



Rhonda Cherisse Council

February 7, 1964 - September 20, 2019

Rhonda Cherrisse Council, 55, of Ellicott City, returned home on Friday, September 20, 2019. She was born on February 7, 1964 at D.C. General Hospital to the late Earl Council and the late Margaret Taylor. After attending Oxon Hill High School in Prince George's County Maryland, Rhonda later attended the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). After her time at UDC, Rhonda focused on making a living to raise her children. She spent several years in sales and in telecommunications, before going out on disability. Over a decade on disability and several changes in residence, including several years in Delaware, Rhonda was able to maintain a life of solitude with many calls and texts with family to stay connected. In addition to family gatherings on holidays, her favorite times were having her grandchildren over, sometimes all ten at once. During these visits, she would have fun with them, over-feed them and lay the foundation for their academic success. She taught many of the grandchildren to read, write and count well before their counterparts in daycare. This work has not been in vain as all ten of the grandchildren are performing with honors in their respective schools and have big plans ahead for their future. In addition to the academic foundation that Rhonda laid, she would also pass on her love of music to all of her grandchildren. Throughout her lifetime, her children have listened to music from every genre until it became a part of them as well. After being diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in March of 2014, her grandchildren and her music are what ultimately helped to ease her pain and stabilize her

condition up until her passing. Rhonda is preceded in death by her brother Earl "Anthony" Council and best friend, Phillip Stewart. Rhonda, the ever-present and most loving grandmother is survived by her three children, Kenneth Alford, Jr. (Doretta), Andre' Champ (Monica) and Candice Beasley (Derrick) and ten grandchildren, in order; Naudiah Allen, Kayla Champ, Karolyn Alford, Termaine Allen, Jr., Shia Champ, Ronald Alford, twins Kimora Allen and Kameran Allen, Mya Champ, and Kaitlyn Alford, a host of nieces and nephews, and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rhonda Cherisse Council*

Funeral Home Owner - December 12, 2019 at 11:21 AM

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“ *Rhonda was such a lovely person and I am saddened to learn of her passing. I met her when I managed a property in Delaware and I was fortunate enough that Rhonda was a resident there. Rest in Peace Friend.*

Flo Vendeville - November 07, 2019 at 11:45 PM

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“ *Henry Eck Be comforted as you celebrate the life of your dear Mom, and be strengthened to pursue your own goals and aspirations in life. The Lord bless you and keep you.*

Henry Eck - October 10, 2019 at 09:32 PM

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“ *May God comfort and keep each of you during your time of grief. Barbara Norris*

Barbara K. Norris - October 07, 2019 at 10:45 AM

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“ *My sweet loving mother like friend. You will be dearly missed. I loved you very much and now you will be in complete peace and watching over your family. I'm so sorry you had to leave us so soon. You will have no pain to worry about anymore. I love and miss you very much. Love Jay and Ron Willet*

Ycruzreyes@yahoo.com - September 29, 2019 at 09:41 AM