Acknowledgement

We, the family of Kawana Lynn Bonner-Toms, wish to acknowledge all of the love and acts of kindness shown towards our family during our time of bereavement. Whether you called, sent a card, whispered a prayer, sent flowers, or sat quietly in a chair; it has not gone unnoticed.

Pallbearers

Don Williams - Melvin "TJ" Corbin - Shawn Luttrell - Xavier Corbin Alfred Corbin - Keith Corbin Jr. - Donnie Walker - Andre Toms Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Leaunte Carter - Kevin Carter Jr. - Alvin Corbin - Kevin Carter Sr.

Flowerbearers

Acacia Hairston - Zion Corbin



To offer condolences to The Bonner-Toms Family, visit www.theChapelofPeace.com







Kawana Lynn Bonner-Toms, age 49, of Strongsville, Ohio passed away after an extended illness on May 26, 2023.

Kawana was born on September 23, 1973 in Mansfield, Ohio to the late Melanie Bonner and Wallace Caldwell. Prior to making Strongsville her home, Kawana lived with family in California as a child, yet, lived most of her life in Mansfield. She was a member of Mitchell Chapel A.M.E. and graduated from Lucas High School in 1991, attending Tiffin University afterward.

After school, Kawana worked briefly at Thermo Disc, however, in 1995 she began working for General Motors where she remained for 28 years until her passing. In addition to GM, Kawana owned and operated Kawana's Sweet Treats where she served others by bringing their creative thoughts to life with top tier designs incorporating fruits and other sweet treats.

Kawana had a beautiful soul, was loyal and dedicated her life to her daughter, husband, family and friends. She had a passion for anything fashion, being especially proud of her extensive shoe collection. She enjoyed great food, music of all kinds, watching reality television, gossiping with her daughter, was an avid reader and most importantly, loved spending time with people she cared about.

Kawana is survived by her husband; Andre Toms Sr, daughter; Nayana A. Myles (Donnie Walker), son; Andre Toms Jr., all of Strongsville, OH, stepfather; Clifford E. "Smitty" Smith of California, siblings; Melvin A. (Rachel) Corbin Jr., Stacy N. Corbin of Columbus, OH, Keith L. Corbin of Mansfield, OH, Malica Caldwell of Las Vegas, NV, great aunt; Betty (Sonny) Henderson, of California, special cousins; Brandon Payne of California, Sebastian Pryor, Deidre Black and Karen Mathews all of Columbus, OH, special aunts; Crystal Wright and Audrey Corbin of Mansfield, OH, friend; Laurian Render of Cleveland, Oh, best friend; Trish Fry of Columbus, OH and a host of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother; Melanie Bonner, father; Wallace Caldwell, adopted mother; Cheryl Corbin, grandmothers; Peggy Bonner and Edith Williams, aunts; Rosiland Howard and Crystal Bonner-Cox and cousin; Charles "Pooper" Mathews.

To Those Whom I Love & Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I travelled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It is only for a while that we must part, So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,

All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

Order of Celebration

OFFICIANT	
MUSICAL PRELUDE	
Old Testament	Lenore Keys
PRAYER OF COMFORT	Clergy
MUSICAL SELECTION	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Deidre Black
REMARKS	Family and Friends
READING OF OBITUARY	Read Silently
MUSICAL SELECTION	
The Eulogy Jameelah O'Neal	
BENEDICTION / COMMITTAL	Jameelah O'Neal
RECESSIONAL	Clergy, Family and Friends

Interment Mansfield Cemetery

Repast

Kindred Kove 1710 Lorkay Dr. Mansfield, OH

I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live.

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

~Iohn 11:25-26

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun; Of happy memories that I leave when life is done

Author Unknown

