



## Ms. Shayla Lee Smith

May 12, 1997 - April 28, 2024

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of Shayla Lee Smith, an unforgettable daughter, sister, niece, and friend. Shayla entered this world May 12, 1997, and unexpectedly departed on April 28, 2024, at St. Luke's Hospital due to her battle with epilepsy.

Shayla is preceded in death by her grandparents Brenda Lee Smith and George Thompson. She is survived by her mother Sherita Smith, and brother's Steven Smith and Massamba Nsau Jr. father Ronald Downey, and several brothers and sisters from father's side.

A resident of the metro Milwaukee area, Shayla was born to mother, Sherita Smith and father, Ronald Downey. She attended and graduated early from St. Jona Antida, as Valedictorian in 2014. Shortly after, she attended college at Alverno College for Business. Recently, enrolled at Milwaukee Area Technical College to finish her Associate's Degree in Business with dreams of owning a Food Truck with her friend.

As a kindhearted and nurturing daughter, Shayla was the middle child and only girl born to her mother. Shayla was her mother's backbone. Her endless support to her mother always kept her oldest brother Steven Smith and youngest Massamba Nsau, Jr. in line. She always referred to her brother's as "her boys" as she loved them unconditionally like a mother would. Her old spirit was part of the foundation for their family's strength.

In addition to being supportive and responsible, Shayla was very spiritual. She was received Christ early as a Lutheran at St. Benedict church and was a

member of Unity Lutheran Church. She loved to cook, and anyone who knew her knew her specialty was mac and cheese. She traveled to Colorado, Washington, D.C. and recently Las Vegas with her family. Shayla was a huge music lover; her two musical favorite artists were K Camp. who she met at a concert and Drake.

Shayla had so many roles and her smile and spirit lit every room she walked in.

She leaves behind a legacy of kindness and immeasurable love for many family members, friends, and all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Unity Lutheran Church  
1025 E. Oklahoma Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Funeral Service

MAY 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

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