



Shandelia "Shay" Marie Peters

July 19, 1984 - January 6, 2025

Shandelia "Shay" Marie Peters, born on July 19th, 1984, succumbed to a long struggle with mental illness on Monday January 6th, 2025. Shay grew up in Gulfport, Florida with her immediate surviving family - father Stephen Lewis Peters, mother Karen Marie Lamarand, and brother Adam Stephen Peters - as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins, a (late) great grandmother Ada Simpson, her surviving godparents Elizabeth and Micheal Graziano, and many neighborhood friends that became lifelong friends.

Known for her sharp intellect, cleverness and 'where there is a will, there is a Shay' attitude, Shandelia was loved and supported by many, and like so many people impacted by severe mental illness, had a difficult time letting the love and support of others inside her heart.

Shay's love language was Acts of Service, and she spent much of her life in recovery working hard to help others manage the struggles she knew so well. As a result, she has touched many lives, sharing her love and determination with others in her own way. She knew great loss in many forms because of her own struggles and because of the nature of the calling she answered to help others fighting their own battles of addiction, depression and other forms of mental illness.

Growing up, Shay loved sleepovers, board games (especially when she won), music and pushing the limits. Unfortunately, Shandelia's struggles began at an early age, and it is the sincerest wish of her family that she is at peace now, able to recover and move on from a challenging and difficult lifetime. We love her dearly, always.

Shandelia is also survived by her biological daughter Summer Elizabeth Graziano (nee Summer Lorelai Spencer), as well as her stepmother Marsha Peters, stepsister Loria Bennings and stepbrother Paul Smith. She is preceded in death by her late husband David Spencer.

We will be remembering Shay on Saturday January 25th at the Blueberry Patch in Gulfport Florida (4923 20th Avenue South Gulfport, FL 33707). For many years, the Blueberry Patch has been a safe haven for people like Shay who felt like they didn't fit in anywhere else. Celebrating there would have meant a lot to her.

Relatives are invited to join beginning at 11a, friends may join us at 12p, and we will share this space until 2p. Shandelia had fond memories of the Blueberry Patch, and in lieu of flowers or other gifts, we are requesting Shay's family and friends consider donating to the Hurricane Recovery fundraiser for Blueberry Patch as they were severely damaged during Hurricanes Helene and Milton in 2024. Donations are being collected via a Go Fund Me: <https://gofund.me/01f5bbe8> - we know getting the Blueberry Patch back up and running to its full glory is something Shay would have really wanted and loved. Thank you to all who loved her and always will.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN **25**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Blueberry Patch
4923 20th Ave S
Gulfport, FL 33707

Tribute Wall

EG

“ Elizabeth Graziano lit a candle in memory of Shandelia "Shay" Peters



Elizabeth Graziano - January 15, 2025 at 11:17 PM

EG

“ Where to start, when you arrived in this world your little face lit up our hearts. When I lost my baby you were there to fulfill my need to nurture and love a baby, you were 5 months old.

I was given the opportunity to care for you when your mother went back to work and it was the greatest job ever. We did many wonderful things together, you filled that empty need.

As you grew things started to get harder for you and my heart was trouble for you. You and I tried again after many years to find that same trust but God saw your pain was greater than what any of us could accomplish for you.

I know, with our talks that Jesus was in your life, this gives me great comfort for He holds no judgment. I will miss you here until we meet again. Michael and I have always considered you as one of our own, we love you always.

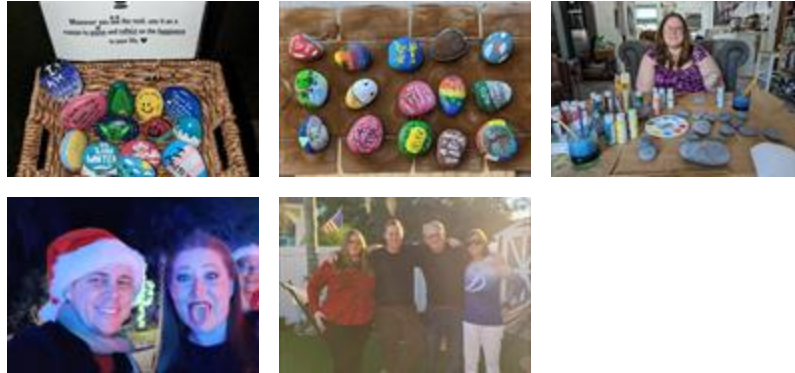
Karen, Steve and Adam our hearts are hurting for you, we love you.

Mimi & Michael

Elizabeth & Michael Graziano - January 15, 2025 at 07:07 PM

AP

“ 7 files added to the album Memories With Shay

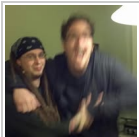


Adam Peters - January 15, 2025 at 03:09 PM

AK

“ Shay, I'm so lost in emotions and words, it's difficult to even express how much my heart aches knowing that you're gone, and yet at the same time you've been fighting this war for so long that it also brings me peace knowing that you're finally free. I will forever cherish the moments, the days, and the memories that we shared. And i thank you for such an incredible gift of friendship, for loving me during good times and dark nights, thank you for your wisdom, your kindness, and for being the beautiful magnificent giving woman. I hope you knew how many lives you've touched, and how truly loved you were by everyone that crossed your path. Although it hurts, and I selfishly wish you were here, I will continue to keep going and I know that you're at peace. May your memory be a blessing

Adrienne Killinger - January 15, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ Shay, you touched my life and I am not the same because you lived. What more could there be? The world is darker now because you are gone.

James Ebert - January 15, 2025 at 07:04 AM

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Adrienne Killinger - January 14, 2025 at 11:07 PM

KA

“*Kelly Carter Alexander purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Shandelia "Shay" Marie Peters.*



Kelly Carter Alexander - January 14, 2025 at 08:12 PM

AC

“ My dearest bestie💔 I still just can't imagine that you are no longer here with us. It's so hard. I love u, Im angry I, I'm sad I'm happy you're at peace with. It's a whirlwind of emotions all at once. From our random shenanigans and call center craziness to our crisis prevention missions to save Vinn or Brooke you've always been there. You started as an employee and quickly became a friend-then moved into management for my call center and then it was on. Literally!!!

We grew and grew and out performed at every level together! I can't even say how many weeks and months we broke records together and celebrated the wins with our peeps! Such an exciting time that was. Then u enrolled Jay and I into gratitude and our lives were forever changed. Brooke too. Man- we understood that we mattered on a whole new level because of u. We lost people together to addiction, and suicide-it was heart breaking but it was US. How many times we sat on ur bed in your apt and just talked for hours. Gosh from filing taxes to crying our eyes out over a friend or something else that we felt so heavily. There are more nights we did this then I can count. I'm just glad you trusted me enough to have your door code😭❤️ wow. What else. Then came Vinn and his spiral to the end. His jails -institutions and death. U were there through every single admission, involuntary discharge and every heart break every single detox with your chemistry: nobody understood like you did. I had the very best friend in you. I'll be eternally grateful for all of it. U weren't coming out anymore and I knew why but u came to Vinnys service and to the house where we all fled to after his passing and u gave of your heart and soul to everyone else that I love so dearly. My DIL, my son my grand babies and everyone else u met.

It's with so much sorrow but gratitude at the same time that I say "see ya later" bestie. There will NEVER be goodbye for us❤️🙏 damn I love u Xxoo

Angela Cappiello - January 14, 2025 at 05:36 PM

BB

Thank you for always being true to yourself and always offering encouragement and advice, you were one of the real ones & I was blessed to have known you 🙌 Like I told Vinny, Don't stop till you see Jesus 🙏

brooke bennett - January 15, 2025 at 05:56 PM

AC



Angela Cappiello - January 20, 2025 at 06:23 PM

JJ

“ So many good talks and memories with Shay. My best memory was when we went to see 30 seconds to Mars together. Many nights at Duncan's and ultimately supported so many people I know that struggled with addiction. I'm glad you are at peace now Shay! We will miss you on earth 🌍 but I cannot wait to see you again and hug you ☐

Jenna Jean - January 14, 2025 at 04:40 PM

AC

Jenna may I ask that u please share Anyway to contact Duncan with me or the family? They have been wanting to reach him!

Angela Cappiello - January 14, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shandelia 'Shay' Marie Peters.

January 14, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Shandelia "Shay" Marie Peters.



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“ I have known Shay since the day she was born and can honestly say one of the sweetest and smartest kids I knew. She will be missed by everyone, especially her family. My sincere sympathy goes out to that family.

Jack Bennett - January 14, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ Theresa Peel lit a candle in memory of Shandelia 'Shay" Peters



Theresa Peel - January 14, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the family. Forever in our hearts. Rest in peace Shay. 🙏

Theresa Peel - January 14, 2025 at 03:18 PM