



Cynthia Marie Thurston Sipes

November 24, 1964 - August 29, 2018

Obituary

Cynthia Marie Thurston entered this life on November 24, 1964. She was the third child born to Maurice and Sandra Thurston.

Cynthia stepped into eternal life on Wednesday, August 29, 2018.

She was preceded in death by her Maternal Grandparents, Herbert and Gertrude Jordan Sr., Paternal Grandparents, Myrtle and Claude Carson and Earl and Odessa Thurston. Three aunts, Gladys Watkins, Ella Mae Jordan and Margarite Jackson. Five uncles, Herbert Jordan, Jr., William Jordan, Eugene Jordan, Claude Carson, and Earl Thurston. Three cousins, Stephanie Saunders, Steven Saunders and Kevin Jordan.

Cynthia attended Kumpf Elementary and King Middle Schools. She graduated from Paseo High School Performing Arts in 1983.

Cynthia was united in marriage to her high school sweetheart, Marvin Keith Sipes on September 2, 1989.

Cynthia accepted our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as her personal Savior under the leadership of the late Reverend I. V. McKenzie. She had been a faithful member of the Paradise Missionary Baptist Church for over 28 years.

Cynthia had a desire to have a closer relationship with the Lord and teach His people. She enrolled in the Carver Bible College and Seminary and earned an Associates of Art Degree in Biblical Studies in May 2012. In October 2013, Cynthia met all academic requirements to become a Certified Teacher.

Under the leadership of Pastor Michael Phillips, he encouraged her passion and she was chosen as a member of the New Members Ministry. She was an Instructor for the Youth Usher Ministry, a member of Usher Ministry #2, and she taught classes for the New Era District Conferences.

Cynthia was employed by the University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) as an Administrative Assistant in the Financial Aid & Scholarship Office. While at UMKC she served on the executive board for the Association for The Women of Color (AWOC). She volunteered for the annual Women of Color Leadership Conference (WOCLC). In 2014, she was nominated for the UMKC Staff Council.

Cynthia trusted the Lord even more so in April 2018, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She told her sister, Debbie that the Lord told her “I got this, just trust Me, go to all your doctor appointments, do what they say.” During the last 5 months, she made all her doctor’s appointments, took all her medications, went to work, kept all her obligations at church and took care of her house and her husband. Her Faith in God is what kept her going, she knew He was “The Healer”.

Cynthia enjoyed teaching the Word of God. She loved her family. She enjoyed a good debate concerning anything, especially topics that she was knowledgeable about. Cynthia had a sense of humor as big as her heart with a spontaneous wit she was always ready for a good laugh. She looked forward to watching her favorite sports team, the KC Royals and the KC

Chiefs. She also enjoyed cooking and watching the food network for new and innovative tips.

Cynthia Marie Thurston Sipes leaves to cherish all these memories and more, her beloved husband, Marvin Keith Sipes; her parents that loved her unconditionally, Maurice and Sandra Thurston; sister, Deborah Vaughn (Albert) of Kansas City, Missouri; her nephew, Anthony Vaughn of Blue Springs, Missouri; brother, Eric Thurston (Margarite) of Mesquite, Texas; her nephew, Eric Thurston, Jr. of Denton, Texas; her niece, Reghan Thurston of Mesquite, Texas; four sisters- in-law: Sareed Lee (Vincent), Sharon Sipes-Harrell (Monroe), Angela Sipes of Kansas City, Missouri and Donna Sipes of Pensacola, Florida; four brothers-in-law: Charles Sipes (Michelle), Anthony Brown, Mario Sipes and Ronnie Sipes; cousins, Harold and Diana Tyler of Southfield, Michigan; To many to mentioned by name, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins, friends, co-workers, and her church family.

“I fought a good fight, I finished my course, I kept the Faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness....” 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

Funeral Service for Mrs. Cynthia Marie Thurston Sipes will be held Friday, September 7, 11:00 at Paradise Baptist Church, 1600 E. 58th Street.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Church.

Interment, Park Lawn Cemetery.

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in memory of Cynthia Marie Thurston Sipes, please visit our floral store.

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HA

“ Cynthia is a very sweet, kind lady. She let her light shine and was often smiling at work, no matter how difficult the project was that we were working on. She will be missed very much! Happy she is with Jesus and excited to see her again some day. Praying for the family.

