



Sherri Stokes-Mitchell

November 5, 1958 - March 17, 2020

On November 5, 1958, in Fukuoka, Japan, Willie and Helen Stokes became the parents of one of the world's most graceful, gentle, generous and caring people—Sherri. Sherri's the kind of friend everyone cherishes in his or her life. She was always there for you, emphasizing the positive in every situation and seeing it through with a calm courage. There are many words to describe her, but first and foremost she was kind, giving, and dedicated, and her life has left an indelible impression on the world.

Sherri grew up in Oakland and attended parochial school, graduating from Holy Names High. She became an example of how one can achieve great heights if they apply themselves. Sherri attended and graduated Alameda Community College, earning her AA degree in General Ed. From there she transferred to Cal State Hayward, where she earned a BA in Communications at the same time that her mother was receiving her Master's degree at the same school. Sherri followed in her mom's footsteps and went on to get her Master's in Public Administration as well.

In her professional life, Sherri worked as an Equality Opportunity and Compliance Officer for AC Transit for over 35 Years. In that role she worked tirelessly, insuring equality, equity, diversity, and equal access for everyone.

Infused at an early age with the idea that “the virtue of a woman” is guided and given by God, Sherri was raised in St. John Missionary Baptist Church pastored by Reverend Doctor CJ Anderson and at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church pastored by Reverend Doctor Herbert Guice. She worked beside her mother in church in many positions: radio announcer, scholarship coordinator, publicist, pastor's administrative support team, Girl Scout leader, job-coordination ministry, and on the Sunday school teacher steering committee as a member of the Herbert Guice Academy, to name just a few.

She was particularly proud of being a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and she loved working with the Patron of the Arts society, which afforded her the opportunity to explore another of her loves, traveling. She also loved to cook and was perhaps happiest

entertaining friends and loved ones in her own home and at her godsister Ernestine's house.

Some people are just born to be of service to others, and Sherri was no different. She was always helping and working with the anyone and everyone she encountered that she felt might need an advocate or hand.

Being a mother to her only child was her primary passion in life. She was always there to guide, direct, and nurture her child, but she loved all children and became a second mother to so many.

God provides for those who give from their hearts, and in this case, He in turn blessed her heart with the love of her life. She met Gregory (Greg) Mitchell over 30 years ago and was blessed to share her journey with her best friend and the love of her life.

On March 17, 2020, Sherri began her new journey. Being thankful for having her in their lives are her loving husband Greg and children Hana, Vernon and Shaleek.

She is also survived by her godsister Ernestine Nettles, and her godbrothers Larry Bates, Kyle Newport, and Belvin Smith. She has countless sister in-laws, brother-in laws, nieces and nephews, and countless more family and friends

Cemetery

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive

Richmond, CA, 94803

Comments



“ When I was kid growing up at Bethel, I always admired Sherri & her mother Sis. Stokes. They were always so loving and such sophisticated ladies. Sis. Stokes always helped my mother Mable Williams, the secretary of Bethel MBC for many years and in so many ways. My heart is heavy, but I know heaven has gained an angel. My deepest condolences to her husband, son and all her family. I pray God will give you all comfort and strength.

Love

Charisse Williams

Charisse - April 16, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ I pray that her family lean upon the amazing memories already shared, and affirmations that Sherri's genuine expression of compassion and kindness inspired her to be considered as a safe space by so many. Her incessant advocacy and demonstration of integrity provided protection for those who sought it and always invited others to explore inclusive solutions for all. I'm grateful for the support and encouragement she provided me, even once I no longer worked at AC Transit and we would see each other in passing during lunch breaks. She is and will always be a safe space, and I send prayers to her family, friends and colleagues as they embark on their journeys to healing from the loss of her physical presence.

Jeanét Moore - April 03, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Donovan Crews purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sherri Stokes-Mitchell.



