



Jennifer Bearden (Hawkins)

February 4, 2018

Jennifer Lea Bearden (Hawkins) left this world on February 4, 2018, having been cast by her favorite director, God, for her final starring role. It is certain that she will win a celestial Academy Award for the hauntingly, understated, breathtaking beauty of this portrayal of the fragility of what it means to be human. The viewers are left in an array of emotions, that promise to linger long after the final credits have rolled.

Jennifer was born in Tampa, Florida on June 9, 1974. She was an only child by birth, but was beloved by her uncles like a pesky little sister. She gained a lifelong sister when she was 4 years old, a friend from daycare who became a part of her family.

All of her life, Jennifer loved to dress up. One Christmas, when she was about 5, her Big Mama sent her the red velvet dress that she had asked for, along with her other request, a pair of cowboy boots. When getting dressed to take a Christmas picture, she refused to put on the patent leather shoes and insisted on wearing the boots with her dress. And that's how she lived her life, coloring outside the lines. P.S. The boots along with her, went into timeout when she applied the toe of one to her mother's shin after being asked to remove them for bedtime. She was a firecracker.

Jennifer was an amazing, loving, beautiful human being. Her laughter could

light an entire stadium. Oh, she loved those Clemson Tigers too. And because of her mama, the Florida Gators. While not a South Carolinian by birth, she loved the state like a homeland. She was passionate about the movies, Hope Floats being her absolute favorite. But more than anything, she loved her two children with every single fiber of her being.

Jennifer struggled with PTSD, severe mental illness and addiction for much of her life. She had a hard start in life, between genetics and a family that at times would have given the Gallagher's of Shameless a run for their money. She wanted with everything in her to be well, she fought valiantly to survive, but it was more than she could surmount on her own. Her death is a testament to the continued failure of this country as a whole to care for its most vulnerable. The access to and the potential for healing was measured in dollars far beyond the reach of herself or family.

Her favorite quote was by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "You can't stop the birds from flying over your head, but you can stop them from building a nest in your hair."

Jennifer is deeply mourned by her surviving family members. Her mother, Randi M. Romo, her daughter, Devon Lane Angeles and her wife Maria Angeles, her son, John Henry Hawkins III, her great-grandparents, Margarita Romo and Bruce L. Edwards, her beloved uncles and their families, David Bearden, James Bearden, Jeremy Edwards, Jonathon Edwards and Bruce Edwards and her sister, Mika Moses.

The sunlight will never feel the same, the dark will whisper her name and our souls will always feel the ache of this missing. With all of our love, until we are reunited on the other side sweet Baby Girl 1.0.

Visitation will be Monday, February 12, 2018 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. The

family will receive friends at that time.

Funeral Services will immediately follow at 2:00pm in the Chapel.

Burial will take place at Mountain View Memorial Park, Travelers Rest, SC.

Guestbook



“ *Jennifer Bearden (Hawkins)*

November 28, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *Devon Angeles lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Bearden (Hawkins)*



Devon Angeles - October 23, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ *To the family of Jennifer Bearden may the hope that our loving God in heaven will comfort you in this difficult time, Revelations 21:4 and he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore the former things have passed away. Our God has promised us this day will come and all those that have passed away we will be reunited with their loved ones. May your faith sustain you until that time .*

Brenda Kniffin - February 28, 2018 at 01:07 PM

DA

“I’ll love you forever, I’ll like you for always, as long as I’m living my mommy you’ll be.” Your soul was far too good for this world, Mama. You are loved beyond your wildest dreams. I will carry your heart in my heart, forever. Until we meet again and I can rest in your arms, my sweet Mama, love, your babygirl. (I love you with all my heart and soul, everything I am, and everything I will be.) I promise I won’t let the birds build that nest, they will keep flying over head, and I will keep on marching.

Devon Angeles - February 22, 2018 at 08:06 PM

PP

“My legs failed me when I heard about Jennifer’s passing. My heart feels like it is failing me now. Jennifer was a Reason and a Season in my life. God granted me the opportunity to meet her, get to know and LOVE her. The most precious gift? Allowing this motherless young woman an opportunity to see Childbirth. Randi and Jennifer invited me into the Birthing room so I could see LIFE coming into this world, Devon. A memory that revisits with Joy, Awe and a respect for All Mothers. Jennifer, oh, Jennifer. You Are So Loved! Your Spirit will remain forever in my soul.

Peggy (Roach) Poeta - February 12, 2018 at 04:46 PM

CG

“My long lost little sister.....I will love you and hold our memories close to heart until we meet again!!! Fly high my sweet friend, sing with the angels choir!!!! Prayers for the family!!!

Cyndi Albritton Gadd - February 11, 2018 at 03:22 PM

MH

“ Lj

My heart breaks for you, I love you more than words can say!

Melissa xo

Melissa Hawkins - February 10, 2018 at 05:30 PM