Hallie - October 29, 2018 at 03:55 PM

BB

“ I'm missing my friend but I know right now she is wearing her Crown and walking around HEAVEN with that bright pretty smile. Cynthia always said that I was one of the first person that made her feel welcome at UMKC, but little did she know she was the one that made me feel uplifted and encourage me to keep on keeping on. We would always have an inside joke or laugh each morning when we ran into each other in the hallway. Missing you and the laughter and jokes that we shared.

Brenda Bolden - September 07, 2018 at 07:55 PM

NW

“ Rest in Haven Cynthia you will be greatly miss.

Norma Walton - September 07, 2018 at 01:05 PM

ES

“ A GARDEN PATH was ordered on September 6, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - September 06, 2018 at 06:48 PM

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“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was ordered on September 6, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - September 06, 2018 at 04:29 PM

DE

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Cynthia when my friend Lisa Power invited me to join them for a delicious lunch at Peachtree Buffet! We talked Royals and Chiefs all throughout our meal! She is a special angel to my friend and I am so glad I got to meet Cynthia! Condolences to all her family and friends ❤️🙏🏻⚾️🏈

Dee Dee Eccles - September 06, 2018 at 12:46 PM

KJ

“ I believe with all my heart that many souls are in Heaven because of Cynthia. She loved Jesus and everyone knew it. Well done good and faithful servant.

Kim Jarrett - September 06, 2018 at 09:01 AM

CP

“ I met Cynthia when she worked for the High School College Program in Scofield Hall. We instantly hit it off. She was such a beautiful person with a beautiful spirit. I would go downstairs on my break and talk to her daily. I enjoyed talking to her. She will be missed.

Connie Powell - September 06, 2018 at 12:10 AM

SB

“ Sister Cynthia was a fantastic co-worker in the Financial Aid office at UMKC. She was energetic and always lifted spirits in the office. Her faith in God was always on display for everyone to see and hear. She is sorely missed and our hearts will have scar tissue from her loss. We know she is with our Lord and is even happier than the Royals championship win. We thank God for her presence in our lives, and pray God's blessings on the family. Steve Barnes (Senior Pastor - Grant Chapel A.M.E. Church, KCK)

Steve Barnes - September 05, 2018 at 09:57 PM

CO

“ I have been a friend of the Paradise Family for many years now. Each time I would come visit the church, I remember Ms Cynthia talking to me about UMKC, continuing my education, giving me tips on who to talk to at the university. She always remembered me no matter how long it had been since I had visited the church last. She was a light, will be missed.

Courtney - September 05, 2018 at 04:50 PM

LP

“ Cynthia and I worked in the same office (Financial Aid) for over a year, but did not become friends until we bonded over the Royals. We discovered that we had a lot in common and we laughed A LOT. There will always be a place in my heart for her. She shared pictures of her beloved family with me and stories about her family and church. I am glad that she is reaping her reward in heaven.

Lisa Power - September 05, 2018 at 04:34 PM

ST

“ Cynthia was my friend. She trained me at UMKC. We ate lunch together every day, and we walked at 3:00 every day. I will miss her.

Sheila Thomas - September 05, 2018 at 01:17 PM

SH

“ Cynthia was a very beautiful and humble woman. I have much respect for her. With her love and obedience for her church. She was always with no fail there. Greeting you with a smile. She showed that she cared about you. She will most definitely be missed. RIP Beautiful Angel 🙏 Praying for strength and peace for the entire family ❤️

Stacey Hardman - September 04, 2018 at 11:17 PM

MR

“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

Mrs. Brenda Rucker - September 04, 2018 at 03:38 PM

GA

“ *Sister Sipes was one of the nicest folks I know. When I 1st joined the church 20 yrs ago she was there w a smile and you could feel the warmth of her love for Jesus. She was a great teacher of his word. She touched not only my heart but the heart of many in our church. On Sunday's she would often walk or stand next to where I was sitting and always carried a bright smile. She will be greatly missed. Let us Stand so close together that one cannot fall w/out the other. Jan Gatlin (Deacon Gatlin and family)*

Gatlin - September 04, 2018 at 01:47 PM