



Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert

July 12, 1985 - September 1, 2025

July 12, 1985 (Lee County, AL) was a special day for Bishop Nolan T. and Diane Torbert. God blessed them with a beautiful daughter, Deana LaSha Torbert. She was lovingly called, “Sha”, by her family and friends.

At an early age, she dedicated her life to Christ at the Community Church of Jesus #3, being baptized in Jesus’ name and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Deana was a faithful member of True Deliverance Holiness Church, where she served wholeheartedly in many areas including: the Media Ministry, Dance Team, Choir, Usher Board, Singles’ Ministry, College Ministry, and Women’s Ministry.

As a graduate of Auburn High School class of 2003, Deana went on to earn her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and minor in Sociology from Troy University in 2008. While residing in Atlanta, GA, she devoted her career to serving others during her employment at DFACS as a Case Manager. She was also employed at Integrea Mental Health where she held several different positions during her tenure of twenty-one (21) years. Her tenure allowed her to serve as a Case Manager, House Manager, Program Manager, and Program Director.

Deana never met a stranger. Her warm and affectionate spirit was a reflection of Christ’s love, drawing people in and making everyone she encountered feel valued and seen. She carried a God-given gift for spreading kindness, joy, and encouragement wherever she went, leaving a lasting mark on every life

she touched. To know Deana was to truly love her. Her legacy of faith, love, and service will continue to shine brightly through all who were blessed to know her.

On Monday, September 1, 2025, Deana LaSha Torbert entered into eternal rest at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, AL. She was preceded in death by: her grandparents, Robert and Essie Torbert, and Mattie Glover; several uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Cherished memories of her life and legacy will be shared by: her loving and devoted parents, Bishop Nolan T. and Lady Diane Torbert of Auburn AL; one brother, Tyree (Deunta) Torbert of Auburn, AL; a nephew and god-son, Tre Torbert; god-mother, Gwendolyn Hughley; special mom, Rosemary (Larry) Fuller of Salem AL/Orlando, FL; a god-daughter, Anijah Hogan and god-son, Jarontae Gates; god-sister, Janth (Moses) Wynn; god-brothers, Quinton Hughley, Joshua (Dominique) Goldwire-Moore, and Marcus (Veronica) Phillips; uncles, Robert Torbert, Willie (Hattie) Torbert and Melton (Nenea) Torbert all of Opelika, AL, John (Annie) Torbert, of Auburn, AL and Henry Glover of Eatonton, GA; aunts, Freddie Bryant of Toledo, OH, Linda Stinson and Angel (Charles) Baker both of Opelika, AL, Jacqueline (Michael) Jenkins of Memphis, TN, Annie Ruth Glover of Eatonton, GA, and Doris Jordan of Lauren, SC; two great aunts, Louise Reese Andrews and Ruby Carlisle both of Cleveland, OH.

Deana LaSha was blessed to have several extended adopted families in her life: the Patrick Family, the Pittman Family, the Johnson Family, the Bryant Family, the Reeves Family and the Foley Family; two private nurses, Sutricia Johnson and Kewanna Johnson; a host of other special cousins, relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Town Creek Cemetery

1150 South Gay St
Auburn, AL 36830

Previous Events

Family Receiving Hour

SEP 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Visitation

SEP 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Lie in state

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 11:40 AM (CT)

True Deliverance Holiness Church
936 North Donahue Drive
Auburn, AL 36832
<http://www.tdhcinfo.org/>

Service

SEP 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

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<http://www.tdhcinfo.org/>

Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Lauren Gregg lit a candle in memory of Deana Torbert*



Lauren Gregg - March 04 at 09:32 PM

LG

“ *Never Knew Her, But She Never Deserved To Die, So Very Sad. I Have Her Family In Prayer*

Lauren Gregg - March 04 at 09:32 PM

LA

“ *Lamarkus lit a candle in memory of Deana Torbert*



Lamarkus - January 15 at 08:39 AM

WT

“ *Thinking of my lil cuzzo!! Sha, I miss sooooo much!*

Wendy



Wendy T - October 28, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JM

“ *Jacqueline S. Marcus lit a candle in memory of Deana Torbert*



Jacqueline S. Marcus - September 21, 2025 at 03:31 PM

MG

“ *My sincerest and heartfelt condolences to the family. I pray the Lord brings you the strength and comfort you need at this difficult time.*



