



## First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin

September 27, 1967 - September 25, 2016

First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin was gifted to the late Maudelle Louise Jackson and the late Leroy Brooks on September 27, 1967, in Orlando, FL. LaShanda graduated from Oakridge High School in Orlando, FL, in 1984. She earned an Associate's Degree from Troy University, Montgomery Campus. LaShanda enjoyed her occupation as Assistant Payroll Manager and was later reassigned as Benefits Manager at Hyundai Manufacturing of Alabama.

At an early age, LaShanda came to know the Lord at New Bethel A.M.E. Church, Orlando, FL. Under the guidance of her mother, LaShanda became a member of the Evangelistic Pentecostal Church #1 of Orlando, FL, under the leadership of the late Elder Edward Fields. She participated in numerous "Let's Do It for Jesus" Crusades in Georgia and street services in Sanford, FL. She received the Holy Ghost at the tender age of 14. She was a member of the usher board, the local choir and became a member of the S. D. James Mass Choir. In the Mid '80's, she joined the The Temple of Faith Evangelistic Pentecostal Church in Orlando, FL, under the leadership of Pastor T. L. Smith. She was the lead singer of the group "Praise" and was a member of the ensemble "Quest" while serving at the Temple of Faith EPC. LaShanda was active in the local and international drama productions.

She lived in the "Sunshine State" until her marriage to Willis Beron Griffin on December 13, 1997. She then moved to Montgomery, AL, where she birthed

and raised two beautiful daughters, Bethany Hope and Hannah Elizabeth Griffin.

After moving to Montgomery, LaShanda became an active member at Jerusalem Temple. She served on the user's board, national greeters, and as a choir director for the Voices of Prophecy. On August 5, 2007, Sister LaShanda became the First Lady of Montgomery E.P.C., recently renamed Full Gospel Tabernacle E.P.C., in Montgomery, AL. There she served in several departments in her church, including the lead Praise and Worship Leader, Bible Study teacher, Sabbath School teacher, usher, Hospitality member, and Youth Advisor.

In addition, First Lady LaShanda was active in the following departments of the S.D. James Evangelistic Association, Inc. and its Evangelistic Pentecostal Churches (WW) Inc.: Praise and Worship leader and soloist, a lead singer in the S.D. James International Mass Choir, organizer of the Annual S.D. James Gospel Fest, International Youth Department staff member serving as the Music and Programming chairperson, active member of the Beta Upsilon Lambda Sisterhood, and assistant to the advisors of the Junior Mother's Board.

First Lady LaShanda served dutifully until the Lord called her home on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Maudelle Jackson and Leroy Brooks and her sister, Janelle Brooks.

First Lady LaShanda leaves to cherish her precious memory, her loving husband Willis Beron Griffin, two beautiful daughters, Bethany Hope and Hannah Elizabeth, all of Montgomery, AL; one sister, Precious Brooks of Jacksonville, FL; three aunts: Tranny, Marianne, and Loretta Jackson all of

Orlando, FL one uncle, David Jackson of Orlando, FL; a loving mother-in-law, Martha Griffin of Troy, AL; the following in-laws, who she considered her siblings: Malvia (Timothy) Frye of Brundidge, AL, Vicki Griffin and Tracillia (William) July both of Montgomery, AL, Cornelius (Kimberly, close confidant) Griffin, Mark (Deionne) Griffin and Angel Griffin all of Troy, AL. She also leaves spiritual parents: Chief Apostle S.D. James, Mother Carrie James, Pastor T.L. Smith and Co-Pastor Cynthia Smith; her dear friends Kendal James, Antoinette Stephens, Cami Mackey, Jacqueline Bell and Andretta Johnson; several God-children, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Viewing will be Friday, September 30, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. A "Celebration of Life" Memorial Service will be Friday, September 30, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m at New Life Church of God in Christ . Homegoing Celebration will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at Jerusalem Temple. Interment will follow in Gethsemane Gardens on the Jerusalem Campground. Repast will be at the Griffin Ranch at 4618 County Road 3304, Troy, AL.

