

*Homegoing Celebration  
of*



*Erica LaShika Buchanan*

*Alpha: December 20, 1984 ~ Omega: June 21, 2008*

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

11:00 am

Triumph The Church And Kingdom Of God In Christ  
5302 Queen Mary Lane • Jackson, Mississippi 39209

Bishop Moses Gibson, Pastor ~ Elder Ricky Brown, Eulogist

# Obituary

On Saturday, June 21, 2008 at 4:00am, God called one of his angels home. The Lord said, *"Well done my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, come on up a little higher. I will make you ruler over many."*

On December 20, 1984, Ms. Erica Lashika Buchanan was born to Mrs. Rivers Scott and Mr. Jerome Buchanan in Jackson, MS. She accepted Christ at an early age at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church where she served in the youth choir. Later, she moved her membership to New Haven Missionary Baptist church under the leadership of Rev. Elton Anderson. She was a proud honors graduate of the 2002-2003 class in Batesville, Mississippi.

She leaves to cherish her memories her mother, Mrs. Rivers Scott (Derrick) of Jackson, MS; her father, Mr. Jerome Buchanan (Ann) of Canton, MS; three brothers: Antonio Bryant of Jackson MS, Marcus Buchanan of Jackson, MS and Damian Scott of Jackson, MS; three step brothers: Derrick Yates, Alexander Carson and Terrico Carson; one step sister, Yasmine Carson of Canton, MS; grandmothers: Mrs. Lillie R. Bryant, Francis Buchanan and Ms. Joane Scott; and a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

When Sis. Erica Buchanan became ill, God laid the following scripture on her heart, *"I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord."* Psalm 118:17. Even though she is no longer present in body, the life she lived will forever declare his great works.

# Order of Service

## Processional

Mistress of Ceremonies ..... Sis. Annie Lucious  
Selection..... New Haven M.B. Church Choir  
Scripture .....Elder Ricky Brown  
Prayer..... Minister Ronald Jones  
Selection..... New Haven M.B. Church Choir  
Expressions..... *Please limit to three minutes*..... Family and Friends  
Reading of Cards /Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Annie Lucious  
Obituary Reading..... Read silently  
Solo..... Mr. Daryl Smith  
Eulogy.....Elder Ricky Brown

## Peoples Funeral Directors in Charge

## Recessional

*“Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know and the way ye know.”*

John 14:1-4

## To My Daughter

God knew what I had when I conceived you. It was a Jewel. You were very special to me because you were my only girl, my little flower. You stuck with me through the good times and the bad times. You always encouraged me and let me know you were going to be alright every time you were down. I continued to pray for God to give you a little more time and each time He gave you more, but I know you got tired and couldn't do it anymore.

My prayer for you the last time was rest. You suffered enough and God called you in to be with Him; no more pain and no more heartaches. Sleep on my Jewel and wait on the rest of us. We may not understand right now, but God knew what was best. I miss you so much, but these last few years we got closer than ever. I will think about the good times we shared and no one can take that away, so sleep on my daughter. You will be greatly missed.

Love always,  
Your Mother

*“My little barbie doll”*

## Love Lives On

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Author unknown

Love,  
Your Father and Stepmom,  
Jerome Buchanan and Ann Buchanan

## **To My Sister From Big Brother**

Erica, I want to say this first of all, I will always love you. It's hard on us all right now, but we've got to be strong for one another. The boys miss you also. When I needed you at any time of the day, you were around. God's got you now, so rest my lil' sister, no more pain at all. God told me to put everything in His hands, so I did. I still can see you right now talking to me, so you always are going to be by my side. No more pain lil' sister, just rest and wait on big brother to come and be with you again. I will be strong just like you told me to be lil' sister.

Love always,  
Big Brother Antonio

## **To My Sister From Your Brother**

Erica, I want to start off saying that I thank you for everything that you have done for me. I am missing you so much right now and it's very hard on us because we can't see you anymore or talk to you anymore. I am glad we talked about things before you passed away. I remember you saying, "*Damian, I'm scared,*" but now you don't have to worry anymore because you are in a better place. God is taking care of you and you don't have to suffer anymore. Words can't express how I feel or miss you, but just know this, your lil' brother loves you and I won't ever stop thinking about you. I love you sis and I am going to be strong for you and I know I am going to see you again. But until then, I will keep my head up just for you my sister.

Love always,  
Your Brother Damian

My sister was the best friend I had in my life. Since day one, it's been my lil' sister and me. I'm gonna miss everything we used to do. No matter how the devil tried to split us apart, we still stuck together. I know she is in a better place now. I just don't understand why she left me here. This loss for me is devastating, but I will get stronger. But through it all, I am thankful for having her in my life. If I hadn't, I wouldn't be here today. I'm thankful that I was there for her when she really needed me. My sister's body might be gone, but her spirit is in my heart forever. May she rest in peace and I can't wait to see her again.

I love you Erica,  
Always, Marcus

**Gone but not forgotten babe.....**

## **Psalm 23:1-4**

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me beside quiet waters,  
He restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

**Love Grandma,  
Liille Bryant and Frances Buchanan**

*The love that's deep within me,  
Shall reach you from the stars,  
You'll feel it from the heavens,  
And it will heal the scars.*

Author unknown

**Love,  
Aunt Glenda Wells**

## **John 14:27**

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you;  
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

**Love,  
Cousin Deidre Phillips**

*All the times we had, some good, some bad,  
We let the past be the past and made the best of what we had.*

*Now I have to live without the one person who knows me,  
But I've come to realize I have to let some things be.*

*I know now God makes no mistakes,  
And in my heart I know I'll see you again  
When we walk hand and hand through the pearly gates.*

*He rested your soul and took away all your pain,  
So until I see you again, me and my children will live in your name.*

**Your #1 Fan,  
Meka**

## **Welcome Home**

*No one could ever imagine or even say,  
That you would be leaving us on this very day.*

*The suffering is over and the pain is gone,  
Still sad, but excited about the new home the Lord has made for you alone.*

*The times we've shared, when I think brings a smile,  
If I could rethink those memories I'll be thinking for a while.*

*Let this not be the end, we know that we must be strong,  
Because in my heart we're still together, but just living in a different home.*

**Your Cousin,  
Gerald Fuller**

# *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown during this time of bereavement.

**The Buchanan and Scott Family**

## *Active Pallbearers*

Cedric Sylvester  
O'Brien Bolls  
Gerald Fuller  
Wayne Harley

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Wayne Harley, Jr.  
Markus Wells  
Mr. Alfred Phillips  
Mr. Cedric Chambers

## *Flower Bearers*

Relatives and Friends of the Family

## *Interment*

Autumn Woods Cemetery  
Jackson, Mississippi

## *Repast*

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