Monica Gaffney - September 16, 2025 at 01:14 PM

DL

“ *I will always remember Sha's beautiful smile! I'm still trying to find the picture we took together! Rest on! ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Praying for the family! Deborah Lyles & Family*



Deborah Lyles - September 13, 2025 at 12:33 AM

CA

“ *Our condolences to The Torbert Family. Love Chris and Catherine Tolbert*



Catherine Lanette Alexander-Tolbert - September 10, 2025 at 12:34 AM



“ *I would like to send my condolences to the family.*

Nikita King - September 07, 2025 at 12:16 AM

AB

“ *Our hearts go out to The Tolbert Family and the True Deliverance Holiness Church Family as Sha has transitioned. We are heartbroken, but God needed her in heaven sooner than we could have expected. We love you all and will be praying for your peace and comfort during this time.*

Love,

*The Byrd Family
(Clemon, Alison, CJ and Alix Byrd)*

Alison Byrd - September 06, 2025 at 02:01 PM

KL

“ *My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Bishop & Lady Diane, their family and the True Deliverance Church family during this difficult time. Shay was a beautiful, compassionate and spicy soul who had such a big heart and so much love to give. She will be greatly missed. She is the Hands and Arms of the Lord. Love you much.
Prophetess Kim Lindsey*

Kim Lindsey - September 06, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.*

September 06, 2025 at 01:52 PM

AN

“*"The children, grandchildren, siblings, and entire family of the late MOTHER ELSIE JEAN VINSON-KELLEY are honored to have been acquainted with, and related to, such an amazing, loving, God-fearing, Spirit-filled, young lady. Mother Kelley considered 'SHA' and her brother, Tyree, to be two of her bonus grandchildren.*

It is our prayer that Bishop & Mrs. Torbert and their family will receive the same amount of love, peace, and healing that they have shown to our family, and countless others in the community, throughout the years.

Although we grieve with you, we do not grieve as those who have no hope. Continue to build your hopes on things eternal as you hold to God's unchanging hand.

May His Peace Be With You Until We Meet Again. We love you all. "

(Nigel, Cheryl, Donna, Keith, and the entire Andrews/Vinson/Kelley Families)

Andrews - September 06, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“*"The children, grandchildren, siblings and entire family of the late MOTHER ELSIE JEAN VINSON-KELLEY are honored to have been acquainted with, and related to, such a loving, Spirit-filled, God-fearing, respectful young lady.*

'SHA' will forever have a special place in our hearts and in our memories.

It is our prayer that Bishop & Mrs. Torbert and their family will be blessed with the same amount of love, peace, comfort, and healing that they have shared with our family, and countless others in the community, throughout the years.

Although we grieve with you, we do not grieve as those who have no hope. Remember to build your hopes on things eternal as you continue to hold to God's unchanging hand.

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(Nigel, Cheryl, Donna, Keith, and the entire Andrews/Vinson/Kelley families)

* - September 06, 2025 at 07:36 AM

KW

“ *The loss of your precious daughter is a loss felt by all who knew her. May the love and memories you shared bring you some measure of comfort during this difficult time. I offer my deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved daughter, her time was too short, but Sha’s impact was immeasurable.*



*Blessings and Love,
K. L. Williams*

Karen L Williams - September 05, 2025 at 11:43 PM

SC

“ *I had the privilege of knowing Deanna since she was a little girl. She was always cheerful and smiling. She showed love to everyone who met her. She was always so joyful and pleasant to be in her presence. Now she has gained her wings and she is one of the most beautiful Angels in heaven. My condolences to the family. She will always be a guardian Angel smiling down upon us.*

stephanie collier - September 05, 2025 at 10:51 PM

BH

“ *Bishop Torbert and Lady Diane,
At this difficult time, may you see God's love in the faces of family and friends, may you feel His love in every caring words.*
*Love,
Bessie Cooper Harris*



Bessie Cooper Harris - September 05, 2025 at 10:34 PM

VT

“ Vickie And Mike Tinsley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert



Vickie and Mike Tinsley - September 05, 2025 at 10:11 PM

SD

“ Shay Shay a cute little girl growing up who was a joy to be around, she grew up to be a Beautiful Woman always pleasant and smiling. Although our hearts are heavy we know where she is. We love her but Jesus loves her more, so much, He wanted her with Him. Bishop, Lady Diane and Tyree Praying for your strength through this time of sorrow.



*With Much Love
Sabrina Dowdell*

sabrina Dowdell - September 05, 2025 at 08:35 PM

RS

“ Reggie Strickland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert



Reggie Strickland - September 05, 2025 at 07:13 PM

BP

“ My heart and prayers go out to the family and all who knew her. Help the aching hearts Dear Lord. Rest on Sha. You will be truly missed.

BEYUNKA PEAVY - September 05, 2025 at 04:48 PM

BS

“ *"With heartfelt condolences, may you find comfort in the memories of your lovely daughter."* Belinda Smith & Family



Belinda Smith - September 05, 2025 at 04:23 PM

Jl

“ TO THE TORBERT FAMILY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS SENDING MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES. IT WAS A JOY AND A PLEASURE KNOWING SHA SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY INSIDE AND OUT WITH A BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT TO MATCH. SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. MUCH LOVE TO YOU ALL

JACKIE INGRAM - September 05, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.



September 05, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.

September 05, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ My sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time, May the love God keep strengthened you in the days ahead!



Glenda Strickland Stephens - September 05, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the Family & Friends of Sha. She will be missed. May God grant you Peace and understanding today and in the days to come. Love, Tamikka Radford & Family



Tamikka Radford - September 05, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ I am so sorry. I know what you are going through.



Melinda D. Rooks - September 05, 2025 at 09:25 AM

LS

“ My baby!!! My baby... SHA! I can't find the words to say that truly expresses my LOVE and RESPECT that I have for you!!! 🙏❤️ At the moment... All I can truly say is..IF MY LOVE FOR YOU COULD HAVE KEPT YOU HERE ON THIS EARTH...WE WOULD BE PLANNING AND PREPARING for our NEXT ADVENTURE, DINNER PARTY, VACATION, and just planning a life of Peace and enjoyment! I miss you ALREADY!! 💔🙏 My Heart is Torn, Broken, and I will CHERISH OUR MANY MANY MEMORIES! I know you are up there Singing and Dancing in the beautiful Sky! God got you! Family we will get through this! We will continue to stay and pray together! Bishop, Elect Lady, Tyree and family ,we love you all! We will forever be here to support you all. Together we will Cherish the Memories of our “BABY SHA”! REST IN PERFECT PEACE IN YOUR HEAVENLY HOME SHA!!! UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN! If only my Love could have saved you... 💔

Linda Stinson - September 05, 2025 at 08:49 AM

KF

“ My sweet sweet Sha Sha. If there was one thing that I could definitely count on was a smile and a big hug from you every time I saw you. You're truly loved and missed by Sister Katrenia. Rest Easy my sweet Sha Sha



Katrenia Foster - September 05, 2025 at 06:19 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.



September 04, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.

September 04, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ Sha’s legacy of kindness and compassion will continue to shine through. Wishing you peace and healing in the days ahead.

Greg and Stacey Nelms



Greg and Stacey Nelms - September 04, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ Harold & Veronica Humphrey purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.



Harold & Veronica Humphrey - September 04, 2025 at 07:40 PM



“ ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Pastor & Sis Anthony Shealey and the MTZBC family of Loachapoka sends our condolences prayers & love



Anthony Shealey Sr - September 04, 2025 at 07:28 PM

LF

“ Larry Fraizer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert



Larry Fraizer - September 04, 2025 at 05:32 PM

TF

“ The Neloms Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.



The Neloms Family - September 04, 2025 at 05:10 PM

WR

“ We love you family: RW, Shada, & Reese purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.



We love you family: RW, Shada, & Reese - September 04, 2025 at 04:56 PM

NS

“ Northlake Group Home Staff purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.



