Sunrise 4-10-1968

Sunset 11-2-2006



Obituary

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:1-3

Damela Marie Mercer Ruffin was born on April 10, 1968 in Edgecombe County to Mary Mercer and Louis Doyle. She departed this life on November 2, 2006, in Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville, North Carolina.

She attended the public schools in Edgecombe County and studied Special Education at Edgecombe Community College.

Pamela became a member of Higher Calling Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina under the leadership of Pastor John Wooten.



Pamela held various Retail Management Positions which included Roses and Kentucky Fried Chicken. She was a dedicated sports mom who enjoyed traveling and supporting the teams.

She was preceded in death by one brother-in-law.

Pamela was a devoted wife, mother and friend. Left with cherished memories of her life are her loving husband, William H. Ruffin; five children: Kanesha, Tiesha, William II, Chanquela (Shay), and Qaudásha (Day Day); two step-daughters: LaToya





Scott and Iesha Thorne; one adopted daughter: Krashonda Benbow; two brothers: Johnny Mercer (Faye) of Tarboro, NC; Gregory Mercer (Iola) of Warner Robins, GA; one sister: Carol Parker of New Bern, NC; mother-in-law: Elizabeth Miller, four brothers-inlaw; two devoted nieces: Sherry Parker and Keoasha Harrell; God Parents: James and Linda Black; devoted friends: Brian and Donna Williams and Jill Lawrence; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



God looked around his garden and found an empty space. He then looked upon the earth and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest: God's garden must be beautiful, for He only takes the best.