

## *God Looked*

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 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.

**From The Family**

## *Family Acknowledgement*

The family of Shanda Renee Ruffin wishes to thank each one of you for your thoughtfulness during the illness and demise of our loved one. Your prayers, cards, visits, food, flowers, and your attendance will always be remembered in our hearts. **God bless each of you.**

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*A Celebration Of Life  
For*

*Sunrise*

June 6, 1973

*Sunset*

December 5, 2022



*Shanda Renee*

**RUFFIN**

*Sunday, December 11, 2022*

**3:00 PM**

*O. J. Carter Memorial Chapel*

601 N. Center  
San Antonio, Texas

*Rev. Steven Owens, Sr., Officiating*



## Reflection Of Life

**Shanda Renee Ruffin** was born June 6, 1973 in Clovis, New Mexico to R L Haynes and Judy Ann Haynes-Caldwell.

**Shanda** received her formal education in the Clovis Public School system attending Clovis High School. Shanda attended Clovis Community College where she received her Associates degree in Arts & Sciences.

**Shanda** was employed by Chase where she provided her great service to many for nine years. Shanda enjoyed poetry, music, cooking, traveling, dancing, and going out with friends and family. She also volunteered to place wreaths on military gravesites, and more than anything she loved her grandsons.

**Shanda** met and united in matrimony to Henry Irby and to this union two children, Reniesha and Jasavion were born. Shanda later married Dwight Ruffin and to this union two children, D'Shaun and Donavon were born.

**Shanda** was proceeded in death by her daughter, Reniesha Irby, mother, Judy Haynes, cousin, Glenda Lewis, grandparents, Velma Caldwell and Tom West, Mentori and Arnold Haynes, godparents, Delma and Earnest Wiley.

**She** leaves to cherish her memory her father, R L Haynes, three sons, Jasavion, D'Shaun, and Donovan, two grandsons, Samson and Jayce Irby, three sisters, Shelia (LeVan Smith, Jr.), Sheri (Steven McCoy), and Frankye (Steven Moore) nieces, Shakeisha Haynes, Monique Smith, Daneisha Smith, and nephews, LeVan Smith III, Justice Tinson, and a host of family and friends.

## Order Of Service

Seating Of The Family

Selection

"Lift Me Up"

By: Rihanna

Scripture

Old Testament

Romans 8: 38-39

Appointee

New Testament

I Thessalonians 4:13

Appointee

Prayer

Rev. Steven Owens, Sr.

Selection

Special Remarks(Limit Two Minutes Please)

Family and Friends

Selection

Shakiesha Haynes

Eulogy

Rev. Steven Owens, Sr.

Pastor, Lilly Of The Valley Baptist Church

Committal

Benediction



## *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.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too 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.**

## *When I've Changed My Address To Heaven*

When I've changed my address to Heaven

And I've crossed the great divide.

There will be no sorrow or crying

When I've reached the other side

I shall be so happy to get there,

For the Lord Himself I'll see;

When I've changed my address to Heaven

That's the place where you'll find me.

When I've changed my address to Heaven,

And I've bid this world Good-Bye

I shall live forever with Jesus

In my home beyond the sky.

I shall have no burdens or heartaches,

And from tears I shall be free;

When I've changed my address to Heaven,

That's the place where you'll find me.

When I've changed my address to Heaven

I'll be safe forevermore,

For the Lord is building a mansion,

And my name is on the door.

You will find us walking together;

Where He is I'll always be;

When I've changed my address to Heaven,

That's the place where you'll find me.



# Precious Memories

# Memories Of Love

