



Samantha Nash

August 19, 1958 - November 23, 2022

Sam sang her way through life. In her 64 years she never met a stranger and traveled facing the sun.

Samantha Nash was born to Eddie and Beulah (Hanna) Nash on August 19, 1958 in New Haven, CT where she lived for most of her life until her passing on November 23, 2022. From this small corner of the world, she lived a glowing and adventurous life full of laughter.

Sam was a proud alumna of Richard C. Lee High School, class of 1976. As a “mayor”, she was a spirited cheer leader and member of the track team. After high school she began her career as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Sam easily became everyone’s favorite CNA and colleague. She was known at the nurse’s station for making jokes or singing about working a double shift. She dedicated 30 years of patient’s services to Regal Care at New Haven (Clifton House). She also began taking classes to continue her education in the field of social work.

Family meant everything to Sam. She made it her mission to create a family for those in need. A licensed Foster Parent to over 15 children, Sam provided space and support in her home for anyone who needed it whether it was for one night or until they got back on their feet. Her generosity was boundless. Her door was always open. Her genuine nature made her so easy to talk to.

She had the most forgiving heart and unforgettable laugh. She had the ability to find goodness in everybody. Her dedication to children and community made her the recipient of the “Outstanding Parent Involvement Award” given by the New Haven Board of Education Head Start Program.

Samantha was the youngest daughter of 8 children but will be remembered as the “protective sister”. Lovingly known as “Sam” and “Gramma Sam” by her grandchildren. Sam thrived in the company of her extended family and loved traveling with her “sister cousins”. She made her way to Paris, California, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Caribbean Islands and every family function. Some would describe Sam as shy, even bashful at times. But what became clear to everyone was that she had this amazing voice brewing under the surface. Sam loved to sing and owned an extensive music collection.

She cherished her friendships and fellowship with her church families. As an infant she was baptized by her godfather Bishop Wilson at The Missionary Holy Apostolic Church. She was raised as a sister in Christ at Faith Tabernacle, Apostle H. Carmichael, of New Haven. For 25 years she worshiped and praised, in Bridgeport, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit with Pastor Kenneth Moales, Jr. In 2001, Sam became a founding member of the Kergyma Community Choir. Since that first rehearsal, singing with Kergyma was one of the many joys of her life. Kergyma’s dedication to their community and their mission of witnessing to the lost beyond the walls of their region and to spread the inspired message of Christ to all aligned with Sam’s principles. For 20 years, Sam performed on stages and churches with Kergyma in New York, Detroit, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. Her sweet soprano voice can be heard on the 3 albums that they recorded. She can also be seen in Episode 1 of the hit Netflix series “Seven Seconds.” Doing what she loved, singing in the choir.

Being a breast cancer survivor, she joined the support group Covering My

Sisters INC. In 2018, Sam attended the Living Beyond Breast Conference. After networking and collaborating with other survivors she decided to take on a more active leadership role and became a Breast Cancer Awareness Advocate. She provided support, guidance, and service to the members of Covering My Sisters INC. Even during her periods of active cancer treatments, she was appointed to the position of outreach worker. Using humor to connect with survivors, she helped them share their stories at health fairs and community events.

Samantha was predeceased by her father Eddie Nash of Port Gibson, MS and Mother Beulah (Hanna) Nash of Cheraw, SC. She is survived by her children Marquese (Niki) and LaNette Nash. To continually honor her life and legacy; grandchildren Dylan Nash, Sydney Nash, Savannah Nash, and Simone Preston; five brothers Robert L. Hanna (Rosa) of VA, Eddie Stewart Nash (Francinne) of MA, Jonathan Nash (Sandra) of GA, Kriss Nash (Phyllis) of GA and Dennis Nash of CT; two sisters Angela Nash Wade (Melvin) of RI and Betty Hanna of SC; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; forty- five first cousins and a host of family and friends.

