



Sonja Butts

March 18, 1970 - June 7, 2021

Sonja Yvette Butts entered eternal rest on Monday, June 7, 2021. She was born on March 18, 1970 in Portsmouth, VA to the late Clifton T. Butts, Sr. and Pastor Georgia L. Moore-Butts.

Sonja accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church as a youth. As an adult Sonja joined arms in ministry with her mother the late Pastor Georgia L. Butts at First Corinthian Baptist in Portsmouth, Va. As a member of First Corinthian Baptist, she served as the church clerk and member of the choir. She also had a convalescent home ministry where on a weekly basis she would facilitate Wednesday Night Bible study and Sunday evening worship services. In 2019, Sonja joined Blanchard's Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Hobbsville, NC where Apostle Lewis Fisher is Senior Pastor. Sonja was a faithful member until her death.

Sonja graduated from I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, Va in 1988. While in high school she was active in the high school band. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Criminal Justice Degree from Shaw University-Raleigh, NC. Sonja was also a proud member of the Beta Rho Chapter (Spring 91) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Shaw University in Raleigh, NC.

Sonja attended law school for 1 year at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC. During her time in Durham (1994-2006) she was an Executive Administrator for IBM. From 2006-2013, Sonja worked for Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, Va. as an administrator. From 2017 until her death, Sonja continued her career as a director in healthcare for Support Profession at Circle of Friends, LLC. Sonja truly loved children and was a long-term substitute teacher in the Portsmouth Public School System. To cherish her memory, Sonja leaves a brother Lloyd Christopher Moore (Sacheen) of Wagram, NC.; (Christina, Lloyd Jr., Colin, Lidio, Julia and LeeAnn), twin sister Tonja Y. Fisher (Apostle Lewis Fisher) of Suffolk, Va; 3 nieces (Ariana, Sariah, and Deborah), 1 -nephew (Paul), and a brother, Rev. Clifton T. Butts, Jr. of Ruther Glen, Va. Sonja is also survived by sister-in-law Teresa Faulks-Moore of Portsmouth, VA and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Sonja Butts*

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 16, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MM

Our Condolences to the (our) family! 💜🕊️💜🙏

Maxine Moore - June 16, 2021 at 12:07 PM

IB

My heart hurts I thank God for letting me get to know you my condolences to the family and I pray that God will cover y'all thur this time his love covers all pain

Isaac Andre' Bellamy - June 17, 2021 at 05:43 AM

WS

First time Tax Customer

She was very nice and friendly

Glad I got the chance to meet her

Willie Farmer For Your Income Tax Srvc - June 21, 2021 at 02:07 PM

VM

Such an unforgettably beautiful woman of God with much passion and truth...this was a beautiful celebration for a transitioned life. I'll miss Sonja and will be praying for my other twin, family and loved ones ❤️

Venus Martin - July 23, 2021 at 09:17 AM

KB

“ I didn't know you had departed this life my dear co-worker. You were such a joy and a light to be around. We would have our little talks and we would just feel enlightening by one another. You were just a sanctuary by yourself. I'm gonna miss you, but I'm glad you're walking around Zion. I already know you heard "Well Done" ”

Karen Bynum - September 19, 2021 at 10:07 AM

VS

“ Condolences to her family members and friends and Shaw University family. ”

Vickie Smallwood - June 18, 2021 at 12:01 PM

TH

“ Soror Sonja was my line sister. We will miss her tremendously and our thoughts and prayers are with the family our church and all those that love her dearly. The beta tho chapter sends our deepest condolences. ”

Soror Tonya Mackey Harris

Tonya Mackey Harris - June 16, 2021 at 08:31 PM

RN

“ Thank you Sonja for the times we worked together in your evangelistic services. Thank you for the laughter we shared out of your sharp-witted sense of humor. Thank you for ministering in song to myself and hundreds of others. I'll see you around the Throne! ”
michael



rev michael von norfleet - June 16, 2021 at 10:27 AM

TW

Rest in peace my dear sister! Well done thou good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord

Troy Wilkins - June 16, 2021 at 10:59 PM

FF

“ *I had the opportunity to get to know So ya through her twin, Tonya. It was a pleasure to fellowship with Sonya. She was a Good fearing woman. Her spirit will continue to comfort those she loved. God makes no mistakes. She is resting with the Lord. She would not want you to be sad. Instead, celebrate her life by changing your life to get where she is. For she is in the presence of the Lord!*

Frankie Fisher - June 16, 2021 at 10:03 AM

AH

“ *I am still in disbelief that I have lost my childhood friend/sidekick. I remember in elementary school when we found out we were no longer going to be in the same class. We cried and whined so much that Mrs. Butts spoke to someone (one of her connections) and to our surprise, we were put into the same classroom! 🙄 I guess it was a one time deal because after that we had to learn how deal with being separated 😊 Sonja, I am so happy we were able to reconnect and truly appreciate your friendship for over 40 years! You will be missed!!! 😭 I love you "Sis!" ❤️*

Sending my sincere condolences to Lloyd, Tonja, Clifton, her neices and nephews, family and close friends. Many blessings to you during this difficult time.

Love Lisa (Brown) Hinton

Alisa Hinton - June 16, 2021 at 01:17 AM

KW

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Shaun & Kim Watson

Kimberly Watson - June 15, 2021 at 09:08 PM

JG

“ My condolences and prayers are with the family. I remember so well the dinners at my house with my wife Pepita Brown-Griffin (Angel) who you would say Sissy & Minister Michael Von Norfleet, Charles Brown along with other family and friends. We would fellowship just laugh. Oh and how surprise you was when Minister Norfleet gave you a surprise birthday party. Not to many just a few of us gathering and that big smile on your face. No matter what you called me Elder Griffin and would say Sissy my brother is so funny and you would just laugh. Rest my Sister, with Love, Elder James Griffin



James Griffin - June 15, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sonja Butts.



June 15, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sonja Butts.*



June 15, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *We were friends since grade school. Our families were similar, I said she has and sister just like me. When I went to visit I would say Is Sonya and Tonya home and they would call me Cathy and Valerie. I grew close to them and stayed friends until now. I love you family and my heart overflows with her memories.
Continued love and prayers
Your friend forever Cathy*



Cathy Matthews - June 15, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *George/DeeDee, Anita/Kayla Hawkins, JaQuan Perkins purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sonja Butts.*



George/DeeDee, Anita/Kayla Hawkins, JaQuan Perkins -
June 15, 2021 at 10:14 AM

TB

“ *Tinya Blow-Prayer lit a candle in memory of Sonja Butts*



Tinya Blow-Prayer - June 15, 2021 at 04:28 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Sonja Butts.*



June 14, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Sonja Butts.*



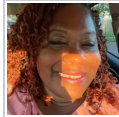
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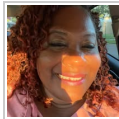


J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 14, 2021 at 02:33 PM



Beautiful

Cathy Matthews - June 15, 2021 at 10:07 AM



She was my sister I will miss our text and her calling me Sissy. She will always be in my heart.

Cathy Matthews - June 15, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Sonja Butts.



June 14, 2021 at 12:06 PM

CV

“In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.”
“In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!”
“And he said, 'O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage!”



The last opportunity I had to speak with Sonja she was stating how much she missed her mother. She always has a sweet and spiritual spirit. Her presence was that which would brighten a dull room. Rest easy my friend without complaints for in Heaven the sun will shine again!!!!

*Thank You for Being You!
Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*

Chiquita Veale - June 14, 2021 at 11:36 AM

DF

“Dena King & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sonja Butts.



Dena King & Family - June 14, 2021 at 09:08 AM

SB

“Soror Dana Bassett purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sonja Butts.



Soror Dana Bassett - June 14, 2021 at 08:50 AM

DB

“ *Dana Bassett lit a candle in memory of Sonja Butts*



Dana Bassett - June 14, 2021 at 08:46 AM

DW

“ *Daphne Waring-Sorrell lit a candle in memory of Sonja Butts*



Daphne Waring-Sorrell - June 14, 2021 at 12:04 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sonja Butts.*



June 13, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sonja Butts.*



June 13, 2021 at 04:48 PM

AB

“ Antonio Brickhouse lit a candle in memory of Sonja Butts



Antonio Brickhouse - June 13, 2021 at 02:21 PM

GJ

“ Sonja was a proud women. She always had something to say. She loved her family very much. She was truly appreciative of everything you all did for her. She is no longer suffering and in pain. I can just imagine her singing, I'm free praise the Lord I'm free. No longer bound, no more chains holding me. My soul is resting and it's a blessing. Praise the Lord hallelujah I'm free. My sincere condolences to the Butts family.

Georgene Jones - June 13, 2021 at 11:41 AM

JH

“ Condolences to the family



Jeanie Hinton-Billups - June 13, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sonja Butts.



June 13, 2021 at 07:55 AM

SH

“ *Rest in Peace Sonja.
Sheri Gardner, Circle of Friends*

Sheri - June 13, 2021 at 12:36 AM

PG

“ *Sonja im trully gonna miss you. I will never forget you and i will cherish the precious memories. My condolences and prayers to the family. Love Angel*



Pepita Brown- Griffin - June 12, 2021 at 10:50 PM

PG

“ *I don't even know where to start Sonja you will truly be missed. It doesn't seem real. But i know Our God is to just to be unkind and He makes no mistakes. You was a dear friend and you referred in calling me Sissy and would say Sis, We are So Beautiful, We are divas, We are queens. Then you would just wave them hands with your tee hee hee laugh. You called my boys your nephews and my husband brother. You was an encourager a very direct person and would love to sing with the angelic voice that God gave you and a prayer warrior. My God i can just see that smile on your face with your unique laugh. It hurts in knowing you are no longer here, i know weeping endures for a night and joy comes in the morning. To the family my deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers are with you all. Sonja you will never be forgotten. I shall always remember you.
Your Sissy Angel*



Pepita Brown- Griffin - June 12, 2021 at 10:22 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Hicks lit a candle in memory of Sonja Butts*



Lisa Hicks - June 12, 2021 at 12:33 PM

EJ

“ *Condolences to the family for the loss of your love one*

Ernest & Minnie Jordan - June 12, 2021 at 08:14 AM

JM

“ *Rest in peace my sister you have fought the good fight I'm going to miss all the good times that we joke together and you calling me telling me shut up Jeffrey with your big head we are going to miss you enjoy your new home in heaven*

Jeffrey mclain - June 11, 2021 at 04:49 PM

EJ

“ *Ernest & Minnie Jordan sent a virtual gift in memory of Sonja Butts*



Ernest & Minnie Jordan - June 11, 2021 at 08:32 AM

EJ

“ *Ernest & Minnie Jordan lit a candle in memory of Sonja Butts*



Ernest & Minnie Jordan - June 11, 2021 at 08:22 AM