

Debutante Sterlisa Avant

Dear Sterlisa,
Live each day as if you will stand before God tomorrow. Love
immensely; learn from past experiences;
And hate no one while blossoming into a strong woman.
Always remember that as people of African descent,

Out of the huts of history's shame,
We rise.
Up from a past that's rooted in pain,
We rise.
Like a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling bearing in the tide.
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear,
We rise.
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear,
We rise.
Bringing the gifts that our ancestors gave,
You are the dream and the hope of the slave.

Our ancestors are smiling as they watch you tonight.
Their eyes are beholding the sight of a beautiful young lady who has
risen above many obstacles. Yet, she is still striving to rise to face
the many challenges of life as she perseveres on her journey.
With prayer, hope, faith, patience, determination, and an ambitious
heart, your dreams will grow wings and soar. Continue to rise to
new heights and fulfill God's plan for you.

May God continue to bless you and smile on you.

Vernon and Patricia Lewis
March 31, 2001

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**HAPPY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU:
What's Wrong?**

I have waited half my childhood for this special day
For my family and friends to say to me
Congratulations Sterlisa Jannell, you're well on your way.

I think back on the year I began this.
This journey to contribute to society.
I can look up and thank God for all through it
He was right there inside of me.

I am waiting half of my school year to end this journey
I began four years ago.
Besides a life with Jesus Christ and a goal to succeed
What else I'll encounter? I don't know.

But for now first, I thank you Jesus
For living with me from now and for ever more, please
Second, thank you mom and dad for having the confidence in me to achieve.

Third, thank you Jericho family
I'll miss you as I go alone
But in my heart I'll still feel you
When tough times come I can feel like I'm home.

I have waited half my childhood for this special day
And you all were with me through and through.

Jericho Missionary Baptist Church Youth Dept.

Many congratulations to you Sterlisa Jannell Docketta Avant

We will miss you, we love you and may God forever be with and bless you.

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To Our Goddaughter Sterlisa

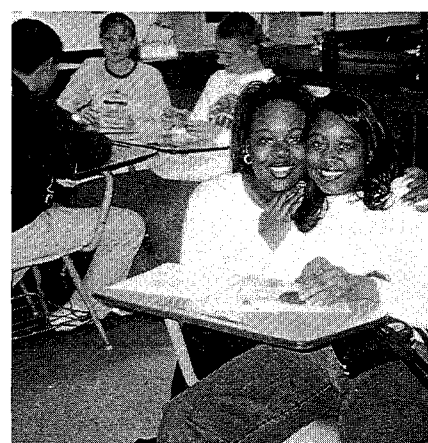
Believe In Your Dreams
Don't ever underestimate
The power of your dreams,
For anything is possible,
Not matter how it seems

In each of us there lies the strength
To make our dreams come true,
To do what seems impossible
And to make a difference too.

It only takes a simple dream
To start us on our way —
Our achievements of tomorrow
Are the dreams we have today.

May God continue to bless you
In all your success.

