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# A Life REMEMBERED

OCTOBER 2014 ISSUE

## IN LOVING MEMORY *of* AUDREA ELISE PALMER

Eulogist  
Pastor Breonus Mitchell

Officiating  
Minister O'Keefe Hassell

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Heaven's View Baptist Church  
310 Coles Ferry Pike  
Lebanon, Tennessee 37087

**WEDNESDAY,  
October 1, 2014**

**1:00 P.M.**

**Audrea's Life Story  
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ALPHA: JANUARY 2, 1997 · OMEGA: SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

# A MESSAGE TO OUR DAUGHTER

*Our beautiful daughter, I was blessed with you. You will never know how proud I was of all the things you were to us. You came into my world, so tiny and small and I was in awe at the wonder of it all....*

*When you placed your little hand in mine, there was no denying my heart was yours till the end of time.*

*I have watched you throughout the years, laugh, cry and grow, and it was all so difficult the day I had to let you go. It's hard to imagine the remainder of my life without you, because your part of me and my love for you was true. So remember, no matter where you may be, there's someone who needs you, and loves you and that someone is ME!*



*Always and Forever,  
Your Mom & Dad*

**FLOWER LADIES**  
Family and Friends

**PALLBEARERS**  
Family and Friends

**HONORARY  
FLOWER LADIES**

Callia Hall  
Brittany Heady  
Jenecia Davis  
Ashly Love



**HONORARY  
PALLBEARERS**

Daxton Allen  
Bobby Martin  
Wendall Palmer  
Ashton Love  
Ayden Love  
Anthony Palmer

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

You have touched our lives in a way that words alone will never be enough to express the tons of gratitude that we will carry in our heavy hearts from now to eternity. Some of you have been connected for many and you went above and beyond the call of your duties and some have only been involved for a short period of time, but a major impact on us as a family. For this we "The Palmer Family" would like to thank you for endless hours of love. Special thanks to: Nancy Willis, Judge Tatum, Tamala Holt, TaNassa Pillow, Nancy Slavens, Ronke Kahaundai, Pastor David Freeman & First Baptist Church Lebanon Church Family, and FBC Youth Group, Elder Johnny Crudup, Kim & James of Clarksville, TN, LHS faculty and staff UMC Hospital, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and the late Uwanna Clemmons-Crudup.

-The Family

# Order of Celebration

Officiating: Minister O'Keefe Hassell

Prelude.....Casper Corder  
Selection.....  
Scripture.....Old & New Testament.....Bishop AlfredHoward  
Prayer.....Bishop Belita McMurry-Fite  
Solo....."Open My Heart".....Robin Bass  
Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....Dalydia Clemmons  
Audrea's Special Prayer.....Tamara Griffin  
Selection.....Robin Bass  
Special Remarks/Words of Comfort.....Nancy Willis  
Pastor Maynard  
Elder Johnny Crudup  
Pastor David Freeman  
Casper Corder  
Selection.....  
Eulogy.....Pastor Breonus Mitchell  
Memorial Observation  
"It's Over Now".....  
Recessional.....Ministers, Flower Bearers, Pallbearers,  
Neuble Monument Staff, The Family

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## FINAL RESTING PLACE

Cedar Grove Cemetery

## A LETTER TO GOD:

Dear God,

Please take care of my sister, the one with the pretty brown eyes and smile that shined brighter than the morning sun. She was special as you should know. It hurt me so bad when I told her to let go. She touched the hearts of everyone she knew. Letting her go was so hard to do. Her smile could brighten up the darkest room. I wish you didn't have to take her so soon. Could you sit and hold her and maybe tell her a story. She's

probably afraid, please tell her don't worry, it's gonna be OK. Her mom and dad loves her and we all wish she were still here because this is too painful. We've cried so many tears. My sister is gone. Dear God please remind her that she did no wrong.

Would you comfort her and hold her in your arms real tight. And tell her we miss her every day and night. Please tell her she is loved so very dear and I'll say it every day for her to hear. Her short life on earth is now completed, but her mission in her new home was very much needed. Tell her I promise to see her again someday. When that will be, I really can't say, but I promise to make up for the time that's past. To hold her and comfort her, in my arms at last. I love you sissy.

Tamera!



LOVINGLY KNOWN BY MANY AS "DRE"



mous when her words were put to music. Her talent for writing and being able to express herself, left many in AWE! And she was even more expressive in her drawing. There was often a story told once you read or viewed her art.

In spare time she also enjoyed walks to the park and hanging out with friends. She expressed an early interest in gymnastics, however she was too old to benefit from that interest.

