

# MY BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY

*The first time I laid eyes on you.  
I realized that God gave me  
the most beautiful butterfly I ever seen.  
Sweet, humble, Amazing,  
why did you have to leave us so soon?  
But God knows best.  
So momma is willing to let you go to fly again.  
Because she knows  
she will see you another day.*

*Love, Momma*

# MY BEST FRIEND AND SISTER

*Having only one sister from my mom  
made our bond something different.  
Something deeper than family. You weren't just my sister,  
you were my twin, better half, oldest, responsible, respectful.  
You were my built-in best friend,  
my twin in spirit. My person to comfort me,  
sweet mind, shoulder to cry on.  
We shared a connection that didn't need a explanation.  
It was real raw and full of love, even through hard days.  
You taught me strength in ways I didn't realize at the time.  
Your voice, your laughter, your presence,  
that filled no one else could fill.*

*Humbly Submitted,  
Loving Brother Jr*

## *Pallbearers*

*Romell Holmes, Charles Priester,  
General Priester, Sr., General Priester, Jr.,  
Rockeme Priester, Scottie Priester, Jr.*

## *Floral Attendants*

*Family Friends*

## Thank You

*We, the family of Laporche C. Banks, are  
most grateful for friends like you who have  
been so kind and thoughtful during our time  
of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, and every act  
of kindness have given us strength.  
Thank you for surrounding us with love  
during this difficult time.*

*With deepest gratitude,  
The Banks Family*



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and complete confidence in our services. We sincerely hope that every aspect of  
the SERVICE has been SATISFACTORY for you." The Director and Staff*

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# A SERVICE OF LOVE

*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF

# Laporche

## "SHAY" C. BANKS

MARCH 3, 1997 – APRIL 19, 2026

~ Celebrating Her Spirit ~

Saturday, April 25 2026 – 1:00 P.M.

~ Held At ~

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church  
Fairfax, South Carolina 29827

~ Officiate ~

Rev. Glenn Orr, Eulogist

# Service of Celebration

Musical Prelude ..... Soft Music  
Processional ..... Clergy, Family, Friends  
Opening Selection ..... St. Luke Male Choir  
Scripture Readings:  
    Old & New Testament ..... Pulpit Appointee  
Prayer of Comfort ..... Yoland Walker  
Selection ..... St. Luke Male Choir  
Remembering Our Beloved Laporche: (2 Minutes, Please)  
    As I Knew Her  
    Family Tribute ..... Malik Morrell  
Acknowledgements ..... M.F. Riley's Staff  
Selection ..... St. Luke Male Choir  
Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Glenn Orr  
Final Farewell ..... M.F. Riley's Staff  
Benediction  
Recessional  
Postlude

## Services of Commendation

Committal – Benediction – Invaultment  
St. James Baptist Church Cemetery  
Fairfax, South Carolina



# Life's Reflections

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4: 7 - 8*

Our beautiful and beloved Laporche Banks affectionately known as Shay was a devoted daughter, sister, niece, cousin, and friend. Shay was born March 3, 1997 in Allendale County, South Carolina to LaTonya Priester and Gordon Lamont Banks.

She attended the public schools of Allendale County and was a graduate of the class of 2017, at Allendale – Fairfax High School.

Shay took a love for food service and began her journey with McDonalds, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. She was a devoted and dedicated worker until her health began to decline.

During her leisure time, Shay enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She always had a beautiful smile and a kind word to say to everyone. Shay was our family's glue. She kept our family together through the outpour of love she displayed daily.

Our Heavenly Father saw fit to call from labor to reward our beloved Shay on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Wellstar Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia.

Her departure has left a tremendous void in the lives of her beloved parents: LaTonya Priester (Iskeal Cantu) ; of the home; Father: Gordon Lamont Banks; (7) Siblings: Lamont Banks, Jr.; of the home, Quan Banks; Hampton, SC, Natori Williams; Zykeria Williams; both of Barnwell, SC; Lamya Banks, Emonte Banks; both of North Augusta, SC; Gordon Banks, Jr., Barnwell, SC. A host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and sympathizing friends.