

### **A Letter To My Wife**

Words cannot explain how I feel about you. You are my rock, my soul, my everything, you still make me complete. We had 25 years of great marriage, had 3 wonderful children you gave me the best life that a man could ever ask for. You made me into the man that I am today I will be ok, we have our boys they will look after me and we have our beautiful daughter who will also look after me I LOVE YOU SO MUCH can't wait to see you again until then rest my baby. I will see you I soon, really soon.

By, Monolito Herkley

### **A Letter To My Mommy**

My best friend, my heart, my soul, my backbone, my literally everything. Never in a million years did I think I would be writing this. The pain and heaviness I have in my heart I can't even put into words. The fact I won't be able to hear you laugh. The fact I won't be able to hear your voice once more. The fact that I lost my wine and pedicure person. The fact that I won't feel your touch once more. The fact I can't call you when I first wake up just to say "heyyy girl, wyddd girl" and you would say "nothinggg girlll". The fact I can't call you when I am bored at work and you would say "aren't you working?" Then I'd say "yes but I'm bored" hurts me in ways nobody will ever understand. It's so many things we won't be able to share together that I thought we would, like our first dance together on my wedding day. Us picking out my wedding dress. You being here for my first child. It's so many things I left unsaid that I thought I'd have forever to say. Words cannot explain how much I miss you already, I never thought in a million years I would be one of those girls who wouldn't have their mommy, but yet here I am. I need you to continue to guide me through this thing called "life", because I know I can't do it without you. I need you to continue to keep you're loving arms around me because I know I can't last a day without your touch. I need you to continue to keep me strong even in my weakest moments. I need you to continue to show me how to be an amazing person and an even better woman. Don't worry about daddy I got him just like I got you. I'll make sure he eats, I'll make sure I make him smile like you used to. I'll make sure he sleeps because you know he can stay up for hours, I'll make sure I get up and try to make him lunch for work. I'll make sure he gets his haircut regularly, I'll make sure I keep him safe, I got him. I'll make sure Shakr and Baronte all stay close because I know that's what you would have wanted. I'll make sure I keep Peyton safe and out of trouble because you know she loves trouble. I live you, I breathe you, I am a splitting image of you. I promise to carry on our legacy for ALL 3 OF US. You me and Umee in everything I do. You are my lifeline mommy. My reason to live, my reason to breathe, my reason for everything. You are the reason I am the woman I am today. And for that I thank you. Thank you for teaching me how to love. Thank you for teaching me how to cook, thank you for teaching me how to be a woman. Most importantly thank you for teaching me how to be TAKIRAH. I can continue talking but I'd be texting forever. I love you and I miss you so much mommy. This isn't goodbye. This is I'll see you soon. Really soon.

~Your Baby Girl~

### **Acknowledgement:**

Your comforting expressions of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude and deeply appreciated by the The family of, LaTera Herkley.

**Arrangements Entrusted To:**  
**R. A. Prince Funeral Services**  
16222 Broadway Avenue  
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*Celebrating the Life*  
*Of*

LaTera Herkley



Sunrise  
January 16, 1974

Sunset  
September 21, 2021

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Wake: 11:30 AM Funeral: 12:00 PM

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## Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....  
 Processional.....Minister and Family  
 Scripture.....Old/New Testament.....Minister  
 Prayer.....  
 Selection.....  
 Acknowledgement/Resolutions.....  
 Special remarks.....(Limit to two minutes please)  
 Obituary.....(Read silently)  
 Selection.....  
 Words of Comfort.....Shakir Tamar Payne  
 Recessional.....

Interment:  
 Riverside Cemetery  
 3507 Pearl Road  
 Cleveland, OH 44109

(Those driving in the funeral procession turn your headlights on, then off before entering the cemetery gates.)



## Obituary

LaTera Lee Herkley (Hodges) was born in Cleveland, Ohio, January 16, 1974, to the parents of Frank Hodges and Rukiah Shamon “Regina Jones” deceased. She was an only child. She worked and lived in Cleveland, OH and was a pillar in her family and community. “Tera” graduated from Cleveland Heights High School, Class of ‘92. LaTera loved everyone and showed it through her strength, resilience, care, wisdom, guidance, loyalty, and ability to just make things happen. It was truly a blessing to be loved by someone unconditionally the way LaTera loved.

She has been in the hospitality and wellness business the majority of her life and was excellent at what she did. From teaching children to also doing STNA work, to working with the mentally handicap. LaTera also helped her mother, Rukiah manage and operate one of the first vegetarian soul food restaurants in Cleveland, Ohio, Another Level I & II. Together they built notoriety for the restaurant and was featured in the Cleveland Plain Dealer and different platforms across Cleveland. Tera also started Another Level Sister Circle, an organization dedicated to helping young woman in the community. She also carried on the Another Level restaurant legacy as Another Level Creative Catering.

A jack of all trades, LaTera also was an amazing cook and artist. She loved to paint and do interior design work. In the latter, she started her own personal organizing and interior design business called M4L Solutions. Tera was also a dedicated Jehovah’s Witness and built a bond with many people across their organization. Her love, presence, and light were felt by many people from all walks of life.

LaTera transitioned Tuesday, September 21, 2021, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Left to cherish her memory, her grandmother, Pearl Barksdale, husband, Monlito Herkley, daughter, Takirah and her sons, Shakir & Baronte, aunts, Renee Woodson and Henrietta Jones, uncles: Anthony Holmes & Aaron Holmes, cousins, Coretta Curlee and Sherida Williams, who were more like her sisters, cousins, Lemaro Smith, Angelo Jones, Freddie Jones and Keith Jones who were more like her brothers. And a host of other associates, friends, family and loved ones.

### Life

As the days go on time goes by,  
 some find it hard to see the important things in life  
 We go through so much strife most just scratchin to survive  
 but even in these dark times, I never felt so alive.  
 See tragedy creates transformation and if you listen to the signs,  
 it will equal elevation it will make you stronger, it will make you wiser  
 It will have you questioning the sun, as it crosses the horizon.  
 But let tragedy elevate you higher cause with God by yo side  
 you will always make it through the fire.

By: Shakir