



## Ms. Kesha Elaine Bolden

May 13, 1974 - December 3, 2014

Kesha Elaine Bolden, 40, formerly of Peoria, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at her home in Atlanta, GA. She was born on May 13, 1974 to the late Shirley Ann (Sledge) Bolden McNair and Edward Bolden in Peoria, Illinois. She graduated from Woodruff High School with honors as the Vice President of her senior class. Later, she graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology; during that ceremony, she spoke as honored commencement speaker representing the College of Engineering as President of the Engineering Student Council.

Kesha grew her career within the Accenture Technology Growth Platform. As a Manager, she specialized in program and project management. She has more than 17 years of consulting and outsourcing experience in system integration work, including global projects that spanned across North America, India and the United Kingdom.

Because of her curiosity and love of adventure, she and her travel companions would travel to destinations like Egypt, Thailand, Dubai, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, & Belize.

Kesha's loving and caring spirit engulfed everyone around her. Never saddened due to illness, she loved life and fought with passion, grace and

dignity. Her big smile, enchanting eyes, love and concern for others never diminished and will live on. Growing up in the church, she was a God loving Christian who was a faithful and active member of the World Changers Church International in Atlanta, Georgia under the leadership of Pastor Creflo A. Dollar, Jr.

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She was preceded in death by her loving mother; grandparents, James & Tommie Ann Sledge and Laymond Bolden; and aunts Elmira Burton, Willie B. Boyce and Leora Williams.

To cherish her precious memory is her father, Edward and Rose Bolden of Milwaukee, WI; grandparents, Archie and Goldie Brown of Peoria; Tiger, her precious cat; brothers, Cory & Alisha Hosea of Peoria and Brian Adams of Milwaukee, WI; her sister, Shirley Hayes of Miami, FL; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other family members, friends and her work place family, Accenture. A special thank you to be given to her loving cousin and friend Suzane Ward Parker who provided love, support and care during the last 2 years of her beautiful life.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Saturday December 13, at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 603 West Nebraska Ave, Peoria, Illinois with a visitation beginning at 9 AM. Her uncle, Pastor Charles Brown will officiate. Kesha will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery, next to her beloved mother.

Also there will be a memorial service on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at 1pm - 2pm at World Changers Church International Chapel, 2500 Burdett Rd, College Park (Atlanta), GA 30349.

Please honor her struggle with brain cancer with a contribution to Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation, P.O. Box 422471 Atlanta, GA 30342; Online donations may be made at <http://www.sbtbf.org/>.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be made at [www.simonsmortuary.com](http://www.simonsmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **13**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Olive M.B. Church  
603 W. Nebraska Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61604  
cyntgilk2@aol.com

## Funeral Service

DEC **13**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Olive M.B. Church  
603 W. Nebraska Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61604  
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## Memorial Service

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

World Changers Church International Chapel  
2500 Burdett Rd  
College Park, GA 30349

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Kesha Elaine Bolden*



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**Simons Mortuary** - December 12, 2014 at 01:36 PM



“ *Ms. Kesha Elaine Bolden*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Kesha Elaine Bolden*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *My best friend in high school. We lost track of each other and connected briefly before her death. You were truly a gift from God. You will always be in my heart.*

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**Heather Wilson** - March 16, 2018 at 11:13 PM

RR

“ I was acquainted w/ Kesha during our time at Southern IL University as students. Although we have not spoken in many years, I still remember her kindness, her bright smile, her energy. I cannot describe the sadness I have felt upon hearing this news. My sincere condolences to her family. While she has left this world, she will live long in our hearts and memories. Rest in peace Kesha.

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**Ryan Russell** - September 13, 2015 at 10:29 PM

KL

“ I'm so sad to learn of the passing of Kesha. I was Kesha's interior designer for her home in Atlanta. I recall that when I did the reveal of her bedroom, she shed tears and said that she loved it and never imagined her room would look the way it did. I did her install on November 1 and had no idea that almost a month to the day, she would be gone. I'm just finding out about her passing today. My sincere regrets and prayers go out to her family and even her cat, Tiger. She had a genuinely sweet spirit and I prayed for her and with her. May Kesha rest in heavenly peace.

