



## Tamra Dena (Ross) Zarrieff

April 2, 1977 - July 3, 2022

Tamra D. Zarrieff, 45, received her wings on July 3, 2022, after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer. She was at home, surrounded by her family, and made a peaceful transition. Tamra was born April 2, 1977, at Roseland Community Hospital in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Alice (Renee) Ross and Larry Southern.

Tamra graduated from Lindblom High School, Class of 1995. Following graduation, she attended Tuskegee University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. Upon graduation, she married her college sweetheart and temporarily settled in Boise, ID, then back home to Chicago before finally settling in Holland, OH. The college sweethearts would have celebrated their 22nd year of marriage in August 2022.

Tamra was a loyal member of the Junior League of Boise, ID, as well as the Junior League of Chicago, where she shared her love for volunteering, developing the potential of women, and improving communities. Tamra selflessly delayed her professional career and served as a homemaker for her husband and their four children. She was also a licensed nail technician, a regular volunteer at her children's schools and had recently obtained her real estate license and was engaged in her first commercial transaction at the time of her illness. She was a social butterfly who loved travelling, shopping, eating, and dancing. She also found balance as a soccer mom, where she

supported and cheered her children on. In addition, Tamra happily served on the greeter's board at her local place of worship (Win the World Ministries) up until the time of her illness.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by grandparents LeFlora Ross, Suffragan Bishop Cornelius Southern, Gussie L. Southern, and beloved aunt Dorothy J. Brown.

In addition to her husband, Ryan D. Zarrieff, remaining to cherish Tamra's memory are her four children, Ryann Tayjah-Lee Zarrieff, Amaar Farrad Zarrieff, Frankee Airynn Zarrieff, and Nicco Ocier Zarrieff all of Holland, OH; four brothers, Laurence Antonio Weed, Reginald Rayson, Damont Clegg, and Larry O'Niel Southern Jr.; one sister Larsie Ann Southern, special uncle Maurice Southern, many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and countless friends.

A service of remembrance will be held at 11 a.m. (Family Hour from 10-11) on July 16, 2022, at Grace Apostolic Church 8233 S. Exchange Chicago, IL 60617. Interment will be at Homewood Memorial Gardens Cemetery at 600 Ridge Rd. Homewood, IL 60430. A memorial service will follow on at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Win the World Ministries, 3011 Marvin Ave., Toledo, OH, 43606. Those who wish to send flowers for the July 16 service of remembrance in Chicago may contact Noble Funeral Home (Chicago, IL) at (773) 731-8797. Those who wish to send flowers for the July 23 Memorial in Toledo, OH, may contact Dale-Riggs Funeral Home (Toledo, OH) at (419) 248-4254.

# Cemetery Details

## Homewood Memorial Gardens Cemetery

600 Ridge Road  
Homewood, IL 60430

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Win The World Ministries  
3011 Marvin Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43606

# Tribute Wall

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“ Susan A Taylor lit a candle in memory of Tamra Dena (Ross) Zarrieff



Susan A Taylor - July 26, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tamra Dena (Ross) Zarrieff.



July 22, 2022 at 02:53 PM

CM

“ Prayers and Condolences to her family, Tamra will be missed by many, May our Heavenly Father strengthen you all and guide you from this time and furthermore. Rest on Tuskegee Alumni ❤️💛❤️💛



CS Morgan-Williams - July 20, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Tamra Dena (Ross) Zarrieff.



July 19, 2022 at 03:54 PM

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“ Prayers, peace and Blessings to the family. May God keep you during this difficult time.  
The Flagg Ross Family. 🙏🙏

Flagg Ross - July 16, 2022 at 08:46 AM

SD

“ My dear sister I still can't wrap my head around the fact that you're not here. It seems so unreal. I will miss that big smile of yours and your sweet spirit. I know you will continue to watch over my brother and your children. Until we meet again my dear.

Shawntone Davis - July 13, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Tamra Dena (Ross) Zarrieff.



July 12, 2022 at 01:14 PM

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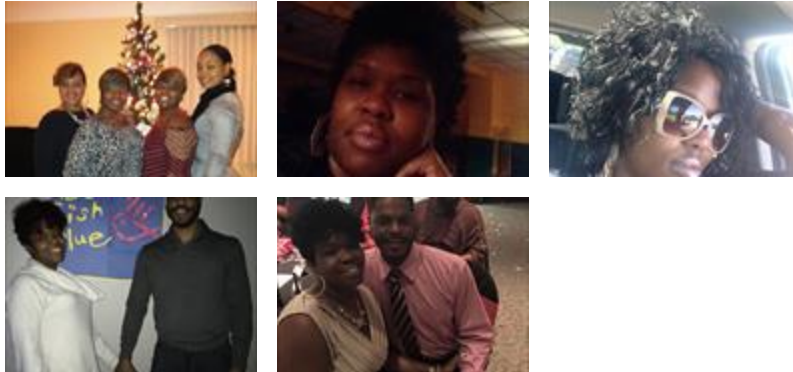
“ I am praying for Tamra's family and all who are affected by such a loss. This is a picture of Tamra at my reception and this is how I always saw her, smiling, happy and so full of life. I am so thankful for my friend, for sharing her friend with me. You have fought a good fight Tamra, now take your rest Queen. Until we meet again....💕💕



Nicole Argue - July 11, 2022 at 07:38 PM

Cares  
Heather

“ Tamra Ross -Zarieff was my best friend. We spoke almost everyday. Now that God has called her home, I remember her loving and giving spirit and it comforts me. She loved to travel and kept a positive energy that is unmatched. God bless her family in this time and let them be comforted by her memories.



Cares Heather - July 10, 2022 at 03:27 PM

Cares  
Heather

“ Cares Heather sent a virtual gift in memory of Tamra Dena (Ross) Zarrieff



Cares Heather - July 10, 2022 at 03:21 PM

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“ TONI H. BROWN lit a candle in memory of Tamra Dena (Ross) Zarrieff



TONI H. BROWN - July 10, 2022 at 03:20 PM