



CELEBRATING THE HOMEGOING OF

“DD”

Kristal Dominique Gower

Alpha
September 4, 1992

Omega
January 28, 2009

Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 11:00 A.M.

Yazoo City High School Gymnasium
1825 Martin L. King Drive • Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194

“The memory of a good person is a blessing.” Proverbs 10:7

Obituary

Miss Kristal Dominique Gower was born September 4, 1992 at Woman's Hospital in Flowood, MS to Peter and Lola Gower.

Kristal accepted Christ at an early age. She was a faithful member at The Word of Faith pastored by Reverend Edward C. Taylor in Yazoo City, MS until her health failed. She was a sophomore at the Yazoo City High School where she was a member of the JROTC and basketball team. With such an outgoing and uplifting spirit, she gained several friends that she loved dearly and was greatly loved as well.

Kristal enjoyed being around both family and friends. No one was a stranger to Kristal. She just loved people.

She was a member of the Olde Towne Middle School band in 2004-2005, where she played the clarinet. She enjoyed playing basketball. She played with Olde Towne Middle School in 2005-2006. She was chosen to play with the AAU basketball team in 2006-2007 coached by Virginia Jackson, then chosen again in 2007-2008 coached by Ted Williams.

She loved and enjoyed JROTC tremendously. She always said, *"I want to be in the army like my sisters."* She was just tickled pink when she won the *"Iron Woman"* trophy in 2008 because she had already claimed that particular trophy and won it.

Kristal was preceded in death by her grandparents, Dave and Lillie Westbrook, and John Henry Gower; three aunts, Ms. Ernestine Edwards, Mrs. Earlene Rutledge, and Mrs. Dorothy Rankin; one uncle, John L. Edwards; cousins: David Westbrook and Herman C. Oates, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories with loving parents, Peter and Lola Gower; a grandmother, Asean Gower, all of Yazoo City, MS; four wonderful sisters: Teresa Westbrook of Ridgeland, MS; Erica Westbrook of Brandon, MS; Petrece Gower of Jackson, MS; and Dymond Gower of Yazoo City, MS; one wonderful brother, Pedro Ingram of Jackson, MS; one special niece, Madison; three nephews: Pierre, Jamari and Jayden; a special aunt, Mrs. Flora Moorehead along with a host of other aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Mistress of the Ceremony: Mrs. Carolyn Trotter-Harris

Prelude..... Soft Music

Processional.....Clergy/Family Members

Solo..... *"I Won't Complain"*..... Ms. Charlene Booth

Scripture/Prayer Sir Jonathan White

Solo..... *"Work on Me"*..... Terrance Freeman

Expressions..... (*Two minutes, please*) Friends/Relatives

Obituary Read..... Carolyn Trotter-Harris

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Resolution.....YCHS JROTC

Resolution.....YCHS Class of 2011

Selection..... Recognition

Solo..... *"When the Gates Swing Open"*.....Patricia Henry-Peyton

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Steve Dennis

Solo..... *"I Never Would Have Made It"* Ms. Charlene Booth
Musician: Rev. Steve Dennis

Eulogy..... Rev. Willie E. Smith

Shaffer & Collins Funeral Home in Charge

Recessional



My Loving Baby “D.D.”

With tears falling and a heart filled with grief, D.D. I am just lost without you. Everyday it seems that I am alone, but I know you are still watching over me. If you were here with me now, oh my, what joy would you be. I know where you are, without wondering (*God's little Angel*). If only I could be there too.

