



Teresa Lashelle Swain

September 20, 1966 - March 8, 2024

Teresa Lashelle Swain, 57, a cherished resident of Wethersfield, CT, transitioned from this world on Friday, March 8, 2024, leaving behind a tapestry of love, laughter, and enduring memories. Born in Toledo, Ohio, to her mother Gertha Lavern Swain and the late George Tyler Stevens, Teresa's purpose here on Earth was apparent to all who knew and loved her, she shared a beautiful and unique love and light with everyone she met. She was a strong believer in faith and would gently remind us to have faith in moments of doubt. Teresa's unique ability to infuse love, light and laughter into every encounter left an indelible mark on the lives she touched. She was a multifaceted woman, her essence illuminated by a passion for singing, possessing a beautiful voice that effortlessly brought to life melodies from the likes of Prince, The Winans, the Commodores, Stevie Wonder, Anita Baker, Musiq and more.

Teresa spent her formative years and young adulthood in Toledo, Ohio, with her mother, brother, Ma Dear, and a host of loving family and friends, and graduated from Jesup W. Scott High School in 1984. After high school, Teresa ventured to Hartford, Connecticut to build a closer relationship with her father and create a host of genuine friendships that have spanned over 30 plus years. A dedicated professional, Teresa spent most of her career in the insurance industry, exemplifying commitment and diligence throughout her career. Her work ethic was a reflection of her resilience and determination,

serving as a testament to her self-sufficiency and a profound example for her daughter, illustrating that with determination, one could achieve anything they set their mind to.

The loving bond and relationship she had with her daughter, Briana Grace, was one of a kind. Many of us vividly recall the day Briana was born, a moment that epitomized Teresa's wholehearted commitment to nurturing and cherishing her precious daughter. From infancy through adulthood, Teresa poured her heart and soul into providing unwavering attention and guidance to Briana. Teresa was most proud of the woman she raised, which was evident in her conversations with others, where she frequently expressed that her primary purpose in life was to be a supportive and loving mother to Briana. The evidence of Teresa's devotion and care is reflected in the woman Briana has become today. While we navigate this sorrowful time, there is a measure of solace in recognizing that Teresa achieved her ultimate goal of raising a beautiful, intelligent, kind, and resilient daughter.

At the core of Teresa's radiant personality was her profound love for family and friends. A devoted mother, sister, daughter, aunt, and friend, Teresa's warmth and kindness were unparalleled. Her beauty, both inside and out, was illuminated by her selflessness and generosity. Teresa's quirky sense of humor and infectious smile had the power to brighten the darkest days, leaving an enduring mark on the hearts of all fortunate enough to know her. Teresa was the glue of her family, her home became a welcoming haven for her brothers and sisters, a place of gathering and connection. She rarely missed a celebration, she showed up for her family no matter what. Even through her battle with cancer, she made it a priority to spend quality time with her nieces, nephew and friends.

A free spirit at heart, she reveled in the joy of being with her loved ones. She loved cruises and traveling the world with her daughter. She loved to dance.

Teresa would crack up when we picked on her about her obsession with crime mystery books and shows. Her legacy is one of love, laughter, and a genuine connection to those she held dear. Teresa's memory will forever be engraved in the hearts of those who were touched by her grace.

Teresa is survived by her cherished daughter, Briana Grace, residing in New York, NY and her mother, Gertha Swain of Toledo, OH. She is also remembered with love by Michael Grace from Bridgeport, CT, reflecting another significant connection in her life. Teresa's siblings who continue to carry her memory are George Swain of Toledo, OH; DuJuan & Comasee Stubbs of Boston, MA; and Frenchelle Womack, Shaunte Taylor, and Jordan Stevens, all from Hartford, CT. Additionally, she leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will carry her spirit forward through shared memories and enduring love.

As we bid farewell to Teresa, let us celebrate a life well-lived, a legacy of love that will continue to inspire us all. May her beautiful soul rest in eternal peace.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Warren AME Church
915 Collingwood Blvd
Toledo, OH 43604-8416
(419) 243-2237

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Loving you is easy, rest peacefully my Queen* ”



Frankie Swain - March 22, 2024 at 11:31 PM