



## SARAH WASHINGTON

June 10, 1989 - June 26, 2014

Sarah Ann Washington, 25, of Kankakee, died Thursday, June 26, 2014. Visitation will be Friday, July 4, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Lax Mortuary with time set aside from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. for friends to share reflections with the family. Visitation will again be held on Saturday, July 5, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral services at 10:00 a.m. at Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Kankakee. Reverend Derrick Wallace will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory. Memorials may be made to the family.

Sarah Ann Washington was born June 10, 1989 in Rushville, IL, to DeAngelo and Kathy (Gates) Washington. She accepted Christ and was a member of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Kankakee.

She spent her childhood in Macomb, IL and graduated from Central High School in Clifton, IL. She earned her CNA certification from Kankakee Community College.

Sarah was a nurse at Riverside Medical Center; a model for Polk Entertainment Modeling Troupe and a professional model for Factor Modeling Agency. She was a volunteer for charities.

Sarah had a strong spiritual faith. She enjoyed reading, dancing, listening to

music, taking pictures, exercising, baking, telling jokes, shopping and attending musicals and plays. She will be remembered most for her tender loving care of her patients, her beautiful appearance and personality, and her love of her family and friends.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her parents, DeAngelo Washington of Chicago, IL and Kathy (Gates) Washington of Kankakee, IL; her three brothers, Jeremy Washington, Joshua Washington and Zachary Washington, all of Kankakee, IL; her maternal grandmother, Lossie Gates of Kankakee, IL; her paternal great-grandmother, Cealie Griffin of Chicago, IL; her maternal aunts, Linda (Albert) Gruber of Munster, IN, Martha Gates of Calumet City, IL and Dawn (Prentiss) Hill of Chicago, IL; paternal aunt, Cealie (Greg) Benson of Chicago, IL; maternal uncle, Robert Gates Jr. of Calumet City, IL and paternal uncle, Juan Washington of Chicago, IL; her maternal great-aunts, Minnie Smith and Magdeline (Charles) Massey both of Monroe, NC; her maternal great-uncles, Russell Alsbrooks of Charlotte, NC, Billy Joe (Celestine) Alsbrooks of Monroe, NC and Gilbert Alsbrooks of Goldsboro, NC; her cousins, Kayley Gruber, Kaylynn Gruber, Kayla Gruber, Kaylauren Gruber, Albert Gruber III, Alan Gruber and Alec Gruber, all of Munster, IN, Blair Washington, Juanita Washington and Miracle Washington, all of Kalamazoo, MI and James Washington and Cameron Walker, both of Chicago, IL, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Sarah was preceded in death by a brother, Matthew Washington, her paternal grandmother, Earmer Washington, her maternal grandfather, Robert Gates Sr., her maternal great-grandmother, Malinda Alsbrooks, her maternal great-grandfather, Russell Alsbrooks, and her paternal great grandfather, Wesley Griffin.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Rest in heaven thinking of all your family and friends* ”



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**Jackie** - January 28, 2023 at 06:14 PM

BB

“ *May God bless and keep your family.* ”

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**Betsy BRnes** - July 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *We are praying for your family.  
So sorry for your loss.* ”

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**Edwards family** - July 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Hi Kathy you and your family have been in my thoughts and prayers. Sarah looks just like you and you must be so proud of all her accomplishments. Please know you have many prayers of strength being sent to you.* ”

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**Margaret Essington Perreault** - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *We send our deepest sympathy. Sarah was a part of our fashion show. We will miss her on our runway. But I know she will be doing a better job on her new runway in Heaven. We will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers.* ”

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**pembroke pta** - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Rest in paradise sweet angel you will never be forgotten... Much love for you always*

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**dee dee walter** - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *To the family, I send my deepest sympathy and condolences to you all. May God Bless you. On behalf of the Cooper family and Ledbetter family we are praying for your strength and closure.*

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**Dominique Cooper** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My family is heartbroken to learn of Sarah's death.*

*Those of us who knew her remember her vibrant smile and vivacious personality. She and my daughter were constant companions when they were young and growing up in Macomb.*

*Your family is in our*

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**Jace Shoemaker-Galloway** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Sorry for your loss*

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**Jasmine Laster** - July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Kathy, Jeremy, Joshua, and Zack,  
I am so sorry to hear about Sarah! I just couldn't believe it when I saw that in the Macomb paper. My thoughts have been with you ever since I saw it. Of course I have very fond memories of Sarah she was the m

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**Margaret Sowers** - July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Sorry for your loss Kathy. My family and I will be praying for you...

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**LeeVon Nutall** - July 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Deangelo and Kathy,  
My deepest sympathies goes out to you and your family. May God continue to give you the strength during this very difficult time in your life. I pray that he gives you peace.

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**Denise Boyd** - July 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ Kathy,  
I just wanted to offer my deepest sympathy on the loss of your daughter Sarah. My prayers are with you and your extended family.

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**Valerie Hayden** - July 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Kathy, my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. Please be assured you will be in the prayers of many here in Macomb.

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**Bonnie Barker** - July 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Sorry to hear about the loss to you and your family. The bible promises better days ahead. We have to look to our heavenly father who has promised to bring an end to sickness, suffering and our enemy death.

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**Paula Townsend** - July 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To Kathy, Lossie and the entire Gates Family, who were such an important part of the dancing school for so many years. Our hearts go out to you at this time of your great loss. May God keep his loving arms around each and every member of your family. L

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**Theresa Parker Family** - July 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ My condolences are for the family. May prayer and strength get you through. May you lean on God when the hurt consumes you so that he can wrap his loving arms around you.

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**LeTavia** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ You will forever be young and forever be beautiful. An addition to a whole host of Angels watching over your family and loved ones. The great thing about memories are this, they keep our love ones alive forever in one way or another. Although your life wa

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**Nickey Davis** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ So sorry for the loss of your beautiful loved one. I pray that The Lord gives your strength and comfort in your time of bereavement.

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**Cheryl McClinton** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the family of your beautiful Sarah. Although I did not know her well, the few times I met her, she was a delightful young lady. She was my Granddaughter's (Alyssa Movern) best friend and she loved her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you d

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**Diane Siaroff** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I grew up with Linda and Martha. I remember Kathy but she will probably not remember me. Your family has my sympathy! What a beautiful girl that was taken too soon!

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**Stacey Skeen Lanoue** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Washington Family and friends of Sarah - I am so sorry this tragedy has stricken your lives. I know Sarah from our childhood in Macomb. I remember my first trip without my family to Washington, DC. Sarah was my roommate and because of our friendship I nev

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**Kasey Herndon** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am a friend of Sarah. And your family is in my prayer. She will truly be missed.

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**Chaka Smith** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ My heart and soul goes out to the family of Sarah. I knew her for a short while and encouraged her to pursue a career in modeling. God will be with her family and friends throughout this difficult time.

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**Larry Williams** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ To the Family and Friends of the Gates and Washington families, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Though I never knew Sarah, I have seen all of the Gates children grow up. I am sorry for your loss. Keep God and Love in your hearts.....

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**Sylvia Gothard** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Sending condolences, love and prayers on behalf of the entire team at Factor Model Management. Sarah was a beautiful girl both inside and out. She will never be forgotten and I know she is walking a runway in heaven.

Sincerely,  
Bridget, Sarah's agen

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**Bridget Halanski** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My dear Sarah! We go back to Maria High School days, the first friendly person I met our freshmen year. I pray that God grants the family comfort. Sarah was a beautiful person inside & out. I will truly miss her!! God has a gorgeous angel! Love you!

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**Catherine Rivers** - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To Kathy, Linda, and the entire Gates family. You have my most heart felt sympathy and condolences. May God bless you.

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**Jennifer (Buck) Carreiro** - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ My prayers are with you. May God be your strength in your time of need.

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**willie washington** - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Sarah will be missed on the runway. May God continue to bless and comfort you.

Milton & Shirley Hudson - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ My condolence is with the family at this time. May god comfort your heart.

Cheryl Wilson - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Sarah's passing. We were neighbors on Woodbury St. in Macomb when the kids were young, and DeAngelo worked in my office at WIU. My heart and prayers go out to your entire family.

Terri Murphy Hare - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ZH

“ My heart goes out to the Washigton family. You all are in my prayers.

zharmell holbrook - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I was sorry to hear about your loss. Your family will be in my prayers. I enjoyed her as a model in the Sisters Network Chicago Fashion Show.

Sherlane Garnett - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ From our family to yours we are praying for you with lots of love in our hearts.

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**Murphy Family** - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ The heavens have gained an Angel and earth has gained a guardian angel to all the hearts, she has touched in her life! It's not the ending for her it is the beginning!  
My prayers and thoughts are for Sarah and the Family!  
The Lord said VICTORY is min

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**Carol Mallett** - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Kathy,  
You and I were friends in high school but I never met your daughter. If she was anything like you, she was a wonderful person. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Melaine (Hines) Ramos** - July 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM