



## Sharonda Renee Taylor DePriest

December 6, 1981 - August 17, 2024

Mrs. Sharonda Renee Taylor DePriest was born December 6, 1981, to Ernest A. Taylor, Jr. and Eloise Whitelow. She was the first bouncing baby of their three children.

Sharonda's early childhood years were shaped by her paternal grandparents Beverly and Ernest A. Taylor, Sr. and her paternal great aunt Shirley A. Watkins. She often shared that her grandmothers' values and outlook on "life and living" greatly affected her own life application skills.

She attended Sunday School and was baptized at Cleveland Street Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. While attending Cleveland Street Missionary Baptist Church she also sang in the Choir.

Sharonda completed her formal education in the Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS). She also later attended Tennessee State University.

Before marrying the love of her life Andrew "Drew" DePriest on December 7, 2010, Sharonda had two children. LaMont and LaJoi Johnson who were fondly called Mont and Joi. Sharonda and Andrew were blessed to have two children, Ayden and Aniayah DePriest, and raised their family of four children. Sharonda and Drew cherished their two grandchildren Naomi Johnson and LeJend Vick.

Sharonda took great delight in showcasing her artistic skills by designing and developing graphic t-shirts and creating bedazzle shoes. Her last entrepreneurship was as a Logistics Specialist. Wholeheartedly supported by her husband, this endeavor included but was not limited to dispatching intrastate and interstate semi-truck drivers, brokering loads and truck consultations. Sharonda eventually acquired her own Class A Commercial Driver License (CDL) and drove over the road.

Sharonda will be greatly missed by her beloved immediate and extended family, her husband, Andrew S. DePriest; her children, LaMont (Cyrene) Johnson, LaJoi Johnson, Ayden DePriest, and Aniyah DePriest; grandchildren, Naomi Johnson and LeJend Vick; father, Ernest A. Taylor, Jr.; sister, Travonda Taylor; brothers, Ernest A. Taylor, III and Glenn "Lil Danny" (Saletha) Sharber; grandmother, Beverly J. F. Taylor; aunts, Valerie and Vicki Taylor; uncle, Anceo (Lyndia) Ingram; great-aunts, Mattie Verlene Jones and Shirley A. Watkins; great-uncle, Ronald T. (Cochita) Watkins; first cousins, Desmond (Blessing) Ingram, Jamesen Henderson, Stedman Ingram, Destinee Taylor, Shayla Ingram, and Preston Ingram; nephews, Trevon Taylor, Jermaine Smith, Dexter DePriest Greer, Brandon DePriest, Josiah Greer, and Braydon DePriest; nieces, Makieya Bush, Ryleigh Taylor, LaTre DePriest, Aaliyah Knight, Ayanna Greer, and Samiah DePriest; brother-in-law, Leander Carter, Jr.; sisters-in-Law, Amy and LaNita DePriest; and a life long friend, Sharron Luckey.

Additionally, Sharonda has other living family members, Eloise Whitelow, Dorothy Horner, Natasha Whitelow, Winfred Eppenger, Luther Whitelow, Jasmine Pillow, Brianna Pillow and a host of others.

A memorial service will be Saturday, August 31, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Taylor Funeral Home with Pastor Ron B. Cook, Sr. as the Eulogist.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 31. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Depriest passing. We worked together at Silverdale. I will keep her husband, children and the rest of her family in prayer.*

*Bernard King*

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**Bernard** - September 05, 2024 at 10:45 PM