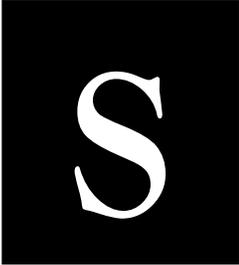


A Biographical Sketch

– Shameka Sharell Reynolds –



On a chilly January day of 1976, in the metropolis city of Conyers, Georgia, Mr. Rickey E. and Mrs. Alison Reynolds was blessed with a beautiful baby girl. With deep concentration, they named her Shameka Sharell Reynolds. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. W.G. and Mrs. Ammer Reynolds, profound founders of the Tri-Cities Funeral Home, Inc., located in the historic City of Lithonia, Georgia. Shameka is the darling mother of two intelligent and energetic young boys, Justin and Miles; two of whom keep her busy and two she adores more than anything. As a child, Shameka would always be around the funeral home, as her grandmother spent a lot of time raising her while her parents worked. Sharell's grandmother refused to let her go to daycare, and insisted on her being right by her side learning the "business" of funeral service. At an early age, Shameka was baptized and became a member of the Union Missionary Baptist Church under the tutelage of Archbishop Jimmie Lee Smith. In later years, following the marriage of her parents, she became a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church of Lithonia, now known as the First St. Paul A.M.E. Church, currently under the pastoral guidance of Dr. Marvin L. Crawford.

A 1994 graduate of Lithonia High School, Sharell graduated with honors and was named "Miss LHS" by her graduating class. After high school, she immediately attended the Georgia Southern University, majoring in Business Administration. After leaving Georgia Southern, she was employed by Bellsouth for over ten years. During her venture at Bellsouth, she attended and graduated with honors from the Gupton–Jones College of Funeral Service, Decatur, Georgia. While at Gupton–Jones, she was an active and dedicated member of the student council. Just prior to her graduation, Shameka lost her dear grandmother, Mrs. Ammer Reynolds. Though a difficult time for her and her family, it was then Shameka knew everything which was taught and everything that was instilled in her by her grandparents will now come to pass.

Currently, Shameka owns and operates the Tri-Cities Funeral Home with her parents and her brother, Samuel Reynolds. A community advocate, she continues to coordinate an annual Stop the Violence Initiative with her church Greater Travelers Rest (HOHA) along with the partnership of the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association (GFSPA). She joined HOHA in 2007 under the leadership of Dr. E. Dewey Smith. In 2015 and 2016, throughout Dekalb County, Shameka and her team organized the "House of Hope Atlanta Stop the Violence Initiative". A local member of GFSPA'S 9TH District, state member of GFSPA, she is also affiliated with the National Funeral Director's and Mortician's Association (NFDMA), Georgia Funeral Directors Association (GFDA) and the current funeral director in continuous charge (FDICC) of Tri-Cities Funeral Home. Shameka is the past chair and presently a member of the NFDMA "Legislative Committee".

In 2011, the citizens of Lithonia saw the leadership, professionalism, and utmost caring spirit Shameka displayed as a business owner; so, it was then she agreed to run for office and hold a seat on City Council. Shameka surpassed her opponents with votes and was immediately voted in with over ninety percent of the community's votes. Today, Shameka is in her second term as a city councilwomen with the City of Lithonia. Serving her community with integrity and honor; she exemplifies "service" to a new level, knows it's all about the people, makes sure their loved ones are taken care of and she strives to make sure families are given the "service" they deserve. Shameka has become a mentor to a lot of upcoming funeral professionals. Her character, sweet spirit, and love for mankind is what makes her stand out to those in her path. Shameka has and will always walk in the moto of the Tri-Cities Funeral Home, "Service is Our Trademark and Dignity is Our Name".