She had a great love for food that often interfered with day task so we always learned to put her food first and foremost.

Her two nephews, Ashton and Ayden were the joys of her life and she really enjoyed spending time with them.



**A**udrea was born January 2, 1997 to her God sent parents, Thomas and Sheila Palmer. She made her transition on September 20, 2014 to be with the Lord, with tearful eyes from her family. She was preceded in death by her grandparents; Elmer Crenshaw, Charles Palmer and Callie Palmer.

Audrea had a great love for expressing herself by writing poetry and often said that her words would one day be fa-

## Dear Baby Girl,

Well it's Sunday September 28, 2014 at 11:26 p.m. I'm sitting here at the table saying to self, where do I start? Baby Girl, my heart hurts so bad! We are missing you like crazy, "you walking hard through the house, lol...Big feet". We would always laugh and talk about me having kids, and I would always say I got two, you and Tamera. The pain that I feel is so hard to explain. I remember the road trips and the times we would stop and eat...OMG! Hey Baby Girl we both loved breakfast, "lurnch" and "dinter" (in my Madea voice)... I also remember the day you ask me how do I deal with anger and problems. I told you a lady told me a long time ago to always keep a song, scripture and prayer in my heart and it will always get you through the day. Mom told me last week that you had scriptures and prayers wrote down and that you also liked the song, "Open my Heart" by Yolanda Adams. I liked that too, Baby Girl. I'm going to miss you calling me whenever you needed to talk or you saying we needed to go for a ride. Baby Girl, I prayed for you daily, and I play this song by Marvin Sapp, "He has His hands on you" because it was like my prayer that I prayed for you. Baby Girl you are one of a kind, and you are loved by so many people. Oh, I wish you were here to see. They have showed lots of love near and far.

Well it's getting late Baby Girl. You are already resting easy. No more hurts and pain. You will be missed. Hey Baby Girl...thank God we have a mother that stood by us and never ever gave up on us and always told us that we were somebody and no matter how hard it got, we would be somebody. See you in the morning Baby Girl... Bubba will see you in the morning.

P.S. I will keep everyone in line!

Forever and Always

*"Bubba"*



### A TRIBUTE FROM GRANNY:



*My Dearest Audrea,*

I love you and miss you so very much. Wish I had more time with you, but God, called you home. Go my darling, rest in peace. Know you are truly loved. *-Granny*

## SISTER TRIBUTES



"Mz. Dre"

The moment I found out you were gone, my heart was torn in two. One side filled with heartache and the other side... memories of you. We didn't always see eye to eye, but no matter what, I loved you. I remember the day we spent together riding the four-wheeler. You were scared to get on. I finally convinced you by saying, "come on sissy, I got you, just hold on to me", then there was no stopping us. Tamera and I are doing okay here. We made a pinky promise to be nicer and continue to love one another.

I LOVE YOU

Your baby sister,  
Breonna Cason

Being a big sister is a job I've never taken lightly. From day 1 I loved you with everything in me and I knew I had to be the best example of a woman I could be for you and your sister. Watching you grow up and all those very special memories is what I will hold on to forever. You gave me that, I can replay in my mind, your first words, your first steps, Christmas mornings, every birthday party, Easter egg



hunts, your first day of school, kindergarten and the list goes on and on. You always looked up to me and loved me in a huge way. Dre you hold a very special place in my heart. Today one of our recent conversations stands out in my mind and is one I will always remember. On this particular day I encouraged you to reach beyond me and what any human could offer. I told you to surrender your life to God and allow Him to lead you in every aspect of your life and I left you that day confident that you did just that. The thought of you not being here breaks my heart but knowing that you are at peace and resting in the arms of the Lord gives me peace. So rest my love, Rest!

Big Sissy-

**Shena**

Audrea leaves to cherish her loving memory, loving God sent parents: Thomas and Sheila Palmer; grandparents: Lula Martin, Quintella Love, Sharon Failor (Special Play Granny) all of Lebanon, TN; Elmer Crenshaw, Charles Palmer and Callie Palmer, all deceased; great grandparents: Rebecca K. Overall of Lebanon, TN, Frances Crenshaw of Gallatin, TN, Ben Carey, Sr. of Detroit, MI and Joe Frank Martin, deceased; sisters: Tamera Palmer, Breonna Cason of Lebanon, TN, and Shena (Quinton) Love of Nashville, TN; brother, DeNirio Palmer of Lebanon, TN; aunts: Thomessa Saddler of Mt. Juliet, TN, Sharon Crenshaw of Atlanta, GA, Mary (James) Harris, Waulinda Palmer, Desiree Starks, Nena Weir all of Lebanon, TN; great aunts: Callie Rhodes, Eddie Waters, Beulah (Bobby) Apple, Margaret Reynolds, Lois Weir, Annie Weir, Linda Seay, Peggy Weir all of Lebanon, TN; Betty Weir, and Doris Anne Frierson both deceased; two cherished nephews: Ashton and Ayden Love of Nashville, TN; niece: Ashley Love of Nashville, TN; uncles: Anthony Palmer, Wendall Palmer, Charles (Waweeci) Palmer all of Lebanon, TN, Quinton (Lalisa) Fields of Detroit, MI, Johnathan White of Bluffton, SC, Jermaine (Sharon) Crenshaw of De-