Donavan Crews - March 31, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ I remember the first time I met Sherri she made me feel so welcome and comfortable. Forever with a glowing smile she was the ultimate professional so witty, helpful and kind hearted. She brought joy in the lives of many at ACT definitely including myself. She will be truly be missed. Skip Porter

Skip Porter - March 31, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ I joined AC Transit on June 3, 2020. After working with Sherri for a very short time, I saw how dedicated she was to her job. She basically was the "go to person" for every work related issue for the entire AC Transit Agency. Just last month, I saw her in hall and I asked her "How did she handle all the tasks that were before her?". Her reply was "someone has to do it".

Sherri had a beautiful spirit and a big heart. I know she will be welcomed into her heavenly Father's kingdom. To her family, at this difficult time in your life, I pray that God will grant you the peace that you need to get through this loss. My Sincere Condolences.

Cynthia Warren

Cynthia Warren - March 27, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sherri Stokes-Mitchell.



March 27, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Sherri was an amazing woman and helpful to so many at AC Transit, including me. I will miss seeing her, her sense of humor, her intelligence and her grace in all occasions.



Marilyn Lawrence - March 27, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ It was an honor to have worked with Sherri. No matter what challenges we faced in the workplace, Sherri never failed to put a smile on my face. Her presence is missed greatly. All my love to her family and friends in this difficult time.

James - March 27, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ Sherri was always positive and always ready to help. I loved working with her and will miss her.

Chris A - March 27, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ Dear Greg, Hana, Vernon, Shaleek, Ernestine, Larry, Kyle, Belvin, and the countless more family and friends who are missing Sherri today. I knew her from AC Transit - seeing her around for many years, and alongside in the same department since this past fall. I will always remember her leading us all in singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" at the annual Black History Month celebration. I'll also remember her big laugh and even bigger personality. I'm so sorry we can't all be with you remembering Sherri today, but please know we're with you in spirit. Sending love, Sally Goodman

Sally Goodman - March 27, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ Thank You Sherri and Family for allowing AC TRANIST on having such an awesome lady, mother, coworker, and friend and of course a mentored to me. I will always appreciate having known the very best of you Sherri. You will be truly missed! With regards and condolences. The Palacios Family.

Nestor Palacios - March 27, 2020 at 12:50 AM



“ Always a cheerful voice, infectious smile, and a laugh that could wrest a smile from a Grinch. She was a friend, whose personality bubbled up to often boost the spirits of any one feeling down. Sherri will be missed by so many, but never forgotten.

Jaimie Levin - March 27, 2020 at 12:28 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Sherri Stokes-Mitchell.



March 26, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ I was introduced to Sherri just a short time ago, but she was so friendly and bright and playful each time I came across her. I wish all those who loved her comfort and happy memories.

Brooklyn Moore-Green

Brooklyn Moore - Green - March 26, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ You made coming to work each day such a pleasure. AC Transit won't be the same without you. You always stood out of all people with your big heart. Those of us who got to know you were very lucky for having crossed paths with you. I know you now have God by your side. I will always remember you Ms. Sherri!!!

Monique Chappel - March 26, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ To my cousin, Gregg, Our hearts and prayers go out to you and our family. We are sorry we can't be there in present, however, you have our deepest sympathy. We're glad we got to meet your lovely wife at the family reunion.

Stanley E Marshall - March 26, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ The love and memories we shared will always remain in our hearts

Fay Mitchell Williams - March 26, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Angel God has called you home. You will be missed by many - God says Job Well Done Down here! Rest In Peace dearly beloved and may your family cherish the memories Our prayers and condolences to the family. Scott Tracey and family



Tracey - March 26, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Celia and Michael Rulle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sherri Stokes-Mitchell.



Celia and Michael Rulle - March 26, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Blessings to the family of Sherri- She has crossed the bar- Rest in Heaven



Martha Taylor - March 19, 2020 at 08:27 PM



“ She will forever be etched in our hearts! We love ya Sherri Mitchell
S.I.P.

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Rev. Dr. D. Williams RCA - March 26, 2020 at 08:22 PM