



Ms. Michelle Releford

April 14, 1965 - July 25, 2021

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28

I am home in heaven dear ones, oh so happy and so bright.
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over, ever restless tossing past.
I am now at peace forever, safely home in heaven at last.

On Sunday, July 25, 2021, the angels rejoiced as the gates of heaven opened to welcome Michelle Ward Releford into eternal rest.

We have come together to celebrate the beautiful life of Michelle Ward Releford. She was a devoted, loving, and caring mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt, cousin, and friend. Michelle was born in Norfolk, Virginia and was educated in the Virginia Beach School System. She was an employee of the City of Virginia Beach for over 30 years.

Michelle was predeceased by her parents Robert Ward, Catherine Ward, and Bernice Barnard; her son, Cornell Ward; brothers, Vernon Ward, Lewis Parker, and Booker T. Bullock; sister, Anne Brickhouse. She leaves to cherish her memories: daughter Yolanda Ward-Hyman (Dadrian), sons James Releford IV (Ashia) and Todd Wallace, bonus daughters Anitra and Jamica Releford, sisters Janice Winslow (Randolf), Debra Pollard, Brenda Ward Gregory,

Shawanda Epps (Angelo), and Rebecca Reid, brothers Leonard Brickhouse, Robert Brickhouse (Brenda), Reggie Brickhouse (Jeanette), Michael Ward, and Herbert Ward (Anne), grandkids Juanita Ward, DesRon Ward, Alize Rouse, Zaeyana Rouse, Zaeyon Rouse, James Releford V, Jordynn Releford, Jace Releford, D'Amoni Ward-Hyman, Dadrian Hyman Jr., August Releford, Carlos Hinton and Maleah Worsley; special friend Kenneth Leach; host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Shelly

Strong as they come, Shelly was one of one.

Heart of a lioness, heart on her sleeve, you rose up out the struggle, you never changed like autumn leaves, we knew you wouldn't leave.

Emotions we never showed that but unconditional love you always showed that.

Loyal to a T, you were our queen, always serving royalty.

Loving unlimited, you walked the talk, a lioness untamed, you didn't play games.

You shook the world up, that's why we still holding on, we can't let you go.

Stood in the rain just so the world could see your Sons shine.

History will whisper your reign now watch over us while your Daughter run things.

Expensive garments weren't your thing but, in your honor, let us serve your royalty.

Lady from that country road, ride or die for that country road love.

Life is short, we cry because you're gone, we know you're home now, but I see you in Yolanda's eyes now.

You shook the world up giving us the world forever our baby girl, you can go home now...

Shelly

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
4608 South Blvd
Virginia Beach , VA 23462

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
4608 South Blvd
Virginia Beach , VA 23462

Graveside Service

AUG 5. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Roosevelt Memorial Park
1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake , VA 23320

Tribute Wall



“ Premier Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Michelle Releford



Premier Funeral Services - August 03, 2021 at 10:08 PM

RS

R I P Michele ... My Sincere Condolences To The Family ... May God Be With You All 🙏🙏🙏

Reda Shaw - August 05, 2021 at 10:32 AM

JR

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Jason Reynolds - January 28, 2022 at 01:41 AM

JR

miss you Michelle.

Jason Reynolds - January 28, 2022 at 01:42 AM

JN

I miss you grandma yes its been four years but I think about you everyday you wouldve been the only one who understands me

jordynn nishae - December 06, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Michelle Releford.*



August 05, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *Indiana Bryant lit a candle in memory of Ms. Michelle Releford*



Indiana Bryant - August 04, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ *Cornell, Faye & Tyrone purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Michelle Releford.*



Cornell, Faye & Tyrone - August 03, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Michelle Releford.*



August 03, 2021 at 08:49 AM

SG

“ *Sylvia (Simp) Gregory lit a candle in memory of Ms. Michelle Releford*



Sylvia (Simp) Gregory - August 02, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ms. Michelle Releford.*



August 01, 2021 at 11:30 PM

NI

“ *You will be missed, but we know you are in a better place aunt Chelle, kiss my grandparents and coon for me...*

nita - August 01, 2021 at 08:27 PM

ME

“ *I send my deepest condolences to Releford family. My deepest sympathies go out to you and your entire family. May GOD give you the peace that you seek.*

As I remembered when my uncle Carnell first introduced me to Michelle as his girlfriend at her mother's house. I had so much fun! We party all night! I just moved to VB it was very boring until I met Michelle and her family.

Michelle was a beautiful person. I know she's dancing in heaven! 🙏



Meme - August 01, 2021 at 06:54 PM

TB

“ I'm gonna miss you Michelle. I cant pick with you on Facebook anymore to help plant Rudee Bridge.. You are truly missed!!!!
(Tracey)



Tracey Bracey-Smith - July 30, 2021 at 09:01 AM

SO

“ SO-SAD lit a candle in memory of Ms. Michelle Releford



SO-SAD - July 27, 2021 at 07:14 PM

PR

To be absent from the body us to be present with the Lord. Take your sweet rest Chelle, I'll see you in the morning. ❤️❤️❤️

Pastor Rose - July 31, 2021 at 06:23 AM

SO

“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY



SO-SAD - July 27, 2021 at 04:46 PM

YO

“ *Ma you will be missed so much. My heart hurting so bad.*



Yolanda - July 27, 2021 at 01:48 PM

AD

Love u Michelle.. thank u for always accepting me into the family.

Adrain - July 30, 2021 at 07:36 PM