



Rikki Taji Parker

March 1, 2021

Forty Years Young and Forever in our Hearts!

On March 1, 2021, Heaven gained a beautiful angel with a gentle soul and kind spirit. Rikki Taji Parker, a beloved mother, daughter, sister, and devoted friend, was born on September 5, 1980 to the late Reverend Richard C. Perry, Jr. and LeliaLeila DeBouse in New Orleans, Louisiana.

To know Rikki, was to love her sweet personality, warmth, and her love of helping people. She was a loving mother and treasured every moment with her two beautiful daughters Kayla and Kaitlyn Parker.

Rikki attended Fredrick A. Douglass Senior High School and graduated in 1998. She furthered her education and attended Southern University at New Orleans, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 2004 and University of Phoenix, where she received her Masters' degree in Business Administration in 2006. Rikki truly lived in her purpose, touching many lives with her kindness and compassion personally and professionally. She worked various jobs throughout her young life and later settled in her purposed role as Program Director of Mental Health Services for Volunteers of America in Southeast Louisiana, where co-workers became friends and family. She was always ready for an adventure, traveling every chance she could get. She was full of life and embraced whatever came her way. Rikki was a true warrior, she fought a good fight; she finished her course; she kept the faith: henceforth for her there is a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give to her on that day and unto all that love his

appearing. (2 TIMOTHY 4: 7&8).

Rikki is preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Marion Johnson. She is survived by her three sisters, Natasha Burson (Torrence), Zakenya Neely (Edward), Sabrina Willis (Anthony) and brothers Roy Denson and Ashton Perry; Paternal Grandmother, Norma B. Perry and Godparents, Lawrence and Pamela Perry and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and close family and friends who loved her deeply.

Relatives and friends of the family, members of True Vine Baptist Church and Volunteers of America of Southeast Louisiana are invited to attend a Funeral Service honoring Ms. Rikki Parker life, Forty Years Young and Forever in our Hearts at D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA 70125 on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Visitation will begin at 12:00 pm through 1:00 pm. As mandated by the State of Louisiana due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance is limited. Everyone is required to adhere to all restrictions. You must wear a face mask at all times and practice social distancing. Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery, 4000 Norman Mayer Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences for the family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
3933 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125
(504) 822-7162
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rikki, we are going to miss your infectious smile and that crazy laugh. Our hearts are full and heavy, but, we know you are basking in the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Take your rest. Love, Vickey, Carolyn, Marilyn, James, Corey and Brionne.*



Victoria Mackabee - March 06, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *Rikki, I will cherish the memories we shared our morning talks, your guidance when needed and your infectious personality.*



Tanyaka Cline - March 06, 2021 at 01:38 AM



“ *We shared some amazing memories together cousin! You were always on the right side for every crazy shenanigan I got involved in! Always on my side giggling but ready to roll! You were an amazing mother. No one could ever hold a candle to what you did and provided for the girls! Thanks for sharing your laughs, smiles, and famous word.. child.....*

Rest on..

*Xoxo,
Dana*

Dana Perry - March 05, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ *My condolences to Ms. Leila and the family at this difficult time. Rikki was a classmate that was kind and pleasant to everyone she met. I haven't seen her in many years but what I remember most about Rikki is her smile. I have never seen her without it.*

Siebra A. Muhammad - March 05, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rikki Taji Parker.*



March 04, 2021 at 03:49 PM