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BLOOMINGTON — **Camisha Rachelle Sims** transitioned peacefully from her earthly body to her heavenly home surrounded by her beloved family in the early evening of February 24, 2021.

Camisha or "MeMe" to her family, was the daughter of Jim and Doris **Sims**. She was born in Evansville, Indiana on April 12, 1972. She was a faithful member of the Light House Community Church.

Camisha received her formal education in the Monroe County Community School Corporation. She continued her education at Indiana University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (now the O'Neill School) with a certification in Business Foundations from the School of Business; An Associate of Science in Nursing from Ivy Tech Community College; and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Purdue University.

Camisha worked for Bloomington Hospital for more than thirty years beginning her tenure there at fifteen years old, working in food service. After becoming a Licensed Registered Nurse, she worked as a circulating nurse in perioperative services and served as a patient advocate for six years. For the past twenty years, **Camisha** worked as an Operating Room Charge Nurse where she coordinated surgical procedures, facilitated the daily flow of the operating rooms and maintained communication with operating room physicians. **Camisha** has been the recipient of many certifications and awards during her tenure at IU Health-Bloomington Hospital. She held the Certified Perioperative Nurse Certification (CNOR). Earning the CNOR is a mark of distinction, demonstrating the commitment to upholding the highest standards in patient care and safety. She was part of the hospital's Emerging Leaders Program, was trained in Lean Bronze Six Sigma, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and Health Care Provider CPR to name a few.

Camisha loved to garden. Starting in the spring, you could find her out in her yard tending to her flowers and plants. She loved to name them and had two favorite rose bushes that she planted and named after her maternal grandfather, Frank Williams and her paternal grandmother, Mary Marble.

Camisha touched the lives of many throughout her nursing career. She was an encourager, supporter and had a "take no excuse" attitude for not excelling in whatever task was put before you. She was also smart, independent and always willing to assist if someone needed a helping hand. **Camisha** was a planter of seeds, in her garden and in people. Just as her flower garden bloomed, so did the lives of the people she helped to educate, mentor and encourage. She was that light at the end of the tunnel that many needed to stay on course and complete a task. Today, many of those who knew her continue to remember the impact she had on their lives.

Camisha had the most infectious smile and happiest disposition that would light up a room. When you were in her presence, you could not help but feel the light that shined within her. How much we

shall miss her in our lives is impossible to express, but we can say that a beautiful life will reside in another home where it will live on. We will be comforted by our memories and thank God for having allowed us to have known and associated with a genuine and loving person like **Camisha**.

She now joins her maternal grandparents, Frank and Mary Williams, her paternal grandparents, Mary Marble and Edward L. **Sims** and two aunts, Rhonda Hayden and Charlene Thompson.

She is survived by her beloved and devoted parents, Jim and Doris **Sims**, her little brother; Jimmy **Sims** who she loved so much; aunts, Pam Owsley of Louisville, KY, Frances Coates, of Ogden, UT; uncles, Keith (Dawn) **Sims** of Bloomington, IN, Jeffrey **Sims** (Amber) of Bloomington, Johnny Thompson of Evansville, IN; loving cousins, LaChelle and Monquale Owsley; Tiffany Brown, Richa Hayden; Shanicka Norman; Conita Waldon, Verlecia Fields, Troy Watkins and Tony Burrus along with other relatives who truly loved her and will certainly miss her dearly.

Camisha also leaves behind many other close family members, friends and work family including two very special friends — Jennifer Mobley and Karina McGuire, who became family to her. They were by her side until the very end and she loved them dearly.

This world may have lost a light but heaven has certainly gained a star.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 3 from 4 pm to 7:30 pm at Lighthouse Community Church located at 850 East Winslow Road, Bloomington, IN. Due to COVID limitations, funeral services will be limited to family members and a few close family friends, however, service will be streamed live at noon Thursday, March 4, on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/lighthousecommunitychurchbloomingtonindiana>.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that contributions be made to the **Camisha R. Sims** Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund with the Community Foundation of Bloomington/Monroe County. Contributions can be made online at: <https://www.cfbmc.org/donate-now/> or payable by check to the Community Foundation of Bloomington Monroe County, 100 South College Avenue, Suite 240, Bloomington, IN 47404 indicating the **Camisha R. Sims** Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund on the memo line of your check.

Online condolences may be given at www.DayDeremiahFrye.com

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