

# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



**Kelli ShuMay Williams**

**September 2, 1991 – October 15, 2023**

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**St. Augustine of Hippo Episcopal Church**

**The Reverend Dr. Nathanael Saint-Pierre, Rector**

The Reverend Dr. Lynn A. Collins, Preacher

The Reverend Deacon Robin Newman

**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Memorial Service**

# Order of Service

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Obituary Neurloni Katrel Hall by **Katrina Williams**

Song: **I see you again**

Psalm 23: **Andrew Riley / MayLin For** BCP, p. 476

Obituary Kelli ShuMay Williams by **Cristal Hernandez**

Song: **Grateful**

The Gospel: **Reverend Deacon Robin Newman** John 14:1-6

Homily: **The Reverend Dr. Lynn A. Collins**

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Song: **Hosanna**

**Repast in Parish Hall immediately after service**

# Obituary

Kelli ShuMay Williams unexpectedly passed away on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, to be with her cousin, Neurloni Hall, affectionately known as "Loni," who departed from this world the day before on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. They were both 32 years old and always promised to do everything together. ShuMay suffered from a broken heart upon hearing the news of Loni's death.

ShuMay was born on Labor Day, Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1991, at Elmhurst Hospital, co-parents Kim Smallwood and Henry Williams in Queens, NY. She was Kim's only child. ShuMay graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

During High school, ShuMay had internships at Mount Sinai, Rockefeller University, and Pfizer, which enabled her to receive a 4-year scholarship from the Posse Foundation to attend Brandeis University. ShuMay received her Bachelor of Arts in May 2013 from Brandeis University. She was also a proud member of Kappa Beta Gamma, International Sorority. ShuMay received her Master's at Georgia State University in Health Management and Policy in 2018.

In 2014, she worked as a Physician Office Assistant at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Her last place of employment was with Public Health Solutions as an Assistant Activities Director.

ShuMay had a kind spirit and was a thoughtful soul. She will be missed and remembered for the many lives she touched. She was an artist, a student of life, and enjoyed music. ShuMay enjoyed a fun night out with her friends while holding a glass of wine. She had an uncanny ability to find happiness in many things. She radiated love and cheerfulness, which attracted people to her. She will be remembered for all the joy she shared with her friends and family.

ShuMay is survived by her loving mother, Kim Smallwood, brother Malcolm Brown, aunt Siolen Kelly Ho, uncle Randy Smallwood, Grandmother Jessie Williams, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives, and friends.

ShuMay was preceded in death by her father, Henry Williams, and grandmother, Irene Ho. ShuMay was a beautiful person inside and out. Her smile lit up the room. Everyone ShuMay loved, loved her more. She made an impact on many lives.

## EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I want to thank all of you for coming to celebrate the life of my daughter ShuMay. I cannot express how much your generosity has meant to me during this difficult time. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, but you just thought of us that day. Thank you for remembering her bright and beautiful life. ShuMay's positive and beautiful spirit will remain in our hearts forever!

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM THE FAMILY

Kim Smallwood and family wish to thank you for being here as we celebrate the 32 years of life of ShuMay today. All your kind words, thoughts, prayers, and all other acts of kindness shown to her during her living are truly appreciated. Thank you for the expression of love, concern, and kindness shown to our family during this hour of bereavement.

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