



Ashley Gwenae Braxton

December 21, 1989 - April 4, 2025

Ashley Gwenae Braxton, the daughter of Dr. Frank Braxton and Debra Mitchell-Braxton, was born on December 21, 1989, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She attended Clippard Elementary School and graduated from Cape Central High School in 2008. Upon graduation from high school, she was admitted to Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia. Graduating with honors, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Ashley successfully passed her RN Nursing boards in 2014.

Following her time at Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Virginia, Ashley returned to her hometown and joined the St. Francis Medical Center. From 2016 to 2024, Ashley served as a licensed registered nurse at St. Francis Medical Center, where she received numerous patient care awards and a nomination for the prestigious Daisy Nursing award. In 2022, she was accepted into the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Southeast Missouri State University, graduating in May 2024 earning a 4.0 GPA. Ashley was also inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honors Society. After passing her Nurse Practitioner boards, she fulfilled her lifelong dream of working alongside her father at Nephrology Associates, owned by Dr. Frank Braxton. Ashley used her professional knowledge and skills to provide the upmost quality medical care to the patients that she was assigned to care for throughout her career. She was a great team player and worked well with all the hospital staff.

Ashley was a kind and respectful daughter to her parents, a loving sister, and

niece. She was a dedicated mother to her children. Ashley pursued additional education to ensure that she would be able to garner the financial means to provide for her children.

In addition to her personal career achievements, Ashley excelled as a competitive medal-winning ice skater, percussionist, pianist, cheerleader, ballet, jazz, and tap dancer. She participated in various church choirs and was an anointed praise dancer, known for her beautiful soprano voice. A member of St. James AME Church in Cape Girardeau, MO, she sang in the youth choir and was involved in the Young People's Department. While attending Hampton University, she joined the choir and served as a praise dancer at New Bethel Cathedral. While on a Summer vacation, 2024, she rededicated her life to Jesus Christ at Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church in Kokomo, Indiana.

Ashley cherished and created lasting memories while traveling with her family on numerous vacation destinations throughout her life. A fierce advocate even at a young age, along with her brother Sean and cousin Randy were among a group of seven student petitioners from St. James AME Church in 1999, who presented their speeches to the Cape Girardeau Public School District #63 to advocate for the protection and to honor the federal holidays of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President's Day. This became effective January 2000 that the Cape Girardeau Public School District #63 would no longer use either federal holiday as snow makeup days. In January 2025, at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Celebration she received the Dr. C. John Ritter Humanitarian Service Award.

Ashley's legacy was of love, strength, courage, compassion, and dedication will continue to inspire many. Her radiant spirit, love for her family and so many others will forever remain in our hearts. Because of her unwavering commitment to helping others in need, the Ashley Gwenae Braxton Nursing/Medical Scholarship Fund has been established by Debra Mitchell-Braxton. In addition, her loving sister Ann Parker who is a Nurse Practitioner has established a GoFundMe page to assist with various financial needs of

her beloved children.

She was preceded in death by her loving grandparents Calvin and Denza Mitchell, Uncle Reginald E. Mitchell and a loving cousin Jean Hairston.

She is survived by her parents, Dr. Frank Braxton and Debra Mitchell-Braxton, as well as her children, Ariana, Miller, and Braxton. Her siblings include Sean Westbrook Braxton, Cape Girardeau, MO, Frank E. Braxton of Columbia, Maryland, Ann Parker (Darrel) of Rockwell, Maryland, aunts Karen Smith and Denise Mitchell of Cape Girardeau, uncles Kevin Mitchell of Cape Girardeau, MO, and Brian (Phyllis) Siebert of Kokomo, Indiana, nephews and nieces Aiden, Delylah, and Alex of Rockwell, Maryland, and cousins Randy (Amanda) Smith of Cypress, Texas, Calvin and Naomi Smith of Cypress, Texas, Godparents Dr. Vernon and Betty Crawly of Illinois and a host of relatives, friends, and colleagues.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Centenary Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 12:00 pm Saturday, April 12, 2025 at the church with the Rev. Rodney Moody.

Burial will be at New Lorimier Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to their Go Fund Me page to support Ashley's children at <https://gofund.me/3eab8186> , along with the Ashley Gwenae Braxton Nursing/Medical Scholarship Fund at the Bank of Missouri, or cashapp Debra Mitchell-Braxton at \$debramitchellbraxton

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

New Lorimier Cemetery

832 Caruthers
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Centenary Global Methodist Church
300 N. Ellis
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

APR 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

Centenary Global Methodist Church
300 N. Ellis
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

PR

“ *My sincerest condolences to Ashley's family.*

Patricia Ryan - April 13, 2025 at 09:59 PM

KS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Robert & Karen Sides jr.*

Karen Sides - April 13, 2025 at 12:48 PM

AJ

“ *Arnell J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.*

Arnell J. - April 12, 2025 at 06:33 PM

RE

“ *To the most beautiful gal I have ever met. I will miss you so very much I feel for your family and your babies. I love u sister u taught me slit st saint Francis. My job wouldn't let me off work and I apologize for not being there but I did take a few minutes in the chapel at work and cried.*

renee - April 12, 2025 at 06:18 PM

FH

“ *My deepest condolences to the family & friends of Ashley. May God comfort you all during this incredibly difficult time. I praise God & rejoice in the family reunion to come in heaven. God bless & keep you all.*

Felicia Hatcher (Jenkins)

Felicia Hatcher - April 12, 2025 at 01:59 PM

BE

“ So Sorry for your loss. She was their for my daughter, Mary Schultz, and she was sweetest and kindest friend . Gods Blessing and my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Eagle - April 12, 2025 at 11:12 AM

FR

“ Fresenius Mississippi River Valley Regio purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.



Fresenius Mississippi River Valley Regio - April 11, 2025 at 01:12 PM

LD

“ Love from Elroy, Sheryl & Rochelle Davis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.



Love from Elroy, Sheryl & Rochelle Davis - April 11, 2025 at 11:18 AM

F4

“ Faatima & DJ.. 4432395803 purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.



Faatima & DJ.. 4432395803 - April 11, 2025 at 09:26 AM

RW

“ So very sad to hear of Ashley’s passing. She was such a nice sweet girl when I was her and brother Sean’s coach at Clippard. My prayers are with her family during this heartbreaking time. God Bless. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Roger Williams - April 10, 2025 at 10:48 PM

EF

“ Edythe King & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ashley Gwenae Braxton



Edythe King & Family - April 10, 2025 at 03:35 PM

JH

“ Debra, Dr.Braxton and family,
Ashley was a beautiful, gifted young lady and a blessing to all whose life she touched. Praying that your family and faith will give you comfort and peace. Sincerest Sympathy,
Joan Edmundson Howard

Joan Edmundson Howard - April 10, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.



April 10, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.

April 10, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ 🕊️ My deepest heartfelt condolences to Dr Braxton and Mrs. Debra Mitchell Braxton and Family. Mrs. Debra has been such an inspiration for so many. I will always remember how kind and loving she was when I was a student. Such fond memories from my days at Southeast Mo. State. May God comfort you and Your Family during this time. Ashley touched so many such a Beautiful Soul. 🕊️

Amy Ring - April 10, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences to Dr Braxton and Debra Mitchell Braxton Sean and family members of Ashley Gwenea Braxton. Ashley was my nurse while having to stay in St Francis Hospital. I will always remember how kind loving and caring she was to me. Love you Ashley You will be missed greatly 🥹💔

Leslie Anne Washington - April 10, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.



April 09, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.

April 09, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ John, Donna and Amanda Jenkins purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.



John, Donna and Amanda Jenkins - April 09, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ Ashley, you were such a pretty child growing up. It has been a pleasure and an honor to watch you grow into a young woman with a spark in her eye, warmth and loving to all whom you met. An incredible helper and promoter of your faith. As a young girl, your mom would dress you in the most beautiful dresses and bring you to community and university events. What a delight to see! Blessings on your arrival into eternal life. Adelaide Parsons

Adelaide Parsons - April 09, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ Marc J Thorn purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.



Marc J Thorn - April 08, 2025 at 10:49 PM

MT

“ Marc J Thorn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.

Marc J Thorn - April 08, 2025 at 10:49 PM

MT

“ My sweet friend, Ashley I won't forget how kind you was to me and how good you was with my mom when she was in the hospital. I will forever be grateful. During this time we became good friends and had some wonderful talks about God and life. You were an inspiration to me and my mother. You helped us during some difficult times. This is difficult, I can't believe you're gone, a true angel with a smile that glowed and a love for people and life unlike anyone I ever met. Now you're an angel patrolling the heavens and watching over all of us. Until we meet again. RIP 🙏



Marc Thorn - April 08, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.



April 08, 2025 at 09:35 PM

DL

“ All of us have been know each other for very long time along way from Elementary, MIDDLE, JR. and CHS ALUMNI GRADUATED TOGETHER WE WORK REALLY Hard, Laugh, HAVE FUN, all events and We're family let's pray for THE BRAXTON'S FAMILY ALL OF US WE 1-4-ALL-We ALL 4 1



Derrick Liddell - April 08, 2025 at 08:33 PM

TA

“ Tammy Atherton purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.



Tammy Atherton - April 08, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ Sympathy Gourmet Charcuterie Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.



April 08, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ashley Gwenae Braxton.

April 08, 2025 at 12:34 PM

CL

“ *My condolences to Ashley's family and friends. I know her passing leaves a very huge hole in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, especially her children. Carol McManaman Lawson*

Carol Lawson - April 08, 2025 at 11:51 AM