



Tamara Elaine Short

April 1, 1962 - January 31, 2012

Tamara Elaine Short, 49, died Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at Burnett-Calvert Hospice House in Prince Frederick, Maryland. Born April 1, 1962 in Alton, she was the daughter of E. Elaine (Edwards) Howard of Alton and the late Warren Harold Howard. In 1993, Tamara earned an Associate's degree in general studies with honors from the Charles County Community College, La Plata, Maryland. She went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in 1996, in criminal justice with 3.98 grade point average from the University Of Maryland University College, College Park, Maryland. In 1997 she completed Squadron Officers School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama and in 1998 she earned her Master's degree in security management with honors from Webster University, Albuquerque, New Mexico and received distinguished graduate award. Tamara was a Special Agent for 18 years with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) most recently assigned at Bolling AFB. She was deployed to Iraq in 2004 as a Civilian Special Agent, supporting Air Force missions. She has received numerous military awards and decorations and was a member of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), and the Southern Illinois Police Chief's Association (SIPCA). She was also an active member of The Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club MD IV, The Christian Motorcycle Association Southern Messenger's Chapter, and The All American Harley Owners Group of Hughesville, MD. In her early years she was a member of Job's Daughters and later a member of Al Sihah Temple #29 Daughters of the

Nile and the Alton Chapter 775 Order of Eastern Star where she served as Worthy Matron. She was a member of the Real Life Wesleyan Church, Mechanicsville, MD and was formerly a member of the Copper Creek Church in Maryville, IL. Her loves were her family, her church, AFOSI, and her motorcycle families. She married Raymond Louis Short Jr. on December 19, 1998. He survives. Along with her husband and mother, she is survived by her four children, Michael (Tracy) Daily of Owings, MD, Angela (Jared) McKee of Plainfield, IN, Jaime (Paul) Dunbar of Waldorf, MD, and Christopher Short of Greenbelt, MD, seven grandchildren, a brother, Warren A. Howard of Erie, PA, three sisters and brothers-in-law, Susan Marie and Carl Treadway of Brighton, Peggy Ann and Robert Harper of Carrollton, TX, and Patricia Sue and Lawrence Smith of Layton, Utah, and her best friend since 4th grade, Mrs. Rebecca Showers Luer. She was preceded in death by her father, her son, Jeffery Lynn Oberts, and her grandparents, Adolph and Clara Howard, Fred E. and Bertha L. Hite, and Zale and Hildred Edwards. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton with an Eastern Star service at 5:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 9, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Keith Kepley will officiate. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Memorials may be made to Real Life Love in Action (FBO Abby Weinberg, 27399 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659)

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Tribute Wall



“ Tamara was a wonderful soul. She dated and married my brother. I was 9 or 10 when I first met her. She was always kind and I remember always feeling good when she was around. She divorced my brother and I never saw her again. She left a hole in our family at that time. I only heard one side of her reasons for leaving her husband and our family. I wish I knew her side and what she experienced. I know the loss of her son (my nephew) broke her. It broke all of us. It sounds like she did great things and had a wonderful life. I'm not surprised. Tamara you have been missed by myself for a very long time. Heaven gained a good one.

Jim Oberts - March 28 at 08:22 PM



“ Tamara Elaine Short

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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“ The love of my life . I lost her the day the day we lost Jeffery . I miss you every day .

Daniel Lynn Oberts - April 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Tamara's passing. I just found out today 12/9/13.I have known Tamara since 1979 when her and Dan were stationed at Luke AFB where we were the best of friends.I still recall the tragic day she and Dan lost their young son. I have thought about her often and always wondered how she was doing. I know she is in heaven with those she loved so dearly. Tamara you will be missed by all who knew you. You were a bright light in our lives and i personally will never forget you my friend. We love you. God Bless you and Rest in Peace. :(

Frank P. Williams - December 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Ray & family - We were so sorry to hear of your loss. We will always remember her vibrant personality. Thoughts & prayers are with you.

Rhonda & Dennis Thurman

Rhonda Thurman - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ This is truly a sad, sad time and a tremendous loss. You have our sympathies and prayers. Dear family of Tamara, I certainly wish we could be meeting for the first time under more pleasant circumstances. Larry will be introducing us tonight since due to logistics it couldn't be helped.

Beth and Randy Biggs - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Elaine and family we are deeply sadden to hear of the passing of your daughter Tamara.
Alton American Legion Post 126 Ladies Auxiliary

Shelia Sevier - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Due to college classes at night and work during the day I will not be able to be with your family this week. Dad called me to make sure I knew. I have fond memories of our time in Jobs Daughters. Love and Sympathy Linda Mortland and family.

Linda Mortland - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM