



## China Marie Markham

July 28, 1995 - June 10, 2021

China Marie Markham The daughter of Andre' Branch and Hope Leeann Markham-Garrett, was born in Huntington, West Virginia on July 28, 1995. While growing up, she attended Peyton Elementary School and Beverly Hills Middle School before graduating from Huntington High School in the class of 2013. In her early years she was a cheerleader for the DC Express football team. Among other things that brought her joy were cooking, dancing, and singing. China was all about family, and there was nothing more stimulating and satisfying to her than her role as a mother. She loved being the nurturing influence in the life of her beloved baby girl, Ka'Laigha Hope Markham. She embraced, as her personal mission, the challenge to do whatever she could to make life better for all those around her. China enjoyed doing for others. It was as if she was happiest when she was able to make those around her happy. Ever displaying the servant's heart, "Ree" worked at various jobs over the course of time. She was employed as a housekeeper at the Holiday Inn Express, Marshall University, and at the Huntington Mall. But she seemed to gain the most satisfaction from fulfilling what seemed to be "her ministry" as an attendant at ResCare. She would often speak of how much she loved that job, and how much she loved her clients. She was also heavily involved in her residential community as a volunteer at the Marcum Terrace Center. China Markham transitioned from this life on Thursday, June 10, 2021. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Penny Markham, her grandfather Bruce France, brother Rufus Markham, and her step-father, Rufus Garrett, Jr.

Left to cherish her memories-in addition her daughter, KaLaigha, and her mother and father-are her great grandmother, Marguerite Martin, grandmother, Annette Branch, and siblings, Rufus "Lil' Man" Smith, Shaquita Smith, Lavar Garrett, Kyara Garrett, Andre' Branch, Jr., Bubba Markham, Javion Garrett, Darius Branch, Asia Markham, Kinzee Garrett, Penny Markham, and Marquis Branch, as well as her special "sister-cousins" Vaunda Hopkins and Airiel Markham, in addition to numerous other family members and friends along with her god-mother, Amie Jo Slash. It has been our blessing to share this life with China Marie Markham.

A Home-Going service will be conducted 1:00 P.M, Thursday, June 17, 2021 at Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home, Huntington, WV with Bishop Samuel Moore of Full Gospel Assembly, Huntington, WV officiating. Visitation will be held from 12:00 P.M to 1:00 P.M, Thursday, June 17, 2021 at Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers please make donations toward funeral expenses. Donations can be made directly to Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home, 924 20th St, Huntington, WV, 25703. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [Ferrell-ChambersFuneralHome.com](http://Ferrell-ChambersFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *China Marie Markham*

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM

MR

“ *Mrs. Saunders*

*It's such a shame to lose a young life and a young mother. I hope they catch those fools who sold this baby those drugs..*

Mrs.saunders - October 21, 2022 at 08:22 AM

LS

“ *May God bring you comfort and Strength*

Latoya Scott - June 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *To the family of China Markham, we offer our condolences and prayer. May God Bless and Keep you during these difficult days and give you the peace and rest that only comes from the Lord.*

Pastor Fred McCarty - June 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *My heart goes out too the family and friends..  
May she Rest In Peace.*



Tracie Dalton - June 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *My sincerest condolences to all of you as you mourn the loss of this beautiful young lady. She used to come to my house to get her hair done & it was then that I felt & understood her spirit. She was indeed a bright, shining star with the heart to*



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**Kristina Rush** - June 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My condolences to the Family.*

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**HANEEF M ABDULLAH** - June 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM