



Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey

September 26, 1971 - June 24, 2023

Khyana Kamara Pumphrey was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 26, 1971, and departed on June 24, 2023. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pumphrey Sr. (Daisy) and Mr. and Mrs. David L. King (Christine). She is survived by her parents, Dr. Roger M. Pumphrey (Evelyn) and Mrs. Marolyn Simpson (Clifford); brother Jamil Pumphrey (Wisconsin); sister, Dionne Fancher-Dixon (Tennessee); and a host of adoring uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, sorority sisters, friends, colleagues, students, and clients.

In 1989, she earned her high school diploma with honors from Nicolet Union High School and furthered her education at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 1994, when she attained a B.S.E. in Secondary English Education with a minor in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; 1995, she went on to complete an M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and in 2002, a Ph.D. from the School of Education

with a specialization in Counseling Psychology.

On March 17, 1991, she joined the Lambda Xi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,

Incorporated, a service she continued into the Epsilon Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa

Alpha Sorority, Incorporated upon graduation. Khyana devoted over 32 years of service to Alpha

Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, reaching "Silver Soror" on May 3, 2016, and "Life Member"

on January 8, 2018. She actively served her beloved sorority in roles such as Basileus, Anti-

, Basileus, Committee Chairman, Basilei Council, Graduate Chapter Advisor, and 35th Basileus of

the Epsilon Kappa Omega Chapter, while achieving countless accolades, such as the esteemed

Pamela Bates Porch Outstanding Educator Award (2008), Pauline Redmond Coggs Spirit of AKA

Award (2011), Frances Brock Starms Soror of the Year Award (2014), and countless more.

Recently, she served as Co-Chairman of the 89th Annual Central Regional Conference of Alpha

Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, with over 3,500 attendees from eight states, the

conference generated over \$6.5 million in revenue for Milwaukee. Adored by many, fellow

members fondly cite her as the epitome of sisterliness.

Her undergraduate work as a resident assistant at UW-Whitewater's Division of Student Affairs

fueled a lifelong passion for academia and student development. A

professional career started

at R.E.A.C.H., Incorporated Mental Health Clinic, where she rendered Alcohol

and Drug Abuse

Education and Prevention centered on the African American community and served as host on a

local radio talk show called "Rappin' About A.O.DA" She completed clinical training at St. Luke's

Medical Center in the Cancer Counseling Center and a pre-doctoral internship at the University

of Wisconsin-Madison's Counseling and Consultation Services. Soon after, she joined the staff at

Lakeshore Technical College as a Program Counselor and attained professional counselor

licensure in Wisconsin, completing her post-doctoral clinical experience at Wheaton Franciscan

Behavioral Health. She received a Governor's appointment and had a state-wide impact on long-

term mental health public policy, serving as a licensed mental health care provider in Wisconsin

for over 24 years. Khyana seamlessly balanced her two worlds of mental health care and

education, dedicating the last sixteen years of her illustrious career as a model faculty member

at Waukesha County Technical College, teaching in the General Studies Social Sciences

Department.

Baptized as a Lutheran, she attended Gospel Lutheran Church, actively serving the community

through multiple channels, such as the women-led group Women Passionately Pursuing Christ.

Aside from professional pursuits, she enjoyed time with family, friends, and sorority sisters while

I doing what she loved: traveling, reading, and bike riding. Khyana was an exemplary daughter, sister, aunt, friend, niece, community servant, confidant, leader, and Christian.

Her life

illustrates the importance of the 'dash' written between a person's birth and the date of their

passing. The years between her dash were golden; every second, every laugh, and every memory

within her 'dash' leaves an indelible mark that will dance for an eternity in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Northwest Cremation Services

6630 W. Hampton Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

AR

“ Condolences Cousin May you rest In Heavenly Power.

Aminah Rahman - July 16, 2023 at 04:55 PM

JK

“ Khyana has a beautiful spirit, she was passionate about life and a wonderful soror that will be missed by all that knew her!

Jacqueline King - July 07, 2023 at 03:34 PM

LC

“ Liddie C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.

Liddie C. - July 07, 2023 at 12:08 PM

CS

“ I am blessed to have had a dear friend and sorority sister like Khyana in life. I will forever cherish her friendship, compassion and kind, authentic spirit. Her smile (despite the type of day she was having) and her “always right on time” advice will especially be missed. She touched so many lives and did so unselfishly. Khyana was a beautiful person, in and out, and I thank God for blessing us all with her love, knowledge, patience and leadership. My sincerest condolences and prayers to her family, friends and sorority sisters. Khyana, rest peacefully in eternal paradise.

Cathy Sutton

Cathy Sutton - July 07, 2023 at 09:57 AM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shakira - July 06, 2023 at 05:22 PM

JB

Beautiful soul. Rest in paradise

Judy Blue - July 08, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.*



July 05, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.*



July 05, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.



July 05, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.

July 05, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ Khyana Pumphrey was a very special person who impacted the lives of so many people, including mine. Her passing is such a loss for the entire community. Condolences to her dad and family. Rest well Dr. Pumphrey.

Deidra - July 05, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ WCTC School of Arts and Sciences planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.

WCTC School of Arts and Sciences - July 05, 2023 at 12:10 PM

WS

“ WCTC School of Arts and Sciences purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.



WCTC School of Arts and Sciences - July 05, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.

July 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.



July 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.

July 04, 2023 at 10:53 AM

DK

“ *Khyana was such warm, kind and giving individual. I can not remember a day where she didn't have a smile on her face and time to spend with others. Kyana was a dedicated valued member of our union team as well and will be absolutely missed in so many ways. Thank you Kyana for showing us how to live and be connected to people.*

Sincerely, Dan, the WCTEA Committee and Union.

Dan Krier - July 04, 2023 at 10:42 AM

DK

Please pardon the misspelling in the previous post. On behalf of WCTEA, we have supported the planting of a tree in honor of Khyana's life well lived.

Dan Krier - July 04, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.*



July 03, 2023 at 09:06 AM

SW

“ *My condolences to my sorority sister's family, her chapter and line sisters, and friends. A kind, compassionate and patient woman, her presence will be missed but remembered! She touched many and for that we are all better!*

Stephanie Bradley Wilson - July 03, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.*



July 02, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Khyana is family. I've known her my entire life. The impact of this loss is tremendous. I pray for her and the rest of the family.*

LaMond Ward - July 02, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ *Giving thanks and abundance to God for allowing me to share space with our beloved Soror Dr. Khyana Pumphrey. Heartfelt prayers and blessings to the family and Sisterhood of AKA. May you rest in power Dear Soror. Your work here on Earth will be forever cherished.*



Soror Darice Russ

Soror Darice Russ - July 01, 2023 at 06:52 PM



“ *To our dear neighbors, the beautiful person that Khyana was, speaks volumes of your deep love and devotion as a family. Wishing you peace and strength.*

Karen & Jim Ertman

Karen Ertman - July 01, 2023 at 05:43 PM

SH

“ Blessings to the family for comfort. Know that Dr. Pumphrey's life had a tremendous impact! She will be forever cherished by the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Condolences to all who loved Dr. Khyana Pumphrey.

Sherri Lynn Hale - July 01, 2023 at 03:17 PM

JL

“ Rest my friend and Soror Dr. KP. The memories we created, the moments that we shared will never be forgotten and neither will you. Absent from the present and FOREVER alive in me. You are truly missed.

Julie Landry - July 01, 2023 at 02:13 PM

DM

“ Thankfully to God for using my Soror Dr Khyana K. Pumphrey to impact and bless my life the way she did. Sending love and prayers to the family, friends and Sorors. May the Lord give you all strength and comfort through this difficult time. You are truly missed Khyana but will never be forgotten! 🙏🕯️💕💚

Dr. Christine Mosore - July 01, 2023 at 01:03 PM

SH

“ Prayers and Thanksgiving for Khyana's life. She has been a blessing to me and has poured into many. I'm grateful to know she is sitting at the right hand of the Father. Sincere condolences

Soror Shawn Hansbrough - July 01, 2023 at 08:48 AM

JJ

“ Khyana Pumphrey Has been my therapist since 2010. I love her so much,I will definitely be at the funeral. She meant so much to me,she motivated me,she inspired me. She Was one of the top 3 most important influential people of my life. She saved my life!! I will forever appreciate her. Her kind heart,her wisdom,her counsel,her personality,her spirit in general was amazing. She was everything I aspire to be. She was so proud of me our last few sessions. Her last text she sent to me was "Keep working your path" and I will indeed continue to work my path and become the woman I was destined to be. She had so much faith and seen potential in me. She inspired me to love myself no matter what and to keep going. Dr.Khyana I am going to miss you so much. R.I.P Beautiful Soul❤️🙏🌟

Jazmin Johnson - June 30, 2023 at 07:53 PM



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June 30, 2023 at 07:44 PM



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June 30, 2023 at 07:44 PM

JT

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person who has touched many lives.



Jessica Trudell - June 30, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.



June 30, 2023 at 02:14 PM

SJ

“ My sincerest sympathy to the friends and family of Khyana. She was a bright light that made this world a better place.

Sharon Jung-Bloch - June 30, 2023 at 09:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.



June 29, 2023 at 10:02 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.



June 29, 2023 at 09:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Khyana K. Pumphrey.

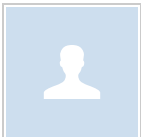
June 29, 2023 at 06:27 PM



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