Love your God Parents
Deacon & Sis. Porter Halcrombe



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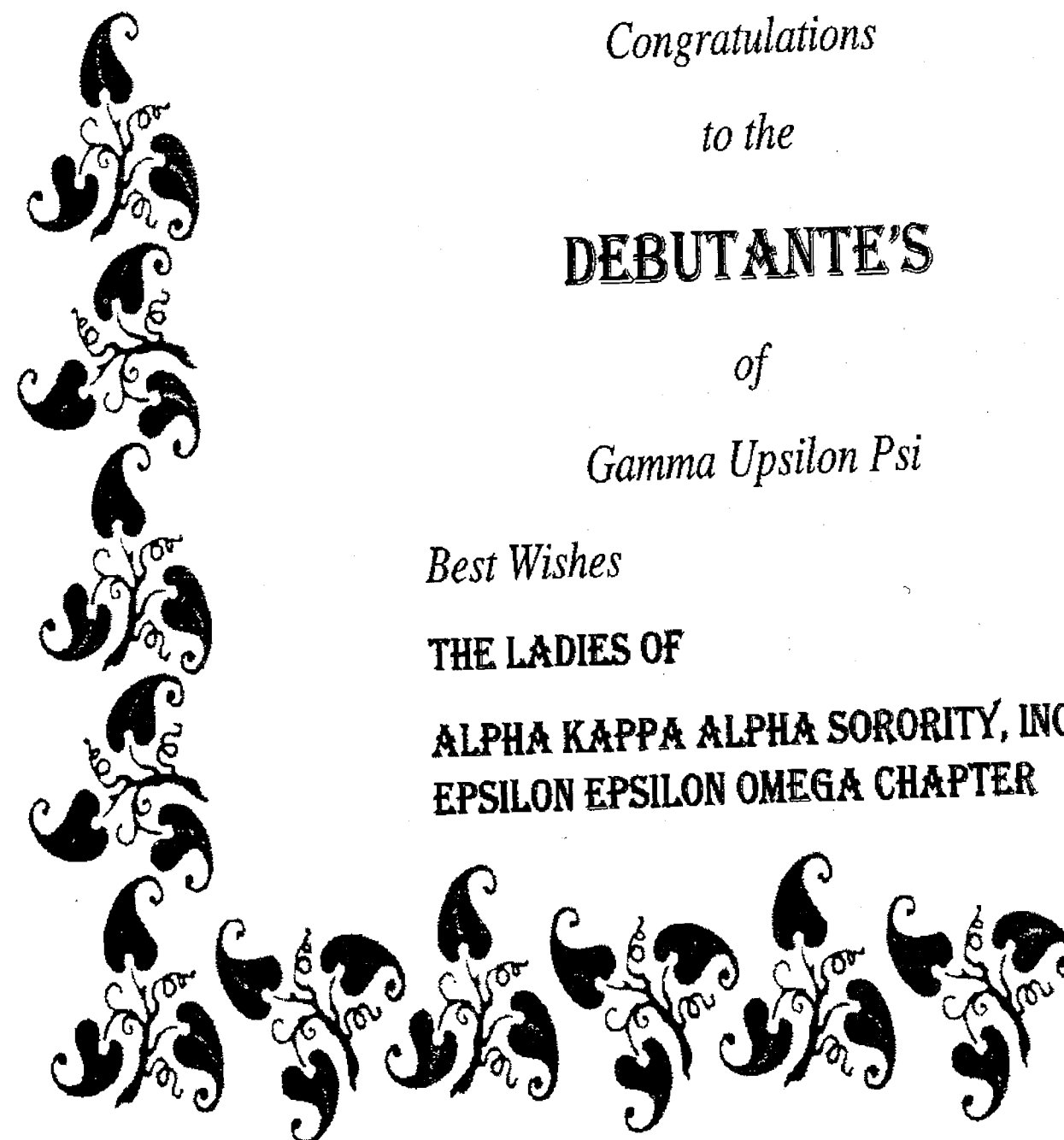
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DO NOT LET YOUR LIFE SLIP THROUGH YOUR FINGERS BY LIVING IN THE PAST NOR FOR THE FUTURE.

DO NOT GIVE UP WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE.

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ENCOUNTER RISKS.

DO NOT DISMISS YOUR DREAMS. TO BE WITHOUT DREAMS IS TO BE WITHOUT HOPE. TO BE WITHOUT HOPE IS TO BE WITHOUT PURPOSE.

We have seen you grow up in church from a little girl to a virtuous young lady. Now you are off to college. We pray God's blessings upon you in all your endeavors and accomplishments that you will acquire in the future.

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*Dreams become a road
Though we cannot see,
But yet they form a path
That shapes reality.*

*Then the unmanifest
Is etched by pure design.
The dreams are brought to life
When faith and effort combine.*

*For these are needed tools
To carve a pathway through,
The tunnel of success
Which lies deep inside of you.*

*Though you see no path,
Proceed with faith as eyes,
For only by stepping out,
Will the road before you rise.*

Sterling Atkins and Betty Taylor

My dear Granddaughter Liz

I just can not say everything that there is to say about my precious granddaughter Liz. She is a sweet, kind, loving person. She is a smart, great young lady, who I love very much. She loves the Lord. She loves people. She loves me, as her grandmother. Liz is everything there is to being a granddaughter. She has worked hard in the church. She has worked hard in school. She has also worked hard on her job. After all of this she still finds the time to visit her grandmother, ME. Liz, I love you so much, so please keep up the good work, and always keep JESUS in everything that you do.

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Good luck, Sterlisa

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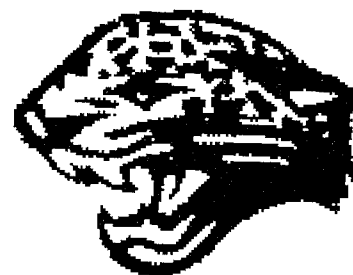
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Ecc.10:10

Good Luck Sterlisa
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Willie Cooper, Porter Halcrombe, Joe Lewis, John Sallee Sr.
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Sterlisa, you're ending a time in your life, that you won't be able to capture again. As that part of your journey ends, a new beginning takes. It will be a lot different from what you're used to. The rules will change and freedom sets in. You've done some wonderful and outstanding task during the last 12 years. College will prepare you with the tools you need to be successful. Always put God first and wait on His blessing.

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*Think on the things that are "true, honest, just, pure, lovely
and of good report ..."*

*God bless you and all that you seek to accomplish in your
life.*

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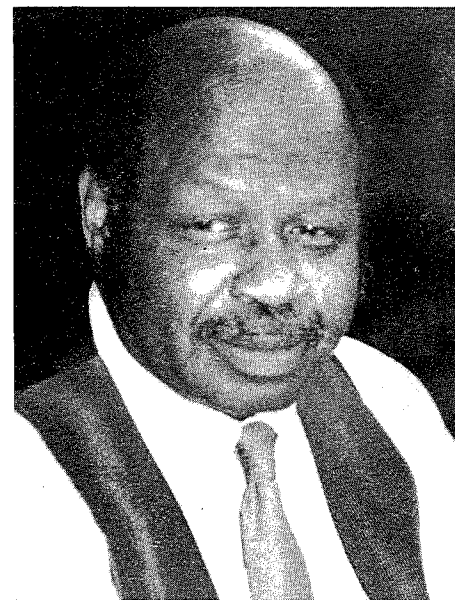


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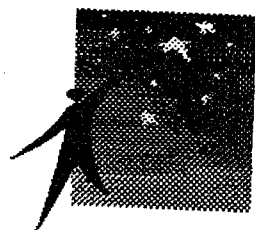
*I can do all things
through Christ which
strengthens me!*

Phil. 4:13

Sheronda M. Williams

Good Luck

*Your Aunt
& Uncle
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*Success is a ladder that can not be
climbed with your hands in your
pocket. So reach for the stars.*

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*May God continue
to bless you.*

*Love
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Best wishes,
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James and Cecelia
Jone

*Sterlisa, strive not for the
riches of this world, but strive
for the kingdom of God. Jesus
tells us in Matt: 19:26 - with
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Ciara ~ Keep "God" First!

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*We all love you,
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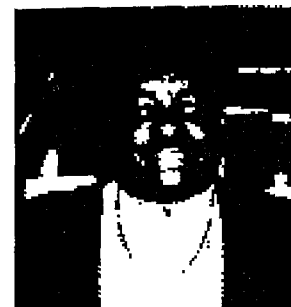
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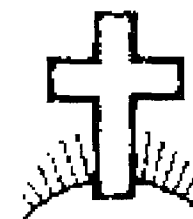
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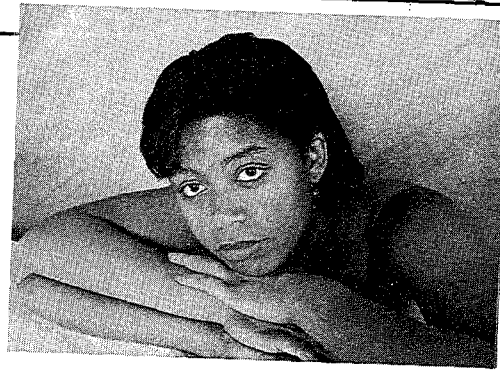


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"Penny" Calbert

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Dave Andrae

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Prayer for bad times

Dear God: Help me be a good sport in this game of life. I don't ask for an easy place in the lineup. Put me anywhere you need me. I only ask that I can give you 100 percent of everything I have. If all the hard drives seem to come my way, I thank you for the compliment. Help me remember that you never send a player more trouble than he can handle.

And help me, Lord, to accept the bad breaks as part of the game. May I always play on the square, no matter what the others do. Help me study the Book so I'll know the rules.

Finally, God, if the natural turn of events goes against me, and I'm benched for sickness or old age, help me to accept that as part of the game too. Keep me from whimpering that I was framed or that I got a raw deal. And when I finish the final inning, I ask for no laurels. All I want is to believe in my heart that I played as well as I could and that I didn't let you down. — RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING

Love,
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Gaye, Joey,
Marissa, Jordan, &
JaRon Sanders*

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el futuro.

Tus amigos,
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Best of luck in
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TO OUR LOVELY DAUGHTER

MYRA SHAQUELL CARTER

We are very proud of you because you mean so much to us. We only wish you the finer things in life. Remember to always trust in God because that's where your blessings come from.



LOVE MOM AND DAD



CONGRATULATIONS
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We are extremely proud of all your fine achievements. Keep reaching for your goal, it is within your grasp. Remember to choose your steps carefully, but ask God to direct your path.

There are four rungs on the ladder of success:

Plan Purposefully,
Prepare Prayerfully,
Proceed Positively,
Pursue Persistently!

African American Folklore

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."

Proverbs 3:5-6

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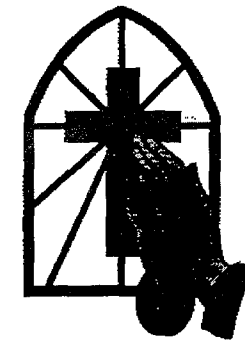
*Life is yours!
Take the Power
To Choose what you want to do
Then do it. And do it well.
Take the Power
To love what you want in life
Then love it honestly.*

*Take the Power
To love and uplift and live.
Use your gifts, change many lives.
Take the Power
Don't neglect it. . .USE IT!!*

- Anonymous

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CONGRATULATION MYRA!!



*IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS, FOR THE LORD WILL WATCH OVER YOU.
HIS LOVE IS ALWAYS THERE TO HELP SEE YOU THROUGH.
LET GOD BE YOUR GUIDE BY DAY AND BY NIGHT,
AND HIS BLESSINGS WILL SHOWER YOU LIKE HIS SON GIVES US LIGHT.*

YOUR SALEMNITES,

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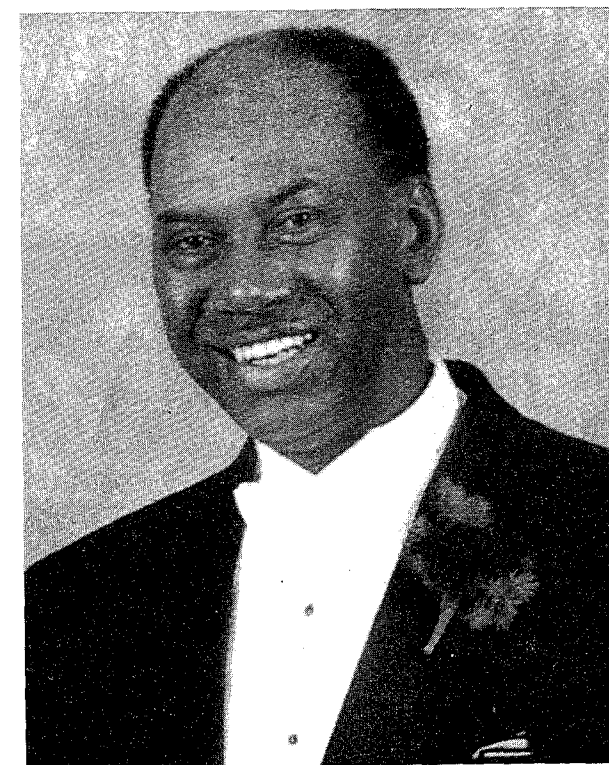
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*You have always carried yourself in a queenly fashion
"Never forget the Godly qualities that have been instilled in you by
your loving parents and you will no doubt succeed"*



WISHING YOU ONLY THE BEST!!!!

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*"Teach me , O Lord, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to
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*We wish you nothing but success! With the right
choices in life you can achieve just about anything!*

*Love Grandma (Corrine Thomas)
Aunt Lula Perry
Aunt Corrine and Uncle Jack Clark*



Congratulations

Myra Carter

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own understanding. In all thy
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CONGRATULATIONS MYRA CARTER!!

**"TAKE DELIGHT IN THE LORD, AND HE WILL
GIVE YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART"
PSALM 37:4**



EDDIE MCNUTT



*Congratulations and Best Wishes
To my little sister*

Debutante Myra Carter

*I am so glad that you had the opportunity to experience
this extravagant event and follow a family tradition.
Myra, I am very proud of you!*

Love

Your Big Sister

Elaine Carter

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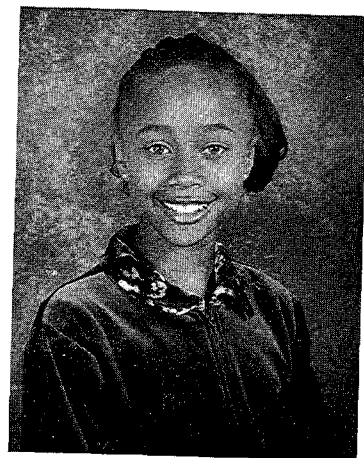
To Our Beautiful Little Sister and Our Aunt, Myra!

What an exciting time for you! The next four years of your life are, perhaps the most important as you enter into the next phase of your life. The decisions you make will determine the kind of future you create for yourself. God wants you to prosper in every area of your life. However, in order to prosper, you have to make decisions that are in line with His Word. We pray and believe that you have all that you need to accomplish whatever your heart desires. We love you and are so very proud of you.

Congratulations on your debut to society!

Love,

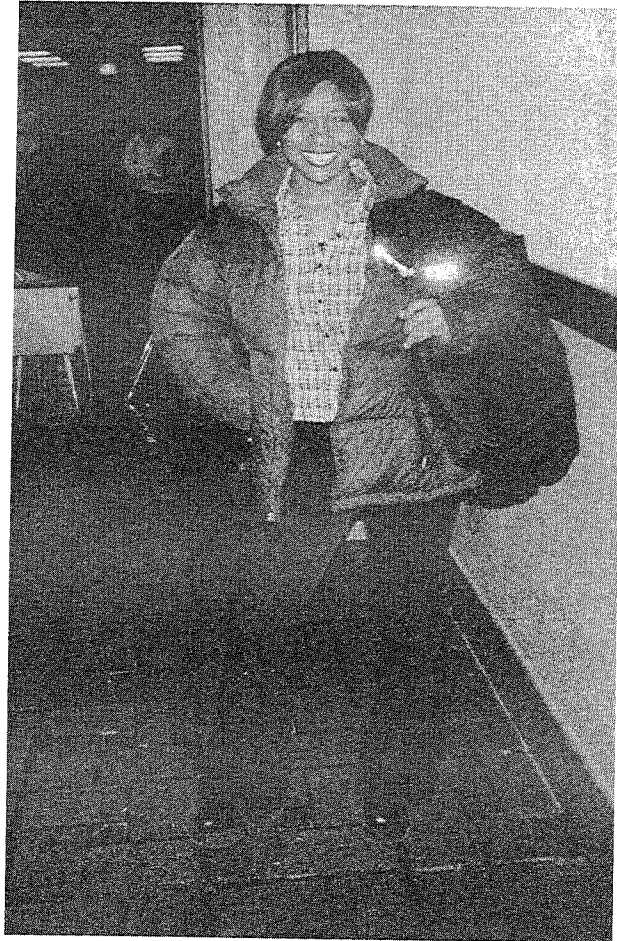
Steve, Tara (Debutante 1986), Amber, and Stephen Jr.



Myra,

You are a beautiful young woman who is very intelligent, insightful, and thoughtful, and all these qualities as well as many others have been with you, and will continue to be with you throughout your life. In the years ahead I know you will continue your education, and strive to achieve all your goals, because the type of person you are.

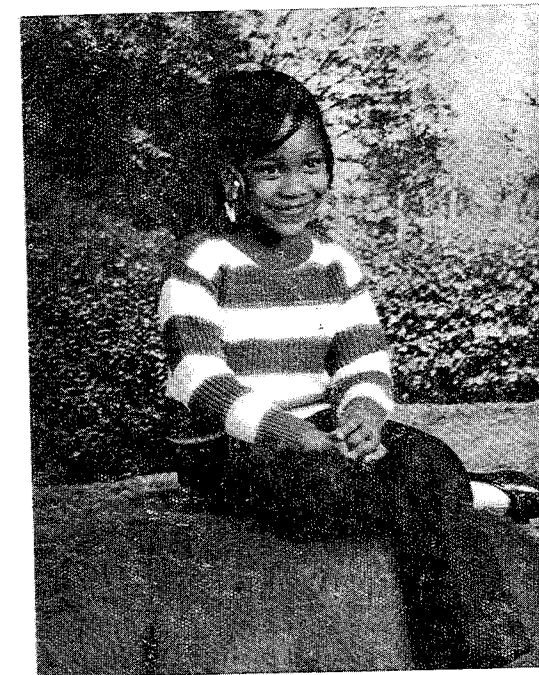
So Congratulations,
And much Love,
Valentine Glover



