

*Zakia Phanell Terry* was born to the parentage of Vernical Hawkins Terry and Jonas Terry, Jr. in Homestead, Florida on December 15, 1983. She was a graduate of South Dade Senior High School's Class of 2002, Homestead, Florida. She was a member of the South Dade Senior High Step Team.

She was employed with Red Lobster as a head chef for over 10 years and Cracker Barrel as a full-time server for over 7 years, both in Homestead, Florida and Columbus, Georgia. She was currently employed as a customer service representative with Concentrix.

She is preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Mr. Jonas Terry, Sr. and Ms. Barbara Terry; her maternal grandfather, Mr. Joe Hawkins; her uncle, Mr. Nathan Jowers and her aunt, Ms. Sandra Terry.

Chanell was a sassy, bold and confident young lady. Chanell's personality was like the colors in the sunset, the constellations in the sky and the waves of the ocean, my oh my! That was our "Nell"!

*1 Samuel 1:27-28: For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him.*

When she thought her battle with diabetes would not afford her an opportunity to be a mother, along came a little miracle sent from above, a baby boy to cuddle and love, her "sonshine" and "broke best friend", as she would love to say. Nothing made her happier than being a mother to her beautiful son, who she adored so very much. "Quez" was the love of her life. The best part of her life was being a great mom to "Quez".

Left to cherish her memories are: her son, Marquez Lamar Avery; her mother, Vernical Hawkins Terry, both of Columbus, GA; her father and stepmother, Jonas and Arleen Terry of Birmingham, AL; her brother, Marcel Nance of Homestead, FL; her sister, Laila Grey of Columbus, GA; her grandmother, Beulah Jowers of Homestead, FL; her aunts and uncles: Susie Jackson Ingram, Nashville, TN; Allen Fort (Erika) Jowers, Jr., Stockbridge, GA; Lizzie Hawkins-Oglesby, James Hawkins, Tyrone Hawkins, Stacey (Riccardo) Charlton, all of Homestead, FL; Terrance (Monique) McClendon, Melbourne, FL; Molly (Johnny) Morman, Atlanta, GA; Cheryl Jowers, Plains, GA; Gwen Terry (Albert) Lee, Marjorie Terry, Jerry (Pat) Terry, Mary Terry, Jeff and Joycelyn Bobbs, all of Homestead, FL; devoted cousins: Quanshua Johnson, Cache Johnson, Jasmine Hawkins, Dominique Hawkins, and Michelle Edwards and a host of other cousins, great aunts and uncles and friends; her extended family: Lanorris Avery; her son's father; Willie and Hattie Avery; her son's grandparents, and Alfred Grey and best friends: Jennifer Chamberlain and Tiera Fluellen also survive.