

Order of Service

Pastor Louis Fields, Presiding

Processional

Invocation Minister/Pastor

Solo of Comfort Kathy Williams

Scripture Reading Minister/Pastor

Old Testament Isaiah 53:1-12

New Testament I Corinthians 13:1-13

Solo of Comfort Christopher Williams

Recognition of Special Interest Tricshone Jiles
American Cancer Society Relay for Life Northside

Reflections (3 Minutes Please)

As Friends Jacquelyn McDaniel
Donna Pressley

Acknowledgements Letitia Cromer

Solo of Comfort Christopher Williams

Eulogy Pastor Kenneth A. Williams

Recessional

Interment

Edgewood Cemetery
4519 Edgewood Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32219

Pallbearers

William M. Raines High School, Class of 1981

Flower Attendants

William M. Raines High School, Class of 1981

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Michelle Stokes Evans wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love and kindness shown during our time of bereavement. May God's peace and blessings continue to abide with you. A special thank you to the North Florida Cancer Specialist/ St. Vincent Medical Center, UF Health Bone Marrow Clinic and Hospital of Gainesville, Florida, and Community Hospice.

~From the hearts of the family

Repast

The Trinity Center
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A CELEBRATION Of Life for



Michelle Denise Stokes Evans

November 11, 1963 — October 4, 2016

Service

11:00 AM, Friday, October 14, 2016

Greater Macedonia Baptist Church

1880 Edgewood Avenue West
Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Dr. Landon L. Williams, Sr., Pastor
Pastor Kenneth A. Williams, Officiating

Walking My Journey In God's Grace

In November 2011; my entire life changed before my eyes. Cancer? Me? I was recently promoted to a job not only did I love but I prayed for. I was mapping out my future with Florida Blue with over 26 years of experience. I wasn't sick; just tired and having pains in my knees and joints on my right side. Didn't think much of it until it didn't get better but worst.

I remember as if it was yesterday. I left work because I was having severe pain in my buttock bone. It felt like something broke. I saw a pain management doctor to relieve some of the pain but it was only temporary. One month of relief was not long enough. I could no longer function on my job because sitting was painful and uncomfortable.

It was my birthday weekend and my girlfriend came to visit from Mississippi. My kids planned a family gathering and it was very nice! The very next day, I got really, really sick with what I thought was a virus. Almost two weeks passed. If it were not for the unction of the Holy Spirit, sending me to the ER, I may not be here today. All organs were shutting down when I got there. But God! He had another plan already laid out for me.

The next morning, a female doctor walked in with a white crisp doctor's jacket on. I looked down at her shoes and said to myself. Oh nice shoes. When I read her jacket - "Cancer Specialist"; my condition became real. The Big "C" was confirmed. They were not sure what type; but they knew what family - Myeloma.
Cancer? Me? I was numb and in a daze.

This testimonial was an excerpt from the beginning of Michelle's book she began to write.



Homegoing Celebration

For Michelle Denise Stokes Evans



Mrs. Michelle Denise Stokes Evans affectionately known as "Chelle, Sissy, Nana, Baby doll, and Ladybug", was born on November 11, 1963 in Jacksonville, Florida to the union of Herbert Stokes, Jr. and Ann L. Stokes. She was educated in the Duval County School System, graduating from William M. Raines High School, Class of 1981 "Vikings for Life!"

Michelle was a devoted Christian and a member of All Nations Ministries, under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth Williams. She was employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield/Florida

Blue with 28 years of service, as a Service Manager for FEP. Michelle received her Associate of Arts Degree from Jones College and her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Phoenix in Jacksonville, Florida. Michelle had a **SERIOUS love for HELLO KITTY!**

Michelle went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. Her mother, Ann L. Stokes preceded her in death three years ago. She will truly be missed.

Michelle leaves to cherish memories with her husband, Michael Evans; daughter, Courtney A. Stokes; stepdaughters, Mickelle and Mikela Evans; son, Brandon J. Allen (Kimberly); grandchildren, Langston, Camille, Shilyndell, Zion, and Germaine; father, Herbert Stokes, Jr.; three sisters, Vicki L. Stokes, Deborah Barnum (Willie), and Charlene Stokes Williams (Kenneth); two brothers, Larry B. Stokes (DeAnna) and Herbert Stokes, III (Deborah); two aunts, Fannie Williams and Dorothy Webb; two uncles, Elroy Rivers, Jr. and Crawford Rivers (Paulette); and a large family of other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends.

Hello Kitty



Over the past five years of Michelle's journey, she was able to impact the lives of many people. We ask some of the family members, how did she impact their lives?

Through my mom's **FAITH**, I learned about faith
~Courtney **GRATEFUL**

My mom taught me **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE**
~Brandon **STRENGTH**

I have **COURAGE**, because I watched my Sissy be **COURAGEOUS!**
~Charlene

Seeing my Sissy's strength taught me to **BELIEVE**
~Larry

Though I appeared to be weak, I grew **STRONGER**
~Vicki

PATIENCE
Never to complain, be **GRATEFUL**
~Denishia

Through my pain I found strength to **PERSEVERE**
~Deborah

My auntie **INSPIRED** me
~Nekia

COURAGE

LONGSUFFERING **JOY** **INSPIRATION**
Through her pain she kept smiling
~Dennis, Jr.

We Still Believe!