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**Knetta Lilly** - January 15, 2015 at 02:31 PM

TE

“ May God continue to bring you comfort and peace during this time of loss.

*God Bless,*

*Tenisha Farmer*

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**Tenshar** - December 17, 2014 at 12:32 PM

NL

“ *May you all be comforted in your grief at losing Kesha. I knew her only briefly when she was a senior at Woodruff, but I observed how her positive attitude toward school, people, and life influenced the other cheerleaders on her squad. She was truly generous and outstanding wherever she went. Her legacy lives on in ways you may never know.*

*Nancy Long, mother of Kim Long Hartzler*

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**Nancy Long** - December 13, 2014 at 08:43 AM

TF

“ *The Reed Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ms. Kesha Elaine Bolden.*



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**The Reed Family** - December 12, 2014 at 09:47 PM

TJ

“ *Kesha was a beloved colleague at Accenture. She was the most intelligent and caring person and I will ever be grateful for having had the opportunity to meet and work with her. My prayers and deepest sympathy are with her family.*

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**Twyla Johnson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

BT

“*Kesha was such a sweet and respectful young lady. When Shirley ( her mom) and I were together, Kesha would always try to be nosey and hear what we were saying. She had the most beautiful smile that I had ever seen. The last time I saw her, she came up behind me and gave me a great big hug and told me all about GA. Now she is hugging Shirley and they are back together again.....*

**Beverly Thomas** - December 11, 2014 at 09:55 PM

LM

“*Kesha was a student of mine at Woodruff High School. I remember her well because she was an outstanding young woman - bright, kind, hard working and pleasant. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends.*

**Lois Mannaioni** - December 10, 2014 at 08:41 AM

JJ

“*I am so saddened to hear the news of Shirley's daughter passing. I am praying for all the family. My heart goes out to the entire family. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. 'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'*

— *Matthew 11:28 (RSV)*  
*God bless you and comfort you,*  
*Joanie Metlock Jackson*

**Joan Jackson** - December 10, 2014 at 08:30 AM

LT


*Kesha and I worked together on her first project with Accenture in Atlanta. She was hard working, sweet, warm and loving. She loved the Lord and wasn't afraid to spread the gospel. I thank the Lord for allowing me to know and love such a wonderful person. My deepest condolences to her family, friends and everyone who knew and loved her.*

**Luvonne Thomas** - December 13, 2014 at 06:48 AM

KB

“ *My heart is truly saddened by my cousin death. Kesha was such an amazing, beautiful person with a kind heart for everyone. I know she is in Heaven with our Father and her sweet mother. Knowing that warms my soul because I will see her again! I pray for my family's strength, encouragement and peace during this time. Love cousin Kitty*

**Katrice Briggs** - December 09, 2014 at 06:22 PM

 Dominique Lindsay

“ *Kesha was a person that loved the little things and I have so many loving memories of the silly times I got to have with her. I know she is being held so closely up there but I'm so devastated that she's gone. My prayers go out to my family and her friends. Love you so much Kesha!!! Love little cousin Dominique Lindsay*



**Dominique Lindsay** - December 09, 2014 at 05:36 PM

RW

“ *Rev. Hattie & Russell Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kesha Elaine Bolden*



**Rev. Hattie & Russell Williams** - December 09, 2014 at 09:58 AM

GW

*Keisha never forgot where she came from and she always knew where she was going. My prayers go out to my family & friends. Gone too soon. Love Cousin Gregory Ward*

**Gregory Ward** - December 09, 2014 at 02:59 PM

JR

*Kesha was a really sweet woman. She always had a kind word and a smile on her face. She will be missed.*

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**Janice Roberts** - December 12, 2014 at 11:38 AM