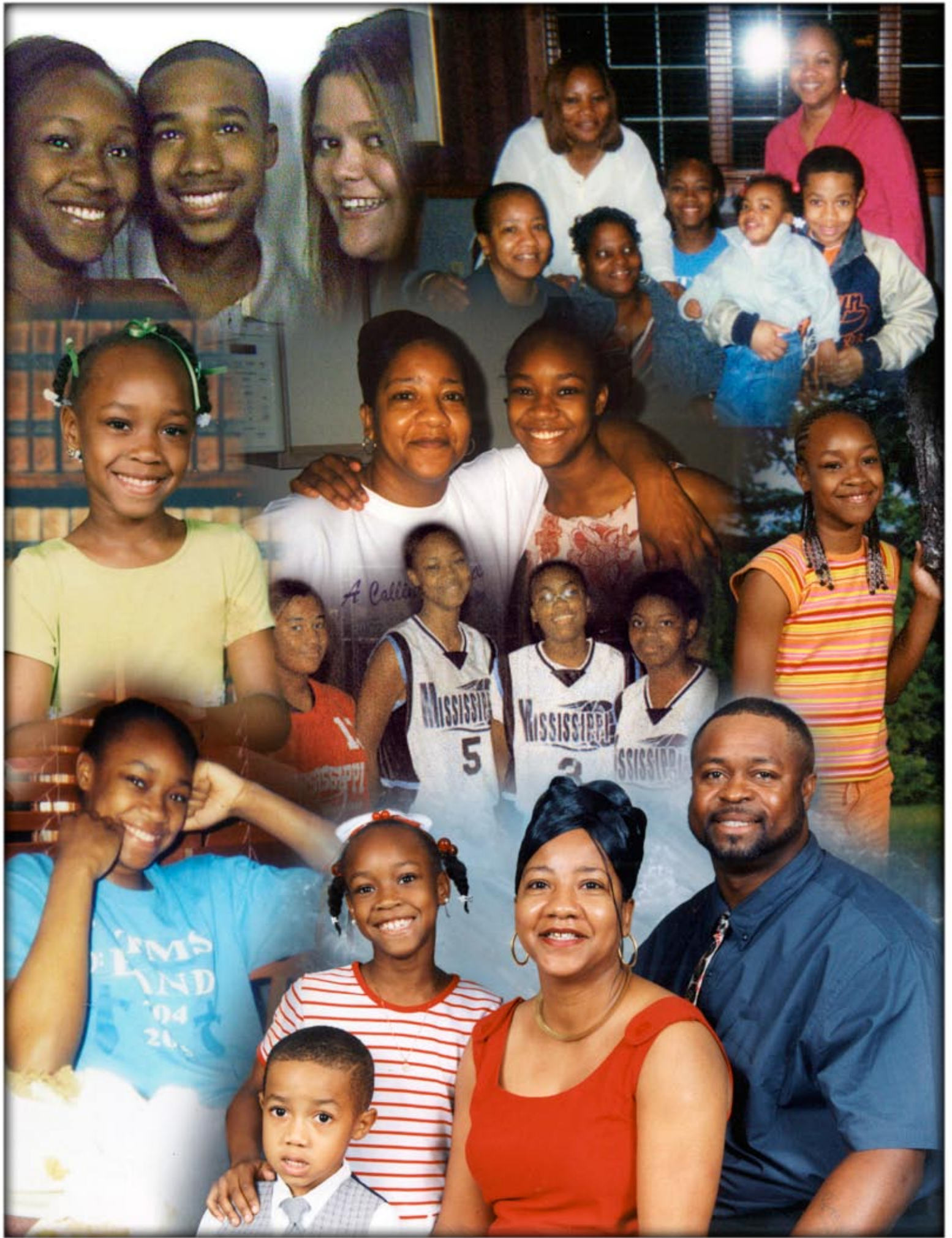
Everyone tells me I'll see you again, but it's not like seeing you now. D.D. I truly, truly miss you, which you already know. I just don't know what to do other than the best thing to do and that is to pray. I have cried and prayed, but still no comfort without my loving baby.

Before you left me, you told me you loved me and I told you the same, but I had no idea you were leaving me. If love could have saved you, you never would have died. But now that you're gone, I can still say,

“I love you, I love you, I love you and I will see you soon!!”

This loving and heartbroken mother,
(Mama)





Acknowledgments

*Perhaps you thought about her;
We thank you for your thoughtfulness.
Perhaps you were concerned about her;
We thank you for your concerns.
Perhaps you bowed to ask God's blessing on her;
We thank you for your prayers.
Perhaps you visited with her in the hospital and at home;
We thank you for your visit.
Perhaps you were not there at all, but thought of us that day;
We thank you for thinking of us.*

We thank you for your presence with us today. We are truly grateful for all of the prayers, words of comfort, the flowers, visitations, cards, monetary donations, food, and other acts of kindness shown during the loss of our precious loved one,
"DD".

The Gower and Westbrook Family

Special Thanks:

The family wishes to extend special thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Rev. Dexter Mitchell, Minister George Young, Gregory Robertson, Kimberly Stewart, Recognition and the UMC-Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital and the staff of floor 3C, The Children's Clinic, PICU, and Mississippi HomeCare of Yazoo City.

Active Pallbearers

*Light of Wisdom #246
YCHS Class of 2011
YCHS JROTC*

Honorary Pallbearers

Cousins of Kristal Gower

*Patrick Lawyer
Ronnie Westbrook, Sr.
Bradley Lawyer*

*Eric Westbrook
Chadwick Rutledge
Harry Rutledge, Jr.*

Christopher Rutledge

Flower Bearers

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Internment

*Glenwood Cemetery
Yazoo City, Mississippi
Honors by YCHS JROTC*

Repast

*New Zion Baptist Fellowship Building
630 E. Twelfth Street
Yazoo City, MS 39194*

Services Entrusted To Shaffer & Collins Funeral Home

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