Most notably, "The Samantha Nash Scholarship Fund" will be instituted by Covering My Sisters INC to provide higher education scholarships to family members affected by breast cancer.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to Sam's Life Celebration to begin with visiting hours on Saturday December 3, from 11am to 12pm. Service from 12 to 1pm at Bethel AME Church 255 Goffe St New Haven, CT 06511. Repast to follow. Please send all flowers to McClam Funeral Home 95 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511. Donations to be sent in c/o LaNette Nash, P.O.Box 8863 New Haven, CT 06532. or via cashapp to \$lanettenash77

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
255 Goffe Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

DEC 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
255 Goffe Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Tribute Wall



“ *Samantha Nash*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *I'm sorry to hear that she is gone. I remember her being a smiling gem. We were on the Lee High School cheerleading squad together although she was a couple of years behind me. May she rest in peace. Christine Coggins*

Christine Coggins - January 10, 2023 at 07:54 PM

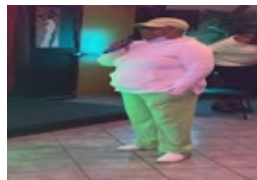


“ *To my cousin Samantha I could never forget you I used to love to come to your house when I was a little girl and play with my cousin Nett and Marquis I am so sorry of all the people in the world that had to go why did it have to be you.....love always meta*

Sunny "meta"jones - December 31, 2022 at 04:39 AM



“ *Sam was such a sweet person. I enjoyed her presence when I sang in Kergyma. Sam always had a kind word. I had the opportunity of recording her as she sang "Karaoke" at Lyon's. May God Rest your soul.*



Queen - December 06, 2022 at 05:36 AM

ER

“ To the family of my church friend Samantha Nash: I send my sincere condolences, prayers, and love to you all. I knew Samantha to be a quiet, but low key humorous person; we sat in the back at the Cathedral, me, her, and Shaundale formed a triangle with our seats. Her and Shaun to the left in the single seats, and me across from them. We had our cut up days, and saved each other seats. May she forever sleep in peace until that great getting up morning...her smile was her superpower, she always had one no matter what..I'll miss you Sis, but intend to see you on the other side.



Elder Bonita Robinson - December 02, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Samantha Nash.



December 01, 2022 at 10:11 PM

VT

“ I will always remember her laughter and her gracious spirit. May God's peace be with her family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Velma Toney - December 01, 2022 at 07:23 PM

AT

R.i.p.my beautiful friend

Alice turner - December 03, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samantha Nash.*



December 01, 2022 at 11:08 AM

RY

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Nash family for your loss of Samantha, a mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Reflecting back on the RCLHS ALL CLASSES REUNION in August 2022, I saw and spoke with Samantha and her cousin Mary. She was always a pleasant and gracious individual. May she rest comfortably in the Lord's arms, S.I.P.*



Roosevelt Young - November 30, 2022 at 12:48 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samantha Nash.*



November 29, 2022 at 11:03 AM

DB

“ Samantha was so loving and caring always there for anyone , i well always carry her in my heart she was my best friend for thirty years or so .My family also love her ,my kids grandkids she was love like an family member (sam is for ever in my heart her loving friend Darlene from Virginia . MY GOD be with us all Miss but will never be forgotten

Darlene Bryant - November 29, 2022 at 06:17 AM

DT

My deepest sympathies goes out to Samantha, and the family, she is going to be missed, from Dennis Toles in Virginia Beach.

Dennis Toles - December 02, 2022 at 07:30 PM

IC

“ Aunt Sam was one of the first few family members that I met when Desiree and I became friends. I had heard so much about her before actually meeting her. Desiree would always have funny stories about something her Aunt Sam had said or done. When I walked into her house for the first time I felt like I'd known her my whole life. Aunt Sam was everything I had imagined her to be. She had a beautiful smile, her energy was amazing and she was too funny. Heaven has truly gained and angel. Sending my love and prayers.



Imani Claiborne - November 28, 2022 at 09:35 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Samantha Nash.



November 28, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Samantha Nash.*

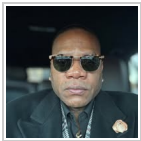


November 28, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ *My Condolences ho out to the entire family. My prayers are with you all. Samantha was a beautiful person inside and out. I had the pleasure to grow up with this family in the Hill. SIP 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

Celeste Hill - November 28, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ *Sam was a gentle soul always kind and sweet your gonna be missed we love you from the little family.*

Harold Little - November 28, 2022 at 05:39 PM



Blessings to the family for your loss. You have my deepest condolences. We loved her but God love her more. She'll be singing in the heavenly choir. From Nina Williams

Nina Williams - December 02, 2022 at 04:45 AM