



Amani Burrell

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In Loving Memory of Amani Burrell

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Columbia, SC - Amani Burrell, formerly known as Cassandra Pearlette Burrell, was born on November 18, 1953, in Columbia, South Carolina, to David Burrell, Sr. and Bertha Middleton. Amani was the cherished second youngest of seven children. Her life was filled with ambition, dedication, and a thirst for knowledge that left an indelible mark on all who knew her.

Amani's pursuit of education began in Columbia High School, and she later graduated from East Orange High School in East Orange, New Jersey. Her determination led her to Valparaiso University in Indiana, where she completed an Associate of Arts degree, fueling her lifelong love for learning. On her journey, Amani found love and companionship in David Tillman De Ramus, with whom she shared the joys and challenges of life. Together, they welcomed five beautiful children into their lives, whom she adored above all else. Amani's love and dedication as a mother knew no bounds, and her children were her pride and joy.

Driven by her passion for understanding the human mind, Amani pursued a degree in Psychology, a field that allowed her to touch countless lives and provide support to those in need. Her empathy and compassion inspired her to answer a higher calling, leading her to become a minister within the Word of Truth Christian Church. As a founding member, she played an integral role in shaping the spiritual community and guiding others on their own spiritual

journeys.

Amani's dedication to service extended beyond the church, as she selflessly served as a dutiful civilian servicemember of the Gwinnett County Policeman. Her commitment to public service exemplified her unwavering devotion to the well-being of others.

Sadly, Amani has been preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Grant, Isaac, and David Jr., as well as her sister Ruby, her daughter Mulika Rowe, and her grandson Jacari Rowe. Their memories will forever live on in the hearts of those who loved them.

Amani leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and resilience. She is survived by her two sisters, Loretta Taylor (and JB Taylor) and Pamoja Pagnotta (and Lee Pagnotta), her four children, Mtumishi DeRamus, Majaliwa Bass (and Willie Bass), Mariama DeRamus, and Jabali DeRamus, and eleven cherished grandchildren, Jelani Freeman, Jakobi Freeman, Kyra DeRamus, Tuere Rowe, Khari Bass, Khalil Bass, Alia Rowe, Nia Bass, Nadia Rowe, Amara Bass, and Kyan DeRamus. Each of them will forever carry the memory of her love, wisdom, and unwavering support.

Amani Burrell touched countless lives throughout her journey, leaving an everlasting impact on her family, friends, and community. Her legacy will continue to inspire and guide us as we honor her memory and strive to embody the same strength, determination, and love that defined her life. May her soul find eternal peace, and may we find solace in the beautiful memories we shared with her.

Funeral services will be held at Word of Truth Christian Center on Saturday, July 22 at 11 AM. Friends and family are invited to join in celebrating Amani's remarkable life and saying their final goodbyes. We are asking that all guests please wear white.

"Her spirit remains with us, guiding us through the darkness, and reminding us to embrace each day with love and grace."

"Be watchful. Stand firm in faith. Act like Christians. Be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." – 1 Corinthians 16: 13 – 14

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Word of Truth Christian Center
1380 Snapfinger Rd
Decatur, GA 30032

Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers for your family. So sorry for your loss she was such a great person with a great sense of humor. I loved seeing Amani at GCPD we would talk and joke around with each other all the time.*



Azure Eckhart - July 24, 2023 at 08:16 AM

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“ *Seeing Amani and talking with her was like a ray of sunshine! I met her at GCPD where we worked together. She loved sharing about her beautiful family and would always smile from ear to ear! She was a beautiful light and will remain in our hearts forever. My deepest condolences to her family and friends. Prayers for God's comfort and peace.*



Joyce Martin - July 22, 2023 at 10:16 AM

BA

“ *Amani was a loyal administrative assistant for me at GCPD for many years. She was very dedicated to serving the officers, department and public. To her family and friends, please accept my deepest condolences.*

Butch Ayers (retired GCPD)

Butch Ayers - July 21, 2023 at 08:27 AM

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“ *Armani was a very Special Lady. She greeted everyone with a smile, a kind word and left us with a Have a Blessed day. She also had a Wonderful sense of humour. I met her at G.C.P.D. headquarters and I always tried to see her on my few visits there. She had her family photos so we all could see them. Her light goes on in her beautiful family. May God Bless You All.*

Sandi Towler



Sandi Towler - July 20, 2023 at 08:35 PM