# Cemetery Details

## Gethsemane Gardens

Jerusalem Temple  
305 County Road 4406  
Banks, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

George F. Grubbs Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 E. Madison St.  
Troy, AL  
grubbsfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<http://grubbsfuneralhome.net>

## Memorial Service

SEP 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

New Life Church of God in Christ  
5600 Carriage Hills Drive  
Montgomery, AL

## Funeral Service

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OCT 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Jerusalem Temple  
505 County Road  
Banks, AL 36005

# Tribute Wall



“ George F. Grubbs Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin

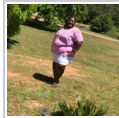


George F. Grubbs Funeral Home, Inc. - September 30, 2016 at 06:10 PM

NS

*Beautiful!! Heaven has truly gained an Angel... RIH Shanda*

Natasha Smith - October 01, 2016 at 03:13 AM



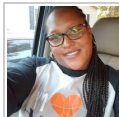
*Beautiful*

Rosie Sanford - October 01, 2016 at 08:20 AM

VR

*Shandra had a great spirit that always followed her with her beautiful smile.. I thank God for her and her anointing.. When my mom died 'Rosie Griffin' she song at the funeral and she really touched our hearts..I am praying for Pastor Ron and the whole family and I truly thank God for this blessed family..I love you all*

Vianisa Griffin Rudolph - October 01, 2016 at 09:37 AM



*Beautiful just as she was always! Prayers to the families and may God bless you all is my prayer. Rest Shanda.*

Terra Foster - October 02, 2016 at 10:58 PM

AD

“ *RIH. Lashunda. I will meet you in Heaven. We were Classmates from Elementary thru High School. You were always a Lady and a Saint. I will see you on the other side. Take your Rest. My Prayers for your Family.*

*Andrae Dariso (Orlando/Atlanta), Oak Ridge High School, Class of 1985, Orlando.*

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**Andrae Dariso** - October 01, 2016 at 08:57 AM

AB

“ *Pastor Stanley A. Bernard, Sis Angeleta Bernard and the members of the Gospel of Jesus EPC, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, send sincerest condolence to the families of Pastor and Lady Griffin*

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**Angeleta Bernard** - September 30, 2016 at 04:26 PM

WH

“ *All the way from the sunshine state of Florida to the family of our precious "lady songbird", LaShanda, The Pastor Ronald E. Williams, Sr. and the entire New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church family where you started your Christian journey. Our hearts are saddened but we rejoice in knowing that you had a beautiful life and earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal. Rest in peace! We shall never forget what the Jackson family means to this church. Be comforted family, our loss is heaven's gain.  
Wynnette Bryant Hinkle, Church Secretary*

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**Wynnette Hinkle** - September 30, 2016 at 10:40 AM

DB

“ DeBora Johnson Banks sent a virtual gift in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin



DeBora Johnson Banks - September 30, 2016 at 08:26 AM



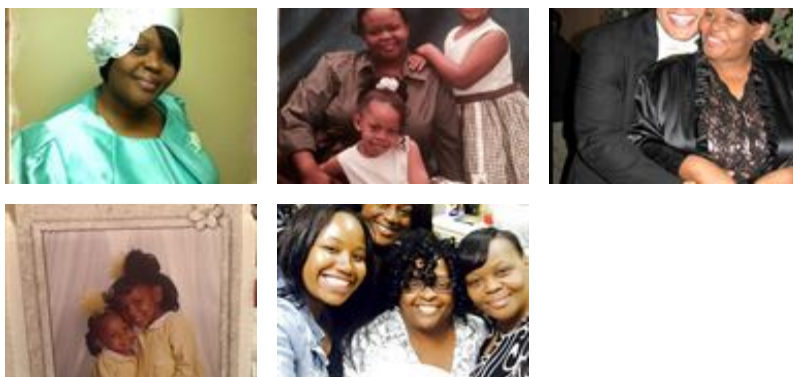
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September 30, 2016 at 08:20 AM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



George F. Grubbs Funeral Home, Inc. - September 30, 2016 at 07:29 AM

TL

“ Words cannot describe the void and pain I feel!!! I am going to miss you so much!!! I love you forever my Shonna!!!! Rest well my "Soul Sista"!!!



