



## Mrs. Hiawatha D. Kerford

June 4, 1973 - September 20, 2021

### Obituary

Hiawatha Deonne “Dee” Kerford was born on June 4th, 1973 in Prescott, Arkansas to Earlean Strickland who proceeded her in death.

A hope in Christ was professed by Hiawatha at an early age at Bethel Baptist Church of Kansas City, MO.

She began her education at St. Therese Little Flower Parish and graduated from Lincoln College Preparatory Academy (High School) with honors. She attended Penn Valley Community College with an emphasis on an education degree.

She was united in marriage to Kenneth Crane Kerford on November 13th, 1995.

Hiawatha was employed with Menlo Worldwide as a call center supervisor for 7 years. She was also employed at PGI- Premiere Global Services, Inc. from 2005 to present as a Senior Event Manager. She also received various achievements and awards for her work.

Her hobbies were shopping, traveling, partying with friends, and she was a sports fanatic.

Hiawatha departed this life on September 20th, 2021. She will forever be loved and cherished in memory of those she leaves to mourn: a loving, caring and devoted husband, Kenneth Crane Kerford of Kansas City, MO; Father, Andrew Strickland of Independence, MO; Daughter, Essence Savae' Kerford of Orlando, FL; Son, Equantz Andrew Kerford of Kansas City, MO; Sister, Aundrea Lavet Burkhalter (Shawn) of Kansas City, MO; Grandson Jhyuantz K. Kerford of Kansas City, MO; Granddaughter Lyric Lucienne Derosier of Orlando, FL; Niece Rachael Monae' Carter and Shawntel Lanae Burkhalter of Kansas City, MO; Four Aunts and two Uncles. Four sister friends, Tauheeda Rideau, Atiya Dickerson, Chaniece Josenberger, of Kansas City, MO and Lillian Brewer of Jacksonville, FL. And a host of other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021, 2:00pm at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Private Disposition. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website. Due to COVID-19 protocols, social distancing and face coverings are required indoors.

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Mrs. Hiawatha D. Kerford, please visit our floral store.

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# Tribute Wall

AK

“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Hiawatha D. Kerford  
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones  
& Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons  
Funeral Chapels  
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Hiawatha D. Kerford** - May 25, 2023 at 12:46 PM

ES

“ *Monet's garden table basket was purchased for the family of Mrs.  
Hiawatha D. Kerford. Send Flowers*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - May 25, 2023 at 12:46 PM

CH

“ *Will miss Her incredible laugh and beautiful face. My prayers and  
condolences to her family*

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**Connie Hogan** - October 22, 2021 at 06:58 PM

CG

“ *Our beautiful niece will be missed and cherished memories of her  
love will always be with us. She touched so many lives with a warm  
smile and tender heart. Praying God to touch all she touched with  
His power.*

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**Calvester & Joann Glasgow** - October 09, 2021 at 05:11 PM

CH

“ Dearest Family, we share your loss. Know that she is with GOD and the angels, she will be missed even though we are in separate parts of America.....GOD IS IN CONTROL. Your former neighbors Charles Horn family, Carolyn Lisa, Charles II, Gary Johnson and little Alisa Johnson..... YOU ARE ALL IN OUR PRAYERS.....

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**Carolyn Horn** - October 09, 2021 at 02:07 PM

YG

“ May you Rest In Peace in the bosom of Jesus Christ. You will be missed

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**Yolanda Glasgow** - October 09, 2021 at 11:48 AM

AW

“ We miss you so much, Dee. I can't believe you're gone. I'm lucky to have worked with you and been called a friend. Your family is in our thoughts.

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**Angelica Wilcox** - October 08, 2021 at 04:11 PM

AJ

“ To the Kerford Family: We are truly saddened to hear about the passing of Hiawatha Kerford. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends during this hour of great sadness. Please draw comfort from this promise where God assures all grieving hearts about the future hope of our love ones living again. The promise is recorded in many places in the Bible. To your family, we direct your attention to John 5:28-29. In these verses, God tells us that He would soon call to those in the grave to stand up in life again. Can you envision this arrangement taking place? Do you see yourself being there as our love ones stand up in life again? Yes what a wonderful time period this will prove to be. For now we find ourselves shedding many tears of sadness. However at a fixed time by God, our loves ones will be asked to stand up in life again. We understand that many today doubt that this arrangement would take place. God understand the thinking of man, after all we have witness with our own eyes our love ones dying right before our eyes. So to help all to develop strong faith, God has taken the time to preserved nine accounts in the Bible that speaks about the future resurrection blessing . Here is just one such example that is recorded at Acts 9:36-42. I hope that all will get a chance to see how these verses would apply to Hiawatha, and a great host of others who await their personal resurrection from God. Yes what a loving arrangement God has in store for His earthly family. The resurrection promise will surely take place. We have God personal promise. Yes it is impossible for God to lie. ( Titus 1:2)

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**Albert Caldwell Jr** - October 04, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CS

“ I loved Dee, we worked the late shift for 10+ years at PGI. We shared stories about our families often. She loved all of you so much. I loved her insight, she had a way of putting things in to perspective. I knew if I asked her advice on something she would tell me the truth. I loved the way she was a mom and friend to her children. She was so fun to go out with too. She was so smart, beautiful on the outside and inside. I loved so many things about her but most of all I loved how she loved her husband, children and grandchildren. I can't imagine your pain, please know you're in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Cathy Saunders** - September 29, 2021 at 07:26 PM