshine and God's love around you flow. For the happiness you gave us no one will ever know. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. A part of us went with you the day God called you home. A million times we needed you, A million times we've cried. If love alone, only could have saved, you. You never would have died". Aunt Tara rest in peace,

Love, Stumpy and Biscuit

