



## Demeka Shavonne Allen

*November 1, 1977 - November 30, 2020*

Demeka Shavonne Bell Allen of Arlington, Texas, passed away peacefully at 7:43 a.m., Monday, November 30, 2020 at the age of 43. She was born on All Saints' Day, November 1, 1977 to David Gene Bell and Wilhelmenia Hausey Bell in McKinney, Texas. Demeka graduated from McKinney High School with the class of 1996. She attended Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas with her twin sister, Shemeka. She received her bachelor's degree in Communications and Broadcast Journalism.

Demeka and Shemeka were very close; so much so they felt each other's pain including contractions during the birthing of their children and sensed whenever something was wrong with one another, or finishing each other's sentences. They even had a catch phrase, "Twin Powers Activate!" There were times growing up when they dressed in identical attire. This continued from early childhood, throughout college and sometimes in adulthood. At Demeka's funeral service they will continue this tradition one final time. Shemeka says, "She remembers there were times they both would come from their room dressed exactly alike without even planning it. How they would fuss over who had the outfit on first down to the time they put the outfit on. And the last one to have gotten dressed that morning would have to take theirs off." She was her brother, Brandon's biggest cheerleader. Sometimes you would think these two were twins. Whenever there was a difference of opinion amongst us, we would say, "That's your sister or she was your sister first." And Shemeka would say, "Only by 30 seconds and I'm still the boss."

In 2016, she teamed with the Fishbowl Radio Internet Network where she hosted her own show, Dee Nation, which aired every Saturday from 3-5 p.m. Demeka also had been providing meals to overnight workers for the last two years with her organization, Dee's Hot Plates. She was a member of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in McKinney, Texas.

Demeka spent most of her life always helping others and she always looked out for her twin sister whenever it came to her health. Demeka was never alone in her lasting weeks. Shemeka was at her bedside daily, rotating with Brandon on the weekends and even then Shemeka was still there. One of the last things she said was that she loved her kids and knew that they loved her too. She knew she was loved by her siblings and that she loved us, as well.

Demeka is survived by her 4 children, Cemone Zenovia Lynne Allen (Mo-Mo), Destani Rae Allen (Sparkle), Christopher Michael Allen, Jr. (My Buddy), and Brittani Brenaé Bolden (Penny Proud); mother, Wilhelmenia H. Bell; 4 siblings, Destry C. Bell, Sr., Sarah Bell, Shemeka Sharonne Bell-Childs and Brandon B. Bell; her nephew, Keilon David James Childs; niece, La'Kaila Re'ne Childs; niece, Ma' Leena Ja'i Childs; niece, Shereatha Bell-Samuels of Houston, Texas, nephew; Destry Bell Jr. of New York, NY; nephew, Donald Brooks of Houston, TX., former husband Christopher Michael Allen Sr., former brother-in-law, James L.M. Childs, sister-in-law Reatha Simmons Bell and Shemeka's fiancé, Leonard Jay Hunt. And childhood best friend since elementary school, Denise Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her father, Pastor David Gene Bell and nephew, Brandon Deshon Brooks-Smith.

A "come and go" visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home. Only a limited number of guests will be allowed to enter the funeral home facility at any one time to maintain social distancing.

In support of our local, state, and federal govt including CDC directives and to protect the physical health, safety and well-being of our community, only a limited number of **guests** will be allowed to attend the Funeral Service.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas. The service will also be live streamed at TJMfuneral.com on Demeka's obituary page by clicking on the following link: [Celebrationoflife.tv](https://celebrationoflife.tv). After the service, the recorded live stream will be available for viewing at the same link location.

However, when the maximum number of guests are reached, those who would like to honor Demeka and show their support to her family may remain at the funeral home in your vehicle, where you can watch the live streamed service on your personal device (laptop, tablet or smartphone) or listen through a designated FM radio channel.

Following the funeral service, a procession will make its way to Ridgeview Memorial Park for a committal service where all are invited to attend the committal service maintaining social distancing or you may remain in your vehicle. You will be able to listen to the service through speakers set up at the gravesite.

CELEBRATIONOFLIFE.TV LIVESTREAM <https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/demeka-shavonne-allen>

## Memorials

*Rest in peace.*

**OCTLWARD@GMAIL.COM, DECEMBER 23, 2020**

*May you have eternal peace and your light will always be bright.*

**ROB ROBINSON, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

*Demeka was such a great employee here at Wellvia!! I am glad I got to cross paths with her. May she rest in peace. I am praying for her children and her family!! Please accept my warmest condolences, I'm sending thoughts of peace and courage your way - sending you all strength to get through this difficult time. With love,*

**MARLENE OCAMPO , DECEMBER 9, 2020**

*Demeka will be missed at WellVia. I enjoyed working and being friends with her. I will never forget our deep conversations about life and her beautiful children. She adored her children and always spoke of their accomplishments. I know she is in Heaven with our Lord. I will keep Demeka and her family in my prayers. I will miss her. Warmly, Lynn*

**LYNN GAFFNEY, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

*My sincere condolences to the children and entire family. I will always keep you in my prayers.*

**LINDA MORGAN, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

*My sincere condolences to the the children and the entire family. I was Blessed to have known Demeka since we were co-workers at MedAssets (which changed names several times : ) :-). We became walking Buds during our lunch break. I was also a guest on her Radio Show with my candles. Demeka LOVED her children and we would spend countless hours speaking of them. Our daughters were in Girl Scouts at the same time and that provided hours of conversation for us. I will miss her smile, her sharing, her caring, and human kindness. I pray for the children to grow in grace and ALWAYS know that EVERYONE knew she loved her children. Peace and Blessings to all.*

**LINDA MORGAN, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

*My condolences to the family. I was blessed with the pleasure to meet Demeka a few times. She will be missed.*

**SHAWNA ABERNATHY, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

*To my family, my prayers are sent up to our heavenly father. Hold on and be strong. Love Malissa H Petty & family*

**MALISSAPETTY@SBCGLOBAL.NET, DECEMBER 6, 2020**

*We were friends in jr high and not such good friends recently, however I know she was a good person and she will be missed by all who knew her. May you resting peace and may your family find comfort in knowing you are in a good place.*

**TINA PANNELL , DECEMBER 2, 2020**

*Rest in peace.*

**AMANDA TAYLOR ROSE, DECEMBER 2, 2020**

*Praying peace for Demeka's children and family. We are so very sorry for your loss.*

**RYAN & CARLY ENGIBOUS, DECEMBER 2, 2020**

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