

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Evening dark was about to fall,
Light from the stars twinkled in the heavenly hall,
The sweet sounds of an angel's harp
Began to soothe many tired souls

But, the heavenly choir did not sing,
For a new soul—a strong soul—with unblemished wings
Was shedding that tired body and aching head,
Was moving from a cool fall to a warm spring.

Gently, so gently, the reaper made his call,
And now in the Heavenly Choir—
Praise God—It's Kea, and she's standing tall!

by Barbara Ford & Sonya Maxwell



PALLBEARERS

Ralph Baxter

Rodney Campbell

Richard Petty

David Washington

IN APPRECIATION

The family of the late Le'Keatra Maxwell Baxter wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the sympathy and kindness shown during this time of bereavement.

- Arrangements By -
DOROTHY'S HOME FOR FUNERALS
78 Cannon Street
Charleston, South Carolina

HOME GOING SERVICE A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2010

11:00 AM

PROVIDENCE A.M.E. CHURCH

**2060 JACKSONVILLE ROAD
NORTH CHARLESTON**

THE OBITUARY

Born February 19, 1964, Le'Keatra Wendraya Maxwell Baxter is the beloved daughter of the late Jessie Mac Maxwell and the granddaughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. John Henry Maxwell. She is a graduate of North Charleston High School, and her aspirations led to attendance at Voorhees College, training as a cosmetologist, and certification as CDL licensed driver who earned numerous accommodations and awards. As evidenced by the many calls the family has received from across the United States, she established lasting relationships wherever she went. On November 4, 2008, she was joined in holy matrimony to Kevin Baxter of Charleston, and was called home on Friday, December 17, 2010.

Le'Keatra was extremely proud of her identity as a Black American. Her pride was evident in her conversation, in her commitment to the development of Black youth, and by the many African artifacts that adorn her home. She was a Queen of style, of beauty and of class, a gifted writer of spiritual poems, a lover of children, candles, music and animals, an admirer of God's handiwork (the earth), a meticulous entertainer, and committed caregiver. All of these talents came together in special ways throughout the course of her life. While living in New York, she used her assignment as a Teacher's Assistant to motivate and encourage adjudicated youth; and through her affiliation with Guiding Light Chapter No. 518, Order of the Eastern Stars, she spearheaded afterschool and summer activities that were focused on developing our youth's leadership skills and garnering their sense of community.

As stated by a dear friend "Keatra was the type of person that would make you laugh,...[I mean] all the time. ...[She] just made you comfortable. She liked things to be in order—you just couldn't do it any kind of way...it had to be done the right way. She had patience, was humble, and was always thinking about everyone else's well being. But most important, she was my friend, my traveling buddy...and truly a blessing to me and my daughters. There's one thing that I am grateful for...we had the chance to say 'I love you' to each other."

Yes, it was her unwavering faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, her membership in Covenant Missionary Baptist Church, and her willingness to openly express her love for others that kept her grounded. She leaves to mourn her husband Kevin, her brother Darreyl, her niece and nephews (Danielle, Kryslar & Jayden), her mother-in-law Arretta Baxter, her adopted sisters (Nana & Tuffy), 11 brothers-and sisters-in-law [Anthony Baxter (Belinda), Ralph Baxter, Juanita Simmons-Gadsden, Lanell Gathers, Alterea Baxter, Angela Washington (David), Sharon Choice, and Marietta Campbell (Rodney)], her best friend Linda, other relatives and friends, and her dog Zion.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Cora Singleton, *Officiating*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN.....Choir

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament
New Testament

SELECTION.....Choir

OBITUARY.....Sonya E Maxwell

TRIBUTE OF SONG.....Cynthia Washington

REFLECTIONS.....Open

Linda Goodwin
Patricia Pinckney
Darreyl L Maxwell

TRIBUTE OF SONG.....D'Jaris Whipper-Lewis

EULOGY.....Rev. James B Lewis, Sr.

HYMN.....Choir

BENEDICTION

REPAST

GOD'S GIFT TO THE WORLD

Certifications

Federal Dept of Transportation Hazmat Comprehensive Compliance Course
Nuclear Comprehensive Transportation Certified
IPG Hazardous Certified

Awards

National Association of Minority Driver of the Year
National Council of Defensive Driving of the Month
Elite Fleet Driver of the Month and Year

Memberships

Trucker's Buddies National Association
NAACP
Adult Literary Council