Best wishes
and much
success to
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*Congratulations Debutante,
Myra Shaquell Carter*

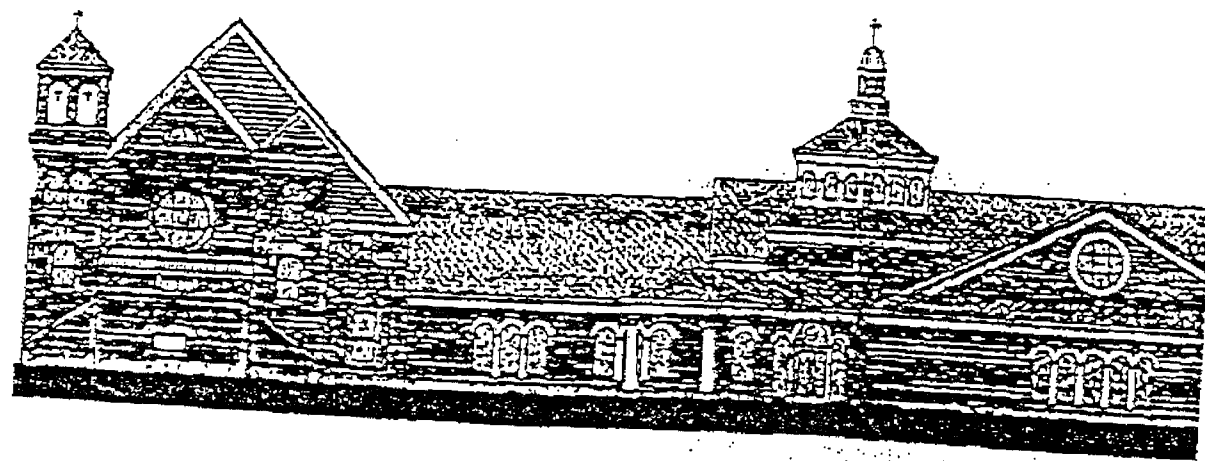
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Congratulations Myra! We wish you great success in all of your future endeavors.

Remember, you can do all things through the Anointed One and His Anointing which strengthens you. Philippians 4:13

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Myra,
We are so proud of you.

Love,
C.C. and Angela Evans

Congratulations!!!!!!

Myra Shaquell Carter

*Let your outstanding accomplishments and leadership skills continue
To serve as a model for others. Always fulfill the purpose for which
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**"AND WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO IT HEARTILY, AS TO THE
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LORD YE SHALL RECEIVE THE REWARD TO THE INHERI-
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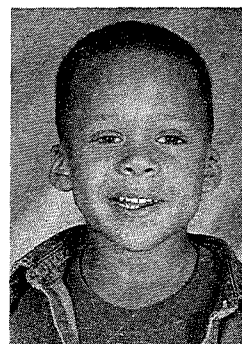
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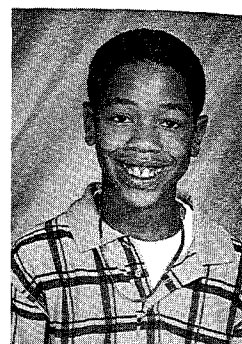
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Continue to know Him for yourself. In spite of others and wealth He will supply all your needs. He gives you what it takes to succeed.

Congratulations on this night. Continue to shine your inner light. Don't worry, don't fret, "It's all good."

Let God lead you to womanhood.

Congratulations Myra!

Lenore Allen & Crystal Weatherspoon

Debutante Myra Carter

To Our God Sister Myra Carter

We are proud of you. You are a beautiful and intelligent young lady who has excelled in all your endeavors. God is truly blessing you in a mighty way.

We Love You and wish for you the best.
Kehera, Kobe, Yolanda



TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO
AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM
it.

PRO 22:6

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Congratulations Myra.

You are blessed. Always believe in yourself! Put your trust in God through God all your dreams will come true.

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