Northlake Group Home Staff - September 04, 2025 at 04:50 PM

EF

“ *Elder L L McCurdy & Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.*



Elder L L McCurdy & Family - September 04, 2025 at 01:27 PM

EF

“ *Elder L L McCurdy & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.*

Elder L L McCurdy & Family - September 04, 2025 at 01:27 PM

DB

“ *Condolences and Prayers to My Brother Nolan Torbert and Family. DULCEY BLOW "SISTER DEE" FROM ATLANTA.*

Dulcey Blow - September 04, 2025 at 08:49 AM

WT

“ Shhhhaaaaa, my lil cuzzo!! If LOVE and PRAYERS could have saved you, there's no doubt you'd be here with us in person right now. However, the Most High had other plans....His love for you is greater than all of your family and friends combined. He saw that you were in pain and needed rest and although my heart is broken & feelings are hurt, I know that you are at peace and pain free.



To uncle Nolan, auntie Diane, and cuzzo Tyree, my condolences to you all!! If/when you guys need anything you already know that I'm only a phone call and a 45 minute drive 🚗 away. I LOVE LOVE YOU ALL!

To my family, be strong, be encouraged, and be there for each other!!! We WILL get through this TOGETHER as a FAMILY!!

Sha, you will be truly missed! I love you, cuzzo 💙💛

Wendy T - September 04, 2025 at 07:01 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.



September 04, 2025 at 12:50 AM

JW

“ *My lil-sister, imma miss you! Our bond was bonded by God and I love you 4Life. You and I will dance together in victory because God is our healer and redeemer. So i will dance for us my sister and praise God with gladness!!!*

Janth "Ms. Lady" Wynn - September 03, 2025 at 11:58 PM

KM

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and those that were really close to her. I was a member of her church for 5 years, and when we saw each other we always cut up. Rest in heaven angel.*

Kamilah Marshall - September 03, 2025 at 10:34 PM

GJ

“ *May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones &Family
Toledo ,Ohio*



Gwendolyn E.March Jones - September 03, 2025 at 09:40 PM

GR

“ *Gwendolyn Reeves lit a candle in memory of
Deana Torbert*



Gwendolyn Reeves - September 03, 2025 at 09:11 PM

DR

“ *DrakeTown Family send there condolences*
🙏



DrakeTown - September 03, 2025 at 09:10 PM

WF

“ *The Washington family lit a candle in memory of Deana Torbert. Thoughts and prayers to the Torbert family.*



Washington Family - September 03, 2025 at 08:43 PM

MW

“ *Mitchell and Adele Wilborn lit a candle in memory of Deana Torbert*



Mitchell and Adele Wilborn - September 03, 2025 at 08:05 PM

JL

“ *Bishop Nolan Torbert and Family, May loving memories embrace you during this season of your life.*
Lee Russell Council of Government Volunteer Board. Opelika, AL



Judy P. Lockhart - September 03, 2025 at 06:18 PM

BH

“ Offering my sincere condolences to the family of “SHA”



Betty Heard - September 03, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ Omar Vinson lit a candle in memory of Deana Torbert



Omar Vinson - September 03, 2025 at 05:37 PM

PC

May God give you all Peace during your time of bereavement. The Cason Family

Prenenna Cason - September 07, 2025 at 04:54 PM

AF

“ Apostle R. Leslie & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.



Apostle R. Leslie & Family - September 03, 2025 at 05:35 PM

AF

“ *Apostle R. Leslie & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Deana LaSha Torbert.*

Apostle R. Leslie & Family - September 03, 2025 at 05:35 PM

SE

“ *REST IN PEACE , MY LOVE GONE TO SOON 🌸🙏❤️*



sherry echols - September 03, 2025 at 04:55 PM

LI

“ *My deepest sympathies to her family for their loss*

Lillie - September 03, 2025 at 01:51 PM

JM

“ *Jam McCray lit a candle in memory of Deana Torbert*



Jam McCray - September 03, 2025 at 10:12 AM

BG

“ Bishop and Lady Torbert, you all have our love, prayers and support, during your time of bereavement. We are here if you all need us in any capacity. We pray comfort and strength to your entire family and church family. Love Bishop Demetrius and Lady Tabitha Griffin. ❤️🙏

Bishop Demetrius & Lady Tabitha Griffin - September 03, 2025 at 10:09 AM

RS

“ Our condolences to the Tolbert Family, God will comfort and strengthen you. Reggie and Priscilla Strickland



Reggie Strickland - September 02, 2025 at 08:47 PM

CE

“ Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Deana Torbert



Constance Echols - September 02, 2025 at 06:58 PM