Teresa Lamar - September 30, 2016 at 06:25 AM

JH

“ For the past few days I have been at a lost for words because this does not seem real. My heart is truly heavy because I miss our talks and how we would joke around but I am at peace because I know that you are now interceding for us. I love you Shonda Mae, always and forever ❤️ Rest easy.

Jasmine Hixon - September 30, 2016 at 05:08 AM

KM

“ On behalf of the McClain Family, we send our love and prayers to the Griffin Family! We Love you! I'm sure gonna miss you.

Bro. Lavern and Sis. Kim McClain



Kim McClain - September 29, 2016 at 11:46 PM

KM

“ On behalf of the McClain Family, we send our love and prayers to the Griffin Family! We Love you! I'm sure gonna miss you.

Bro. Lavern and Sis. Kim McClain



Kim McClain - September 29, 2016 at 11:44 PM

JS

“ Nothing prepared me to have to experience this void of your physical presence or the silence of voice on the phone or the humor and wisdom we shared. I am truly blessed to have had so many years of friendship and sisterhood. Shanda, I love you, we are forever soul sista.

Juarlyn Smith - September 29, 2016 at 11:29 PM



“ Latoya Lumford lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin



Latoya Lumford - September 29, 2016 at 08:59 PM

WG

“ Will & Dene Rodgers Griffin lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin



Will & Dene Rodgers Griffin - September 29, 2016 at 08:27 PM

BS

“ Ron and family, please know that prayers are going up that God will bring comfort to your hearts at this time. We love you and are desperately interceding on your behalf. Sincerely, Aunt Shirley kids. (Joe, Sharon, Goop, Brenda and Necy).

Brenda Shellman - September 29, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin.*



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September 29, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ *Shanda was my birthday buddy, (we were born on the 27th of Sept.), She had a sweet, sweet spirit and will always have a special place in my heart. I pray that God will bless, strengthen and keep her family. I know this is a difficult time, bur remember God is your strength, salvation and comforter. He will keep you in all ways.  
Love, Helen July*

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**Helen July** - September 29, 2016 at 06:34 PM



“ *WITH DEEPEST HEARTFELT SYMPATHY.....PSALM 23RD,  
WANDA GIVENS AND FAMILY.... WE LOVE Y'ALL!*

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**WANDA GIVENS** - September 29, 2016 at 05:06 PM



“ *Kelly Rucker & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin.*



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**Kelly Rucker & Family** - September 29, 2016 at 03:55 PM

KR

“ I worked with LaShanda for a number of years. I will always remember her kindness and big smile.

*You will be missed!*

*Kelly Rucker*

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**Kelly Rucker** - September 29, 2016 at 03:04 PM

JD

“ Judy S. Drake purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin.



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**Judy S. Drake** - September 29, 2016 at 01:46 PM

MM

“ Will always remember our encouraging conversations, your beautiful smile and our hugs everytime we met, especially at IWAC. Even though it hurts so much I know that for you to be in this place definitely means that God is taking His best gems. Love you. RIH Sis. My condolences to the family.

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**Michelle Mott** - September 29, 2016 at 12:35 PM

 Linda Jones

“ Linda Jones lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin



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**Linda Jones** - September 29, 2016 at 12:00 PM

WF

“ Greetings , I am sending this message of condolence on behalf of Bro Walter and Sis Shirley Felder to the Griffin family. Just want to let you all know we were very sadden to hear about the passing of our sister and friend. We want to let you know that the family is in our prayers daily for strength and encouragement. Once again, our heart pains with you . God Bless.

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**Walter Felder** - September 29, 2016 at 11:06 AM

AJ

“ You will forever be in my heart. I love and miss you my sister my friend.

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**Andretta Johnson** - September 29, 2016 at 09:22 AM

AJ

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**Andretta Johnson** - September 29, 2016 at 09:22 AM

SW

“ Sally Wren lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin



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**Sally Wren** - September 29, 2016 at 09:08 AM

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“ *Sally Wren lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin*



Sally Wren - September 29, 2016 at 09:07 AM

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“ *Sally Wren lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin*



Sally Wren - September 29, 2016 at 09:03 AM

FE

“ *From Pastor Freddie Lee and Emmanuel Epc purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin.*



From Pastor Freddie Lee and Emmanuel Epc - September 29, 2016 at 07:36 AM

MS

“ *Mary Smith lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin*



Mary Smith - September 29, 2016 at 12:51 AM



“ Miss you more than I ever thought I'd have to. It never dawned on me that we wouldn't grow old together. I already miss you so "I will miss you" is inappropriate. No more early calls, "Eady Michelle, what are you doing, you're gonna be late. Yes, may I have a ....what is wrong with her, why can't she take my order right? Girl that's a hot mess". Just won't be the same without your presence or that voice. I love and miss you Soul Sista!!!

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**Evangela Eady** - September 28, 2016 at 10:43 PM



“ Rachel Brown lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin



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**Rachel Brown** - September 28, 2016 at 10:13 PM



“ Phyllis Oden lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin



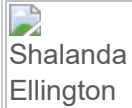
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**Phyllis Oden** - September 28, 2016 at 09:35 PM



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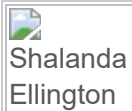
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September 28, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ Thank you for the impact you made on my life. Thank you for the countless prayers, the loving guidance and well wishes you always gave me. You affectionately called me "Sake", namesake and I smile now as I can hear you saying it. I love you & miss you and I pray strength for the girls, Ron & your families.



Shalanda Ellington - September 28, 2016 at 07:48 PM



“ Thank you for the impact you made on my life. Thank you for the countless prayers, the loving guidance and well wishes you always gave me. You affectionately called me "Sake", namesake and I smile now as I can hear you saying it. I love you & miss you and I pray strength for the girls, Ron & your families.



Shalanda Ellington - September 28, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ Gerald Rackard lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin



Gerald Rackard - September 28, 2016 at 07:15 PM

NS

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Griffin families, may God bless, comfort and keep each of you as only He can..



Natasha Smith - September 28, 2016 at 06:54 PM

LE

“ First Lady LaShanda Griffin you'll be very much missed by Family and Friends. God reached down and picked An AMAZING 🌹 We all love you. R.I.H.

Lenora - September 28, 2016 at 06:38 PM

LO

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Lenora "Julie" Owens - September 28, 2016 at 06:36 PM

LO

“ First Lady LaShanda Griffin you'll be very much missed by Family and Friends. God reached down and picked An AMAZING 🌹 We all love you. R.I.H.

Lenora "Julie" Owens - September 28, 2016 at 06:35 PM

DL

“ Shanda my ride and die sister....it wasn't nothing for us to get off work and hit the highway for revival. You were trying so hard to get to Detroit but could not make it....well sis take your rest with Courtney and keep interceding for us. Love you with all my heart ❤️ . Family you are in my prayers!

Denise Lamar - September 28, 2016 at 06:10 PM

JM

“ I will forever love you my sister, soror, friend. Watch over your niece and I. Heaven has one of the best singing angels ever! 💜💚💜💚



Jennifer N. Moore - September 28, 2016 at 06:05 PM

AN

“ Love you girl!

Angel - September 28, 2016 at 06:00 PM



“ Tamara Sweat lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin



Tamara Sweat - September 28, 2016 at 05:39 PM

MB

“ *Min. Vickie. Boykins lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin*



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**Min. Vickie. Boykins** - September 28, 2016 at 05:35 PM



Deborah  
Butler

“ *Rev. Deborah Butler*



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**Deborah Butler** - September 28, 2016 at 05:22 PM



“ *Pamela Bell-Glover lit a candle in memory of First Lady LaShanda Demecia Griffin*



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**Pamela Bell-Glover** - September 28, 2016 at 05:04 PM

G

“ *You have our most heartfelt condolences and prayers. Thank you for entrusting us with the final care of your Loved One. We are always here for you. - George F. Grubbs Funeral Home Family and Staff*

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**George Grubbs Funeral Home,** - September 28, 2016 at 06:27 AM