troit, MI, Emmanuel Palmer, James Crenshaw both deceased; great uncles: Bobby (Claudine) Martin, Raymond (Joyce) Weir both of Lebanon, TN, James Crenshaw, Ben Carey, Jr., William Weir, Kenneth Weir, Edward Weir, Bobby J. Palmer all deceased; devoted uncles: Bobby Martin



and Anthony Palmer; a host of cousins, relatives and friends. Devoted friends: JeNecia Davis, Daxton, Allen, Toby, Brittany Heady, Kelley Heady, Rhonda Blair, Dalydia Clemmons, Kaitlyn Clemmons, Callia Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Wooten, Tamala Holt, Nancy Willis, TaNas-sa Pillow, Lori Seay.

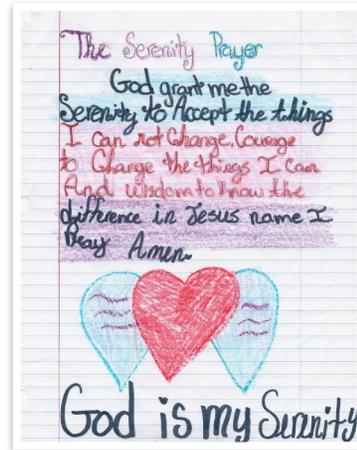
*"My song will not be judged by its duration, nor its notes, but rather by the riches of my contents."*

## A MESSAGE TO AUDREA:

# MISSING YOU

I awake each morning to start a new day,  
But the pain of losing you never goes away.  
I go about the things I have to do,  
And as the hours pass, again I think of you.  
I want to call, just to hear your voice  
Then I remember that I have no choice  
For you're not here and now my heart cries.  
Just to see you again to tell you goodbye  
To say "Audrea" I love you and always will  
And hope that much of me in you was instilled.  
The day that you left, I just didn't know,  
That you were going where I couldn't go,  
And now all of my memories of you are so dear.  
Only God knows, how I miss you  
And wish you were here  
Who now can hear me, when I need to cry!  
It's so hard to tell you "Audrea goodbye",  
Someday I know all will be well  
And I'll see you again with stories to tell.  
Of how you were missed and how the family has grown,  
And how good it will be to finally be home.  
Until then memories of you I'll keep near,  
And I'll pass them on to those who are dear.  
I miss you Audrea.

Love Always,  
*Your Mom.*



## A LETTER TO OUR DAUGHTER:

Dear Audrea,

God loaned you to us for a little time, He said: for us to love you while she lives, and mourn her when she's gone, God said it may be six or seven years, or twenty two or three, but will you till I call her back, take care of her for me? She'll bring her charm to gladden you, but should her stay be brief, you'll have her lovely memories, as solace for your grief. I cannot promise she will stay, since all from earth returns, but there are lessons here I want this child to learn. He searched the world over in search of parents true and from his throne that crowd life's lanes, He selected us. (Thomas and Sheila) Now will you give her all your love and not think the labor vain, nor hate me when I come to call her back again. God fancied when He heard us say; "Dear Lord, Thy Will Be Done, for all the joys this child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run. We'll shelter her with tenderness, we'll love her while we may, and for happiness we've known forever grateful stay. But should the angels call for her much sooner than we'd planned. We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand. On September 20, 2014, He came for you. Mama said "I love you Audrea, but no farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. You were a gift only for a short time, while your loss just seemed so wrong. You should not have left us, it's with loved ones you belonged. But God knew what's best for you the day God called you home. Although you are gone and no longer with us, we are thankful that God connected us by that invisible cord that can never be destroyed or denied, because it is stronger than any cord that man could ever create. Although this cord is pulling at our hearts and has left us pained and bruised after losing you, this cord is our lifeline that connects you to us, and us to you and death can never take that away! We will love and miss you forever until we meet again.

Love Always,

*Mom and Dad*

