



Acknowledgements

The family of Erica Shanee Lester acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown in our hour of bereavement. Special thanks to Pastor Carl Norton and all of our family and friends. Thank you for your presence here with us today. May God continue to bless and keep you. Please keep our family in your prayers.

The family of Erica Lester

Pallbearers / Flower Bearers *Family Members and Friends*

Services Entrusted to
Thomas Funeral Home
Caring Professional Service
4520 Salem Ave., Trotwood, OH
(937) 274-8777 / thomasfunerals.com

Created by Teresa J. Fitts-Ardley
(937) 275-1541 or (937) 313-6401
ardley@att.net / Dayton, OH



Celebration of Life *Erica Shanee Lester*



Sunrise May 16, 1987 - Sunset July 16, 2020

Funeral Service 10:00 A.M.
Friday, July 24, 2020

Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Ave., Trotwood, OH

Pastor Carl Norton, Officiating

S
k
e
t
c
h

Erica Shanee Lester, age 33 was born May 16, 1987 in Dayton, Ohio to Alethia White and the late Marvin Lester. She attended Meadowdale High School and was a homemaker. Erica accepted Christ as Lord and Savior and was a member of Mt. Zion Church of God In Christ for more than 20 years. She was a wonderful mother and loved family. Erica was sweet and very giving. She enjoyed cooking and eating good food. She also enjoyed spending time with her family.

On Thursday, July 16, 2020 Erica Shanee Lester transitioned from this life to be in the presence of the Lord. She was preceded in death by her father; daughter, Janell Lester and grandparents, Arthur and Ida Mae Harris.

Erica leaves to cherish fond memories and celebrate her life; (3) adored children, Caleb Cooper, Nacole Lester and Gabe Potts; loving and devoted mother, Alethia; (2) sisters, Constance White and Aluana Lester; (1) brother, Marvin Lester III; significant other, Robert Rudy; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews cousins, other family members and friends.

Q
f

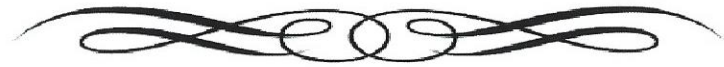
L

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way; I've found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow: I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full I've savored much, good times, good friends, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all to brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, he set me free.

- Author Unknown

Musical Prelude.....	Soft Music
Parting View.....	The Family
Scripture Reading.....	O//N Testament..... Clergy
Prayer of Comfort.....	Clergy
Musical Selection.....	Regina Lewis
Obituary/Poem.....	Vickie Harris
Acknowledgements.....	
Reflections.....	(Please limit to 2 minutes)
Musical Selection.....	Regina Lewis
Eulogy.....	Pastor Carl Norton
Recessional.....	Clergy, Family and Friends
Interment.....	Woodland Cemetery



Psalm 23 - A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Q
r
d
e
r
Q
f
S
e
r
v
i
c
e